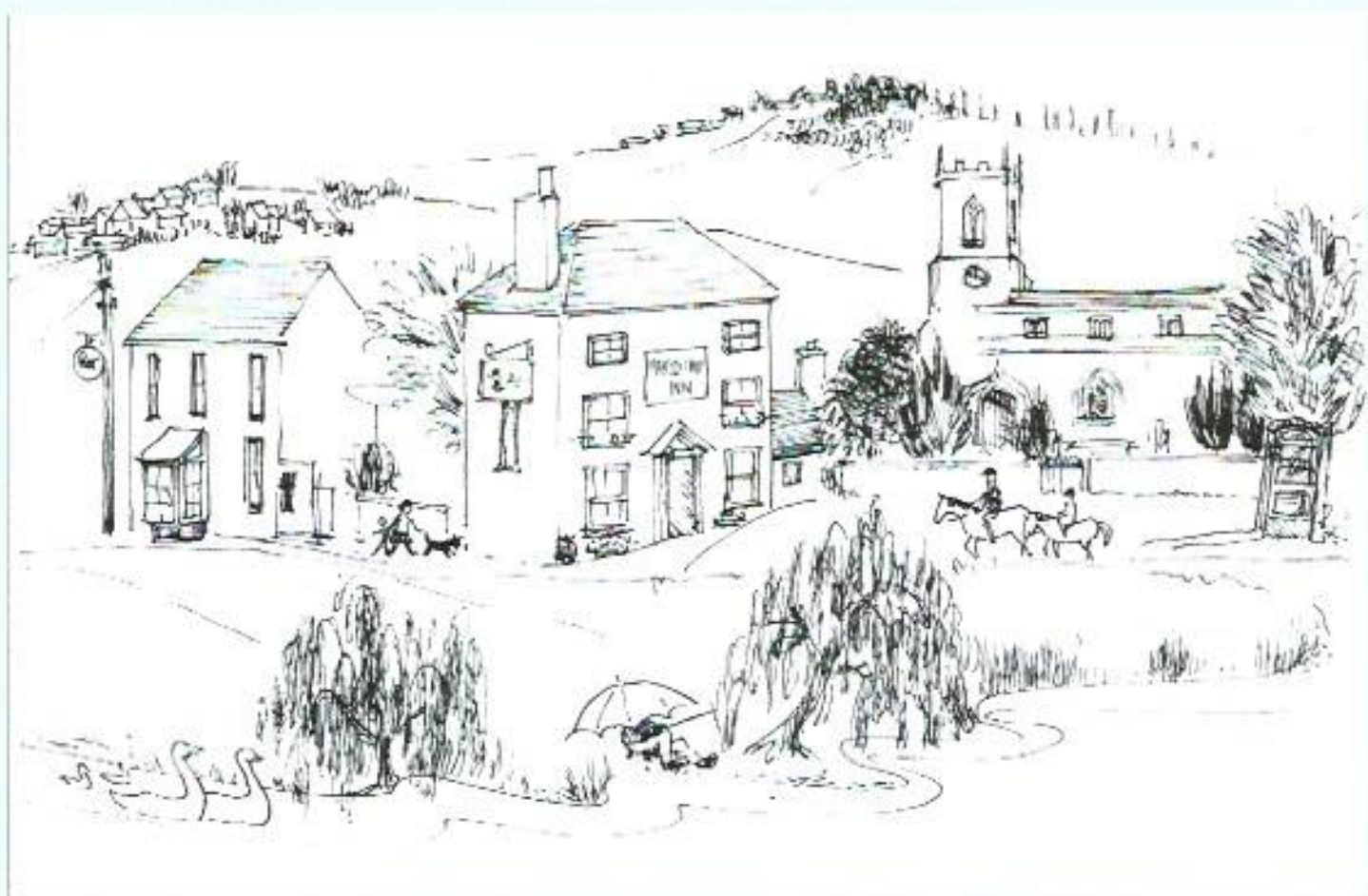


A Parish Plan For **MATTERSEY and MATTERSEY THORPE** 2005 - 2015



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INTRODUCTION

This parish plan sets out how the people of Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe would like to see their parish develop over the next ten years. This document is intended to convey these views to all interested parties and to prospective funding organisations, and to form a basis for action to realise these aspirations.



Mattersey is recorded in the Domesday book as 'Madreisseig' with a population of 18 persons. In 1185 a Gilbertine Priory was built on the banks of the meandering river Idle. The Priory continued as a part of the village until the dissolution in 1538. The monks from the Priory built a bridge over the river Idle in 1248 which was replaced by the present bridge and 'new' road in 1953.

MATTERSEY

Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe are two separate communities with a total population of approximately 800 people. Currently this count is split about half and half between the two communities.



All Saints Church is in the centre of the village and was first recorded in 1280. It has undergone many changes since then but is still a fine building that still hosts regular worship.





MATTERSEY THORPE

The Church tower houses a clock that is maintained by the Parish Council. The clock was purchased by public subscription as a memorial to those who died in the first world war.

Mattersey Thorpe or Thorpe as it was known was a small hamlet made up of 4 or 5 farms and several houses, one dating back to 1648.

OUR STRENGTHS

Mattersey is an historic country settlement, valued for its peaceful environment and for conserving historical features such as the Parish Church, and the Abbey, which dates from the 12th century.

Situated to the south of the River Idle both villages have good access to Bawtry and Doncaster to the north-west, Gainsborough to the east, and Retford to the south. The A1, M18,

and M1 routes are easily accessible by car. Doncaster and Retford railway stations are on the east coast main line from London to Edinburgh. The newly opened Airport at Finningley will provide an excellent opportunity for holiday and business travel around the world.

The two communities support a primary school and villagers view this as an important resource. A good place for children with plans to develop improved sports and recreational facilities.

A safe and virtually crime free environment.

A thriving post office/local shop, garage, public house, piano shop and other businesses offering employment opportunities for local people. A valued parish magazine in Idle Talk.

The communities enjoy a rural setting and are in an area where agricultural activity is prominent.

ACTION TO DATE

The Parish Council organised a well-supported public meeting in March 2003 to discuss the development of a Parish Plan. A number of villagers volunteered to form a Steering group to take this forward. The names of the group are inside the front cover of this report.

The Steering Group applied for and were successful in obtaining a grant from the Countryside Agency. However this was subsequently reduced due to cutbacks in the Parish Plan Scheme.

With guidance from Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, the Steering Group compiled a 30 page questionnaire, which was delivered to all households for completion by all adults resident in December 2003. This questionnaire was printed by Bassetlaw District Council.

Some 45 % of residents completed the questionnaire.

These responses were collected by members of the steering group and the results collated by the NRCC to form the basis of a comprehensive analysis. A summary of the results can be found in the appendix to this document.

The children of the primary school constructed a large portable model of the communities, which formed the basis of two further consultations.

These took place in June 2004.



The first at a 'Bacon Buttie' Saturday morning Community House in Mattersey Thorpe.

The bacon butties went down well and people were keen to give their thoughts and opinions about what they wanted for their community.

Further consultation

The second opportunity was at the Village Fete on the Millennium Green. The model was displayed in a marquee which was busy for most of the afternoon. Our MP John Mann attended and many views and interests were aired. The information gathered from the consultation process was presented at a final public meeting in the school.

Members of the Public were then given the opportunity to decide how the various suggestions could be taken forward and by which group. The result of this was the *Action Plan* a copy of which is included in this report to be distributed to all households.

(N.B. The Action Plan can be found in the appendix to this document.)



The Results

Information from all the consultations was summarised under the headings:

- **Environment, Conservation, Housing & Development**
- **Health, Social Services & Community Spirit**
- **Sport, Leisure & Education**
- **Community Safety & Transport**
- **Village Services**

ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION & HOUSING

Overview

The parishes of Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe are in an area of rolling fields of mixed agricultural use along the banks of the River Idle. There are many picturesque walks and rights of way under the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council.

The buildings in Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe include historic buildings such as the Parish Church and the ruins of the Priory, but also houses that are listed and date back to the 17th century. Mattersey Hall, which is now the Bible College for the Assemblies of God, Abbey Farm, The Old Vicarage, Malt Kiln House, Abbey Cottage, the former Mattersey Arms, Mattersey House, Sun Dial Cottage and Bleak House Farm to name a few.

Small properties for first time buyers are in very short supply. Essentially the villages are a commuter area with a few local employers. This unfortunately creates an increase in traffic both from and through both villages.



Issues

The main conservation issue is to continue to preserve the character of the Parish and meet the view of the residents that future housing development be strictly limited but to include some affordable housing. This may well be against Government policy, which is to favour increased green field development, and we cannot rule that out.

It is important that we liaise with Bassetlaw District Council over planning guidelines, highlighting the concerns of residents and putting forward a view on the nature and location of future developments if this becomes inevitable. The planning for real highlighted a number of key areas that residents felt needed to be retained as open spaces. These include:

- **The land between the Post Office corner and River Bridge.**
- **The field opposite the school on Thorpe Road.**
- **The Millennium Green.**
- **The open spaces to the north of Bader Rise and Winston Green.**

ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION & HOUSING

The Way Forward

It was clear that there should be liaison with Bassetlaw District Council to draft and have adopted Planning Guidelines taking account of the wishes of residents of the parish as well national and local policies. This should then be used by the District and Parish Councils in considering planning applications.

Any local plan should be aware that residents did not favour any change of use for either the Post Office /shop or the Barley Mow.



Complete a better identification of the public footpaths, publicise them by producing a village map ensuring they are maintained and kept open. (i)

Investigate the erection of substantial village signs at the entrance to both Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe.

65 of 90 respondents considered there were areas of the village that could be visually improved. (ii) Protect, improve and maintain all open spaces and roadside verges throughout both villages involving volunteers. Actively support the Litter Pick-Up group already established. Approach the school about the introduction of litter education.

74 of 107 respondents considered dog mess was a problem. (iii) We need to tackle the dog dirt problem by educating adults and children, and discuss with Bassetlaw District Council about the provision and emptying of dog litterbins.

Although there is a bottle bank in Mattersey Thorpe there is nothing in Mattersey since the development, for housing, of the Mattersey Arms car park.

Locate a site for the provision of glass recycling banks, in conjunction with Bassetlaw District Council possibly investigate the use of land owned by B.D.C. at the bottom of Job Lane.

HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Overview

There are no health facilities in either village. Residents can access a doctor in either Retford, Bawtry or Misterton. There are difficulties for some residents, without their own transport, accessing their GP as well as accessing local hospitals.

The *Dial-a-Ride* scheme may need further publicity though it too has limited resources.

A system for collection of prescriptions from the Post Office is already established and seems effective and well used.

There was little indication of social care need during consultation. (iv)

About 10% of respondents are over 65. The need to help and support these residents was highlighted by a number of respondents via a good neighbour scheme, involving such activities as voluntary drivers, sitters, gardening, shopping, and also keeping an eye on vulnerable people.

The Way Forward

Work with statutory groups voluntary groups and local people to develop a good neighbour scheme, which would offer practical support for residents.

SPORT, LEISURE AND EDUCATION

Overview

There are no sporting facilities in either village, although plans are under way to develop them on the Millennium Green. Concerns have been expressed that these facilities are on the fringe of Mattersey village and out of sight of most of the houses.

There is an excellent primary school which



provides a safe and nurturing environment for our younger children. The school is seen as an important resource in the community and respondents reported favourably on the pre school provision.

The survey identified interest in seeing this facility expanded by making more use of school facilities outside of school hours for the benefit of all. (v)

SPORT, LEISURE AND EDUCATION (continued)

The survey also identified potential demand for Adult Education locally, notably in:

- **Information Technology**
- **Aerobics & Keep Fit**
- **Foreign Languages**
- **Craft Activities.**

Over 50% of respondents have access to a PC and the Internet. A public facility is available at the Post Office. It may be appropriate to see that this ties in with B.D.C objectives

Idle Talk is produced and published monthly by a team of volunteers and provides an excellent and vital source of information, news, and views from villagers. It needs to be used to its full potential.

The mobile library service visits fortnightly and is used by a small percentage of respondents.

If we want the villages to thrive we need to invest in, use and develop our existing facilities.

The Way Forward

Develop a co-ordinated approach to developing sports and leisure provision by involving all the groups who have an interest, to work more effectively together and request involvement from volunteers. **Where possible assist and support the Millennium Green trustees in finding appropriate funding for sports & leisure equipment.**



Forge a working partnership with the school to ensure its survival and growth for the continuing benefit of the community, and by encouraging use outside of school hours for all age groups.

Encourage more families to walk to school.

Following consultation with adults, develop courses with local training providers, gaining funding where necessary, to satisfy the interest of local people.

Investigate the BISCUIT project to see if it is appropriate for those in the communities who do not have the access or the skills needed to succeed in an IT age.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

Overview

The main issues arising from the survey were:

- **Personal safety.**
- **The fear of crime.**
- **Speeding traffic.**
- **Accessibility for those residents with a disability.**
- **Parking outside the school.**

There is concern about the level of crime in both villages but the police consider this low in comparison with other communities. This may explain why police coverage of the communities is seen as poor. It may be there is a greater feeling of vulnerability to potential crime due to Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe being readily accessible from nearby towns, combined with the lack of a regular police presence.

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been developed in both villages but only a few residents have to date signed up to take an active part in the scheme.

There is growing concern at the speed of the increasing number of heavy lorries and cars that use the village on their route elsewhere, clearly not adhering to the speed limit. The police have so far not responded to these concerns.

Mobility around the village for wheelchair users has improved during the course of, and as a direct result of, this consultation. A survey was taken of key problems areas in Mattersey and hedges have been trimmed back off footpaths and some kerbs lowered, although the camber of some pavements remains potentially dangerous. The Post Office remains inaccessible for wheelchair users.

There remain concerns, too, as to the extent of parking outside the school. 90 of 104 respondents considered an alternative to parking on the bend outside the school should be found. As a result of this the Parish council organised a public meeting in January 2004. The meeting resolved that school governors, in conjunction with the Nottinghamshire County Council highways department were going to carry out a feasibility study into a proposal put forward and report back. (vi)

The Way Forward

- **Continue to develop the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.**
- **Continue to press school governors to acknowledge the parking problem and act on it.**
- **Maintain pressure on the police force to adequately police the village and promote speed limits.**
- **Investigate the results of the pilot scheme in Newark and Sherwood whereby authorised parishioners are armed with speed cameras.**
- **Continue to highlight to Bassetlaw District Council the concerns, as they arise, that are detrimental to the mobility of disabled adults and children.**

VILLAGE SERVICES

Overview

Mattersey has a Parish Church that is appreciated and used on a regular basis. It is an important part of the community and should be maintained and supported.

Mattersey has a Church Hall which is used by a few village groups and for the Parish Council meetings. It is not a large hall but many respondents believed it could be used for other functions.

There is a Community House in Mattersey Thorpe which is managed by the Mattersey Thorpe TRA and is used for small gatherings, the youth club and some educational classes.

Unlike many villages Mattersey maintains a Post Office/Shop. This is a valued facility used by many villagers.

Positive attitudes were also expressed towards the local public house, which after a period of upheaval is once again proving to be popular.

The Post Office also has a PC/internet facility that is available for public use. At present this is under-used. Whether this is because the majority of respondents have their own PC or



activities and decisions. There were suggestions by villagers how this may be rectified. The overwhelming response was an improved notification of relevant issues and decisions using Idle Talk, the village notice board or via a web site.

whether there is an interest but potential users lack the necessary skills remains unclear.

As previously highlighted the Idle Talk village newsletter is recognised as an important communication device for both communities.

The Parish Council has been in a state of flux for some years following what was a lengthy settled period. This has resulted in many respondents having a less than positive regard for the work of the Parish Council and how it communicates its



The Way Forward

- Encourage the church to act, as a venue for concerts, exhibitions, plays etc. to a greater extent.
- Maintain the church hall, encouraging an increase in its usage to underpin its financial security.
- Recognition of the Post Office/ Shop as a hub of activity in the village.
- Encourage and publicise the local pub as a place for social gatherings.
- Promote the use of the village PC/Internet facility via Idle Talk and look at provision of training for beginners to develop IT skills.
- Support and develop further Idle Talk using other mediums.
- Promote greater interest in the work of the Parish Council by the development of its own web-site, greater use of Idle Talk and increased transparency of financial issues.
- Support the Mattersey Thorpe Tenants and Residents' Association and the football club's efforts to build an improved community centre/ sports changing rooms.



MAKING IT HAPPEN

Implementation of the Parish Plan is going to be a long-term project. Although outside agencies will be involved in some areas of activity, the bulk of the lead work will fall on the Parish Council working with local volunteers.

Currently there are a number of groups within both villages involved in activities for the benefit of both communities and the steering group feel it should be the Parish Council that facilitates this. It remains vitally important that these groups come together for the benefit of Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe.

CONCLUSION

This Parish Plan has been developed by local people for local people. It expresses the views and opinions of the residents and all aspects of their environment. It is hoped that it will be used to inform decisions made about the communities in the future.

Continued community involvement is key to achieving the objectives of this plan.

Peter Cottam
Chair
Parish Plan Steering Group

Appendix A

Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe Parish Plan Questionnaire Results Section 1 – General & Household

1a. Please enter the number of people in your household in the following age bands:

Females				
	1 in h/hold	2 in h/hold	3 in h/hold	TOTALS
0-4	8	0	0	8
05-Oct	9	1	0	11
Nov-16	6	0	0	6
17-21	3	4	0	11
22-39	26	0	0	26
40-59	51	1	0	53
60-64	14	0	0	14
65-74	20	0	0	20
75+	12	0	0	12

Males				
	1 in h/hold	2 in h/hold	3 in h/hold	TOTALS
0-4	8	3	0	14
05-Oct	10	0	0	10
Nov-16	8	4	0	16
17-21	1	0	0	1
22-39	22	0	0	22
40-59	50	1	0	52
60-64	11	0	0	11
65-74	21	0	0	21
75+	11	0	0	11

1b. Please enter the number of people in your household who are:

Employed	
1 in household	23
2 in household	49
3 in household	3
4 in household	2

Unemployed	
1 in household	6
2 in household	3

Retired	
1 in household	32
2 in household	28

2a. How many vehicles are there in your household?

	1 in h/hold	2 in h/hold	3 in h/hold	4 in h/hold	5 in h/hold	6 in h/hold
Lorries	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cars	62	43	9	2	1	0
Vans	8	0	0	1	0	0
Motorcycles	13	0	0	0	0	0
Bicycles	14	16	7	5	1	0

2b. How many private cars/vans are used from your household on weekdays for journeys to work or education outside the village/parish?

- ⇒ 38 households use 1 vehicle
- ⇒ 5 households uses 3 vehicles
- ⇒ 0 households use 5 vehicles
- ⇒ 31 households uses 2 vehicles
- ⇒ 1 household uses 4 vehicles
- ⇒ 1 household uses 6 vehicles

3a. Please indicate the type of home in which you live

House	82
Bungalow	50
Flat/maisonette	0
Sheltered accommodation	0
Bedsit	0
Mobile home	0

3b. Is your home:

Owned by yourself	117
Council rented	13
Housing Association rented	2
Tied to your job	2
Private rented	1

4. How long have you lived in the village/parish?

Less than one year	9
1-5 years	41
6-15 years	30
Over 15 years	54
Other positive aspects: lived here all my life	

5. What do you like most about the village/parish?

The country setting	102
The home you live in	80
The community feeling	27
Distance from work/study	11
Access to public transport	6
Convenience for children	3
Facilities for children	1

6. What do you dislike most about the village/parish?

Lack of good facilities for children	38
Inconvenience for shopping	36
Inaccessibility of public transport	30
The lack of community feeling	28
Distance from work/study	10
The physical environment	5
The house you live in	2

Other negative aspects:

Speeding & volume of traffic	4
Untidiness	3
No gas supply	1
None	1
Everything	1

7. What was the main reason that you chose to live in this village/parish?

Like to live in the country	83
Work in area	16
Relative nearby	12
Born in parish	9
Cost/Availability of housing	7
Returned to village/parish	5
Marriage	4
Enjoy life in good, active community	0

Other reasons:

The house I live in	3
Friends/family	2
Village school and church	2
Business reasons	2
We like the area	1
Location in relation to work	1
Homeless	1

Section 2 - Education

9a. Would you like the facilities of the local village/primary schools to be made available to the local community outside of school hours?

Yes	23
No	6
Don't know	6

9b. Type/suggestions for use:

Adult education/evening classes	4
Clubs and societies	3
Social occasions	3
Youth Club	2
Sports	2
Exercise classes	1
Sundays - pre school age sports/outdoor activities group	1
Community meetings	1
Holiday sports activities	1
Playing field for the Children and after school clubs	1

Section 4 – Environment and Conservation

2. Would any members of your family be interested in taking part in the following voluntary conservation activities?

	Number per household interested					
	Adults			Under 16		
	1	2	3	1	2	3
Wildlife Conservation	15	13	0	2	5	0
Countryside Protection	7	9	0	1	4	0
Practical Conservation Work	5	1	0	1	2	0
None	20	9	0	4	3	0

3a. Do you use the footpaths and bridleways in the parish?

Yes - often	66
Yes - rarely	39
No	23

3b. If yes, please indicate if you have encountered any of the following difficulties:

Dog dirt	60
Mud or water	27
Poor signposting	17
Crops in fields	5
Barbed wire	5
Farm animals	3
No stiles or gates	3
None	29

Other difficulties:

Horse dirt on footpath	1
Grass verge	1
Poorly maintained surfaces	2
Damage done by large farm vehicles	2
Common Paths being fenced off on purchase e.g. Pump House Field	1
Footpaths/bridleways becoming overgrown	1
Dumped rubbish	1
Farmer with a gun	1

4. Where would be the best place to publicise the public footpaths and bridleways in the village/parish?

Parish notice board	59
Local newspaper/newsletter	57
Leaflet	42
Current publicity is adequate	12
Community centre/village hall	6
Library	2

Other:

Idle talk	2
More public signs	1
Separate notice boards	1
Map in centre of village	1
Post office	1

7a. Are there any areas of the village/parish which could be visually improved? **Yes** 65 **No** 25

10a. Is dog mess a problem in the village/parish? **Yes** 74 **No** 43

10b. If yes, please state in which particular areas:

Main roads and streets	28
Most footpaths, pavements and verges	28
All green areas	14
Thorpe Road (specifically)	8

Lanes	8
Generally	7
Bus stops	2
Gardens	1

Section 5 – Health and Social Services

1. Roughly, how many times per year do members of your household visit the following:

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once a year	Never
Hospital	1	1	17	58	25
Doctor/Practice nurse	0	0	59	54	6
Chemist (prescriptions)	0	2	38	32	20
Chiropodist	0	1	10	14	64
Optician	0	0	3	94	7
Dentist	0	0	20	78	8
Day centre	0	1	0	1	78
Health centre/clinic	0	1	5	19	57

2. If you have difficulty in getting to the following, please tick each box where the problem exists:

Hospital	10
Doctor/practice nurse	8
Chiropodist	3
Dentist	2
Chemist (for prescriptions)	0
Optician	0
Day Centre	0
Health centre/clinic	0
Alternative Medicine	0

3. How do you rate the following services?

	Good	Average	Poor
Local doctor	80	33	2
District nurse	51	12	0
Health visitor	11	5	4
Home help	4	1	0
Ambulance	13	4	1
Maternity care	11	5	0

	Good	Average	Poor
Chiropody	8	2	1
Meals on wheels	1	1	1
Loan of medical	5	1	0
Day centre	1	0	2
Social worker	4	1	0

4. Do you or your family have problems in collecting medicines or prescriptions?

No problems	119
Minor problems	5
Major problems	3

5. If you think you need assistance to enable you to live in your home, please complete the following questions:

I had help with the garden.	12
I received meals on wheels.	0
I was visited from my church.	1
I was able to attend a day centre for lunch/company.	1
I was given extra help from Social Services/Homecare Services.	4
A friend or someone I know called to do the shopping and check that I am alright.	5
I was able to call upon a community voluntary car scheme so I could do my own shopping/visit the doctor etc.	9

6a. In the next 5 years, if you find you are less able to live in your present home, where would you **like** to live?

Live with my family	7
In a smaller house	4
In more suitable accommodation in village	3
In sheltered accommodation	3
In a residential home	1
In a specially adapted home	1
In a nursing home	0

6b. In the next 5 years, if you find you are less able to live in your present home, where do you **think** you will be living?

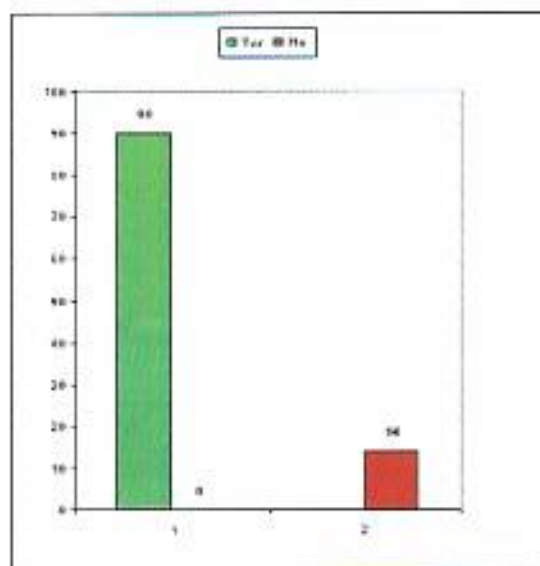
In present home with support	11
Live with my family	5
In a smaller house	3
In sheltered accommodation	2
In a residential home	1
In a nursing home	0
In a specially adapted home	0

6c. If you had a complaint about the quality of your health service or social services, would you know where to take it?

No	16
Yes	9

Section 17 – General

3a. Should there be a serious attempt made to finding alternative to the parking of cars on the road outside school?



3b. If yes, where to?

Within school grounds	16
Why are children being taken to school by car	
– they should walk	15
Create lay-by near school	5
Don't know	5
Make a safe car park near school	4
Anywhere away from bends	3
Any field close by (currently not being used)	3
Encourage parents to park further towards Thorpe	3
There is little alternative at present	2
Organised car share	2
Opposite the cemetery at no cost to the taxpayer	1
Park on Main Street, Mattersey.	1
Millennium Green	1
Grass verge could become parking bay	1
Anywhere away from the dangerous and inconvenient current situation	1

4. What are your suggestions for improving the village?

More social activities and good publicity	8
Tidy/clean up in general	8
Road maintenance (gritting, street cleaners, lighting)	7
Traffic calming/further speed restrictions	6
Improve playing field & open grass or public areas	5
Mattersey in bloom/more flowers, plants and trees	4
Improve recreational facilities	4
Clean existing & create new footpaths	4
Make the pub more welcoming	3
Better facilities (fish & chip's/B&B/public transport)	3
Stone Mattersey village signs	2
It is ok as it is	2
Village hall	2

Less odours and flies from sewage works & chicken farm	2
Policeman presence	1
Painting of community buildings	1
A gas supply would attract more people to the area and be better for the elderly and disabled in the area.	1
Build a Community Centre	1
Better Communication / Extension of 'Idle Talk'.	1
Former Club House in Mattersey Thorpe to be developed in to something useful.	1
Move Millennium Green to a safer area for children – How many parents would allow their children to go and play where it is now?	1
Provide bin for dog mess	1

A complete copy of the questionnaire results can be obtained by contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council in the first instance.

There may be a charge to cover the cost of printing.

Appendix B

MATTERSEY & MATTERSEY THORPE PARISH PLAN

ACTION PLAN

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The Action Plan Layout

This document lists the issues raised by the village appraisal and action planning under the following column headings

Heading No	Issue or suggestion	Tally	Where	Action needed	Who
	<i>Issues identified by questionnaire results</i>			<i>Description of action required</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>

The Issues and Actions are listed under the following headings

- 1 Environment & Conservation.
- 2 Health, Social Services & Community Spirit.
- 3 Housing & Development.
- 4 Sport, Leisure & Education
- 5 Community Safety & Transport
- 6 Village Services

Acronym Key

The following abbreviations are used:

PC	Mattersey Parish Council	NCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
CPRE	Campaign to protect Rural England.	NRCC	Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council
BDC	District Council	BLSP	Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership.

Heading	Issue or suggestion	Tally	Where	Action	Who
1	Litter.		All of Parish.	Approach the school about litter education. Support Litter Pick up Campaign.	Litter pick up Group. BDC, LSP Environment.
1	Overgrown paths, mud, water, barbed wire, farm animals, farm vehicles, stiles and gates		All of Parish.	Group to report on problem to PC. Contact NCC Idle talk to print letter on the subject.	NCC, PC.
1	Dog dirt		Main St. River Bridge. Badger Rise.	Find out who empties the bins, free bags, ask school about education on subject. Print warning in Idle talk.	PC, NCC, Dog Warden. LSP Environment.
1	Publicise footpaths		All of Parish.	Produce village map, posters, get funding.	PC, local artist. Grant Bodies, CPRE. BDC – Funding Officer Environment LSP
1	Protect areas		All open areas.	Detail important open spaces and PC to keep eye on them. Involvement in future planning consultation.	PC BDC – Planning, Environment LSP
1	Visually improve		Roadside verges and Hall view Jitty.	Involve volunteers in conservation work – Set up a group. Look at getting a new sign on entrance to the village. Funding.	PC BDC Volunteers.
1	Getting recycling banks		Mattersey.	Look into locating a glass bank in Mattersey. Research into pick up services or 'Monthly Skip' service.	BDC PC LSP Environment.
4	Need for holiday provision for children and young people.		Millennium Green School Playing Field.	Liaise with 'sports development' and the 'youth service' to provide holiday activity timetable. Consult with young people on what provision they want.	PC BDC Sports Development Eddie Burgess – Youth Service. RCC. LSP – Social and Community & Health & Well-being.
4	Development of 'courses' to satisfy the interest of local people.		Community House Church Hall.	Consult on what courses are wanted. Develop contacts with training providers and gain funding where necessary. Look at joining the 'Local Area Partnership.'	PC Training Providers RCC Local Area Partnership. LSP – Learning skills
2	Help and support for 'vulnerable' members of the village.		All of Parish	Look into Social Service Provision for vulnerable people in Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe. Look into developing a good neighbour scheme.	Social Services PC Neighbourhood watch. LSP – Community Safety.
3	Planning & Housing needs of the area.			Be aware of planning procedures to ensure affordable houses and small developments occur over time. Send findings to the planning department.	BDC Planning Dept. PC LSP - Economic Regeneration.
6	Village Magazine 'Idle Talk' and its importance as a communication device for the whole village.			Support and development of the magazine. Magazine website set up with Grant Aid. Training needs PC to utilise more as a means of communication.	PC Idle Talk LSP – Social & Community Development. & Learning skills.

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6	Need for advice centre		Mobile Facility	Look further into what provision is needed and services available.	CAB / BCVS PC LSP Health & Social Community Development.
5	Safety and fear of crime		All of Parish	Further develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme through involvement of volunteers. Inform police force of concerns.	PC Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators Police LSP – Community Safety.
6	Improve presentation of 'Parish Council'			Use other means to advertise work of the Parish Council. E.g. Website development, information in Idle Talk, use of 'notice board'. Use simply summary of money spent, action taken and events happening in info.	Parish Council Idle Talk LSP - Social & Community Development. BDC – Funding Officer.
5	Speed limits on some roads are being exceeded		All main Roads.	Inform Police of concerns.	PC Police Force Highways LSP – Community Safety.
5	Access for the disabled		All of Parish	Survey of key problem areas. Contact residents to trim back hedges and County Council to lower curbs.	PC LSP – Social & Community Development.
6	Cost of public transport				PC LSP – Economic Regeneration & Environment.
6	Usage of church hall			Look into subsidising the hall so more groups can be established.	PCC PC RCC Grant agencies. BDC – Grants Officer LSP Social & Community Development & Economic Regeneration & Learning Skills.
6	Pub and Post Office as a 'hub' of activity.			Recognise the importance of these facilities by the Parish Council.	PC Pub, Post Office. BDC LSP – Social & Community Development.
6	Interest in IT but lack of take up.			Provide training for beginners to develop IT skills. Advertise Free Computer courses in Parish Magazine.	PC Training providers WEB Wise.LSP Learning & Skills. BDC – Grants Officer. RCC

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5	Dangerous parking outside school on weekdays			Discourage use of cars. Talk directly with school governors and NCC to develop adequate car parking facilities.	Tony Roberts Mattersey School PC NCC / Education / Highways BLSP - Community Safety.
4	Sports and leisure provision has no coordinated approach			Call a joint meeting of all groups involved in sports and leisure to look at development and timetable of events. Work more effectively together & ask volunteers to get involved.	Millennium Green PC BDC - Sports Development Mattersey School BLSP - Health
	Village signs for both Village entrance / exits.		Entrance / exits to Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe	Look into funding available. Local Trades peoples input. Design of signage through competition within the parish – Idle talk. Look to other villages signage. Creation and building of durable (Brick) interesting sign posts.	NCC – Highways. PC Idle Talk NRCC

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