

# Harden Parish Plan

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## A VILLAGE PLAN - 2010

### A BRIEF BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF HARDEN

**Harden is an attractive village surrounded by woods and fields, situated just over a mile north of Bingley in an open valley at the crossroads of the Bingley to Cullingworth B6429 road and the unclassified road from Wilsden to Keighley. The valley is open with well kept farm land and the valley sides are wooded. Harden Beck flows through a narrow, steep sided ghyll known as Goit Stock alongside the village. This whole delightful setting is within the Green Belt.**

Harden, whilst small in size, has a rich past, and in common with the last Plan we thought that for those interested it was worth including a brief history which anyone interested might follow up.

On the moor above the village are two extensive groups of Bronze Age burial mounds. The mounds yielded up several crudely decorated cremation urns from the period 1400-1000 BC, which are now in the Cliffe Castle museum. Two roman roads ran through Harden, bisecting the village. One crossed the beck at the site of the bridge by the Malt Shovel, went up past Harden Hall and onto the moor where its remains can be seen by the Guide Inn.

Throughout the Roman and Saxon periods which followed there was probably a more or less permanent settlement on the site of Harden but little remains to be seen, although Bingley parish church has Saxon origins. It is not until the Domesday Book of 1086 that we get the first documentary record of Harden under the name of Hateltone or Hatel-tun, part of the manor of Bingley held by Gespatric, an Earl under Edward the Confessor and consisting of three hamlets. The lands eventually passed to the Birkin family who in a series of twelfth century grants gave



their land to Rievaulx Abbey. Most of the charters of Rievaulx have survived and they portray a medieval Harden consisting of three distinct hamlets within the boundary of what is now the modern village. One was based near the beck at the site of the bridge, and throughout the thirteenth century and perhaps even longer carried out iron smelting on the site of Harden Hall where fragments can still be found. The second, and probably most





important, was based on Grange Farm, the site of the present St. Ives mansion and was based probably on sheep farming, as was the third based on Ryecroft.

On the dissolution of Rievaulx in 1538 a catalogue of all its possessions was made and this survives and gives some details of the inhabitants of Harden. The whole settlement was rated at £15 - 5s - 4d and was bought by the Paslew family who held the lands until 1572. One of the members of the Paslew family, Francis was a leading member of the Catholic Church in the north of England and after taking part in the failed Rising of the North against Elizabeth in 1569 was thrown into the Tower, though later released. But as a result Elizabeth sent a courtier north to value his lands which was set at £46 - 5s - 3d, giving a handsome appreciation from the earlier valuation of some thirty years previously.

During the English Civil War in the 1640's a detachment of Parliamentary soldiers under the command of General Fairfax camped on what is now the golf course whilst on their way to lay siege to the Royalist stronghold of Skipton castle. However, the Royalists heard of their coming and sallied forth to meet them. An engagement was fought in St. Ives and the Fairfax Entrenchments are marked on the Ordnance Survey maps to this day, although it is now believed that these are in fact the remains of medieval mining. General Fairfax was billeted at Harden Hall and the stone table at which he is reputed to have sat to complete his casualty lists following the engagement is contained in a glass case in the Memorial Hall.

The Ferrand family eventually bought much of the land in and around Harden, but opinions differ as to whether it was in 1582 or 1636. Large slices of land did change hands in 1636 but it is also certain that the Ferrands had a substantial land holding after 1582, and were given an important pew in Bingley parish church in the late sixteenth century. The Ferrands were to own the lands in Harden until the twentieth century when the estate was sold in 1927 to Bingley UDC for £39,500, although most of it, apart from the mansion and grounds had been sold by 1919. The Malt Shovel Inn was sold for £1,476 and Harden Hall for £1,600, both in 1919, and Harden Grange for £6,000 in 1919.

The greatest of the Ferrands was William, elected MP for Knaresborough in 1841 and friend of Benjamin Disraeli who was well-known at St. Ives and is reputed to have been a founder member of Bingley Cricket Club after opening the innings with the local blacksmith on one of his visits. Celebrity artists such as Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Edward Burne-Jones also visited. The last William Busfield Ferrand (1837-1927) had no interest in politics, neither national nor local, but he did become High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1904 which, being a true Yorkshireman, he recorded in his diary as having "cost me £1,039". However he was happy to build a new stable block in 1906 at a cost of £5,867, which stands to this day.

The village developed during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries with the Wesleyan Chapel being built in 1813, the Congregational Church in 1865 and the Parish Church in 1892. The 1801 census records 306 houses in the village for 1,550 adult residents.

*And now – back to work!*





## INTRODUCTION

**F**or a number of years there was a Village Society which did some good work on behalf of the village. Most notably perhaps was the decision to fight successfully the proposals contained in Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Area Development Plan for Harden in 1995, involving raising funds by public subscription, hiring and briefing Counsel, and attending and giving evidence to the Appeal hearing.

Many of the older residents no doubt remember this, and indeed, whilst the Village Society is no longer active the residue of those monies collected remains "ring-fenced" in a separate bank account. The Village Society had a small nucleus of support in the village, but no voice, influence or authority in the wider world. The overriding reason for forming a Parish Council was that all the surrounding villages had one and we were likely to suffer financially as well as influence-wise if we didn't follow suit. In fact it was that small nucleus of support which undertook to do all the work to bring the idea of a Parish Council into reality.

The Village Society still exists, mainly in name form only, but it has an Annual General Meeting in or around July of each year and it is hoped that, in the future as a non-statutory body, it might serve as a vehicle for fund-raising from sources that the Parish Council can't access.

When the Parish Council was first formed in May 2007 it consisted of three individuals who, whilst being enthusiastic, were unsure as to what they could do, what they were allowed to do and how they might go about doing it.

As the Council gradually gained in confidence, and we managed to co-opt a further two members, it became apparent that we could not proceed with any confidence until we knew exactly what the village residents wanted of us. Accordingly, towards the end of 2008 we issued a questionnaire to every house on the Harden electoral roll, hoping that this would give us some leads as to what was expected of us.

The questionnaire was sent to approx. 840 households and 217 (26%) responses were eventually received, representing 480 people. These responses were analysed and form the basis of this Village Plan, designed to influence the work that the Parish Council should undertake during the coming years.

This was not the first survey of opinion undertaken in the village. In March/April 1981 a brief questionnaire containing just six questions but covering similar topics to ours, was compiled and circulated by the Harden Village Society to 612 households and 206 replies were received. The Plan was published in 1982.

The difference in the numbers distributed shows how the village has grown over the period. The initial report showed that there were mixed feelings towards further industry in the village but a strong vote for no further building, so no surprises there! It was felt that there were sufficient shops, but that a pharmacy in particular would be welcomed. Any new building should be in local stone and whilst leisure facilities were thought to be adequate in the main there was a strong vote for tennis courts and a bowling green. We are however particularly grateful for the historical section of the original Plan prepared by Matthew Butler, a village resident at that time, part of whose work we have shamelessly plagiarised into this document.

# PROCESSING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE QUESTIONNAIRE

One of the problems in using information drawn from a questionnaire is that it tends to be a long list of statistics, often incomprehensible, almost always boring! We wanted to make this information available to the residents in a format that they could both understand and use and even find entertaining. It will also form the basis of the Parish Council's work for the foreseeable future, work that we undertake on your behalf, and which you pay for by means of a small addition to your council tax.

What we have tried to do is to only use statistics in this Plan if it is the best and most effective way of providing the information. We have reported the information in the same order as the questionnaire, and provided the information in the order of :

- What did we ask you about?
- What did you tell us?
- What have we done to date in addressing the problem?
- What remains to be done?

We hope that you find this information interesting, perhaps even food for thought, and indeed that it might even stir you to such an extent that you feel the need to share your views with the Parish Council!

## CONSULTATION

Questionnaires were sent to approximately 840 households in the Village and responses were received from 217 households (26%) representing 480 people. The age profile of the respondents shows a distinct bias towards the older population compared with the last official census in 2001.

	Respondents in 2008	Census in 2001
Age 0-24	22.4%	26.4%
Age 25-44	17.1%	28.5%
Age 45-74	49.1%	38.5%
Age 75+	11.6%	6.6%

A similar pattern had emerged in the Post Office survey carried out by the Parish Council in January 2008, which may suggest, perhaps rather perversely, that relatively young residents have less interest in the future of the Village than their older neighbours.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

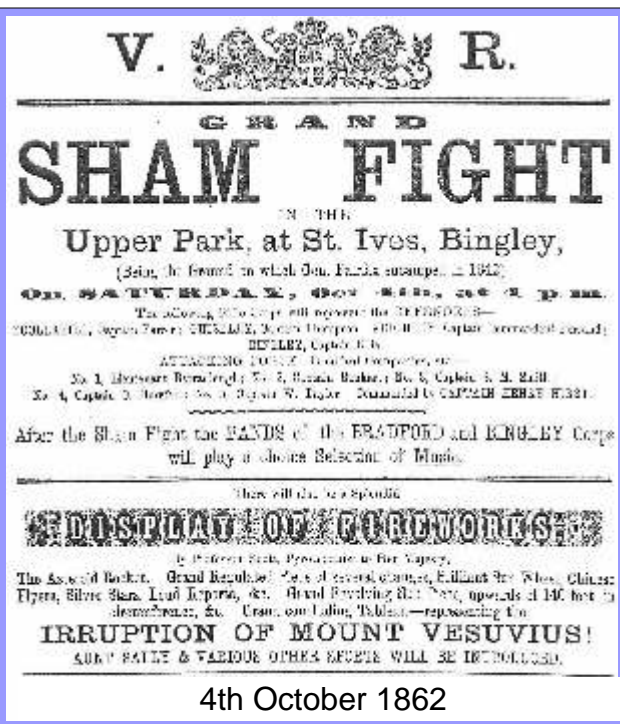
An overwhelming majority (94.6%) believe that the local shops and businesses are important to the village, stating that they wished to support them (70%) and/or found them convenient to use (62%). However, only 44% favoured the existence of more businesses/shops, but 22% did not share this view. Approximately 20% specifically mentioned the need for a baker's shop, a pharmacy and greengrocers.

Significantly, a commercial organisation later launched its own survey and has now established a Pharmacy in the village.



Ferrand Family Coat of Arms

Illustrations kindly supplied by Mr. David Ferrand





The car is the overwhelmingly preferred means of transport for the vast majority of households for all activities. This is especially the case for travel to work indicating that the village is largely a dormitory for people working elsewhere.

Public transport is perceived to be satisfactory by about half the respondents, while more regard it as 'good' or 'very good' than believe it is 'poor' or 'very poor'. However, several criticisms that are perceived to work against the greater use of public transport are the lack of a direct service to Keighley, the need for a greater frequency of services, the poor integration of the 616 First Bus service with the Keighley 727/729 service to Bingley and the poor connections to the Leeds trains at Bingley station.

**Discussions will be held with the relevant authorities to ensure that at a service is provided which best meets the requirements of its users, and in particular the possibility of direct services to the two main hospitals in the area will be pursued.**

We asked you about various aspects of traffic problems in the village and what you would like to see done about them.

Three-quarters of households believe that there are danger spots on all the roads in Harden.

### The main concerns are:

- traffic speeds on all four “main” roads – Harden Road, Keighley Road, Long Lane and Wilsden Road, mentioned specifically by 30% of respondents.
- the resultant problems for pedestrians crossing the roads in the vicinity of the mini-roundabout and especially between the Post Office and the War Memorial area are mentioned in 20% of responses.
- vehicle parking, notably in Keighley Road, at the football field on Harden Road, in Long Lane and at the Ferrands Park Way/Wilsden Road junction. Similar problems arise at the exits from other side roads, such as Castle Croft.





A number of residents commented that the environment would be enhanced by reducing the speed of traffic through the village. This too was

discussed with the Highways Department, and whilst many would welcome a 20 mph speed limit along Long Lane it is not allowable, it being a through road.

**Road safety is a major concern of the Parish Council. A number of issues have been discussed with the Highways Department of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC). Safety issues generally and road safety in particular will continue to be a priority and various schemes have been put forward including the provision of a new pedestrian refuge in Wilsden Road near the Post Office and to extend the 'no parking' areas in Keighley Road and at the Ferrands Park Way/Wilsden Road junction. The Parish Council, working with the Police, have introduced a 'Speedwatch' scheme in the Village.**

**The possibility of securing further speed reduction measures will be pursued vigorously with the authorities, including siting additional traffic activated signs and/or speed cameras.**

**We already have two traffic-activated signs at Pepper Hill, but the Parish Council is considering placing another two signs on the approaches to the village along Bingley Road and Wilsden Road, although the exact form that these will take will need to be decided in conjunction with the relevant authorities.**



Police coverage of the Village is regarded as “satisfactory” by 46 %. However, more judged it to be “poor” or “very poor” (35%) than judged it to be “very good” or “good” (12%).

When residents have called the Police, the number judging the response time to be “very good” or “good” was greater (42%) than those who rated it as “poor” or “very poor” (25%). The rest deemed the response time to be satisfactory.

However, one fifth of respondents had not called the police after having experienced an incident of some kind, citing their reasons as the perceived long response time or the lack of interest by the police in minor incidents such as vandalism of motor vehicles, anti-social behaviour and minor domestic burglary.

**The Parish Council has increased its dialogue with the West Yorkshire Police Force and is represented at the regular liaison meetings with them. We believe that as well as building up a good relationship with them and particularly with the local officers we are also receiving a greater level of attention in the village than has been the case historically.**

One quarter of all respondents offered no strong opinion on the issue of whether crime and/or anti-social behaviour was a matter for concern. However, of those who did express a view 60% regarded this as a matter of concern compared with 40% who had no concern.

We are lucky compared to some surrounding areas as to the current low crime level within the village and this needs to be continued. The Parish Council is aware that the police have issued a number of anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) in the immediate area.

**However, it is clear that the efforts to combat the problem of anti-social behaviour and noise, particularly in the park and around the centre of the village, need to be actively pursued.**

**The Parish Council believes that the only acceptable level of crime within the village is zero percent and will work towards achieving this.**



## CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

We asked you to what degree two groups of young people played an active part in village life, namely up to 11 years of age and 11 to 18. The majority of respondents expressed no opinion, but of those who did 31% thought the younger age group made a contribution, but only 14% thought the older children did. We can only speculate as to the reason for this variation; perhaps because the younger children are seen to take part in local events such as the gala and have a higher profile in the village through the village school.

The predominant issue raised by 30% of respondents was the alleged misbehaviour of young people in Harden Park and in the area around the shop and War Memorial. A minority of respondents (25%) stated that they felt unsafe as a consequence of this alleged misbehaviour especially after dark, but the majority had no such apprehension. These misgivings and possible solutions have been discussed with the police and the possibility of a greater police presence discussed.



The provision of a youth club or similar facility was offered as the predominant way in which these young people might become involved in the life of the village, and a view was expressed that the primary school needed to be more open in its relationships with the village.

**In this context we have already had discussions with a significant group of teen-age young people and their Professional Youth Leaders and plan to continue this dialogue with a view to improving relationships as well as providing safe and secure surroundings where these young people can meet and socialise. More leisure facilities for all age groups would contribute to improved relationships and understanding within the village, as well as making a huge contribution to village life.**

**We have in the village an excellent resource in the Memorial Hall, but it has become somewhat rundown of late. The Parish Council believe that it is worth saving and developing. Clearly it is seen to be, amongst other things, as an ideal venue for all to use and enjoy, and particularly where young people can meet. We are in urgent consultations as to how best to develop this valuable village asset with Bradford Metropolitan District Council and are receiving excellent support from our District Councillors in these discussions.**



## MEDICAL FACILITIES

One-tenth of respondents had no experience or opinion of the medical facilities for Harden residents. More people (43%) consider them to be “poor” or “very poor” than judged them to be “very good” or “good” (32%) while 24% rated them as “satisfactory”. The overwhelming complaint related to the absence of any facilities within the village. There was also significant criticism of the appointments system.

**The Parish Council has addressed these issues with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the Wilsden Medical Practice. The PCT has stated that it has no plans to (re-) introduce a surgery in the village. The Medical Practice has responded positively to the Parish Council's representations in relation to the appointments system. It acknowledged that this area needed to be improved and has already made a number of positive changes.**

**The Parish Council is also actively supporting the voluntary car driver scheme to transport people to the Medical Centres and local hospitals and would welcome more volunteers from those who have both a car and a little time to devote to helping others not so fortunate.**

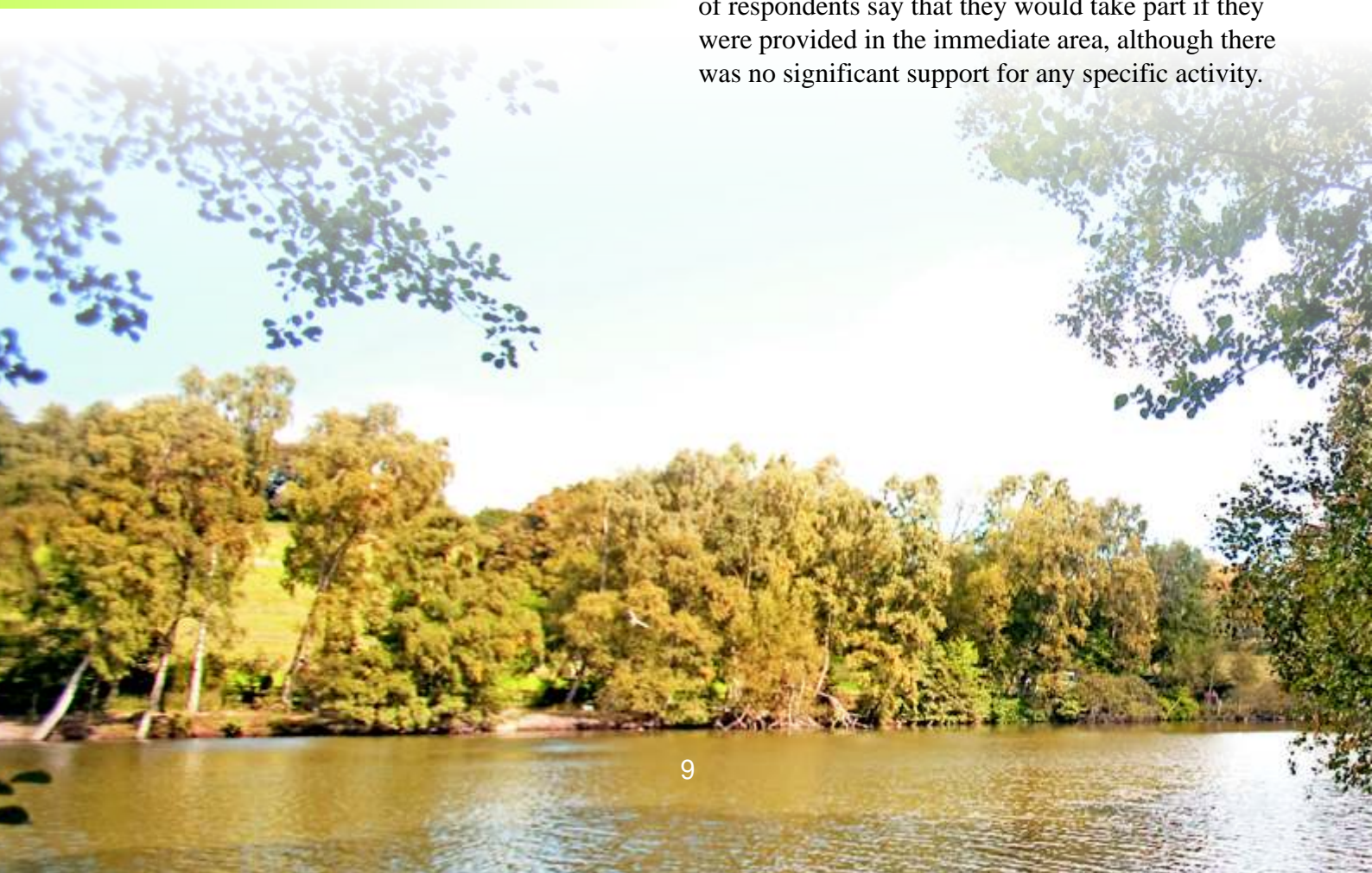
## SPORTS, LEISURE and SOCIAL

We asked you to what extent you took part in sports, leisure or social activities.

A majority of respondents (60%) do so in or near Harden through walking, cycling etc., and taking advantage of the attractive natural local environment. One in ten respondents are involved with the various groups that are active in the village and/or are associated with sports in the near vicinity. A large number commented on how lucky we are in having a resource such as St. Ives on our doorstep. However it would appear that very few residents are aware that the estate is in fact part of Harden village and needs to be preserved as such.

**The Parish Council are well aware of the need to preserve and treasure the estate, but are happy that the Friends of St. Ives are more than capable of developing it and looking after its best interests. The Parish Council will work closely with and assist the Friends in any way they wish.**

We asked if there were any such activities that you would like to be made available in the village. A third of respondents say that they would take part if they were provided in the immediate area, although there was no significant support for any specific activity.





**Clearly this aspect needs to be consumer-driven. If a need is recognised for any such activity, and facilities and/or instruction are provided it will go ahead. The Parish Council sees itself as a facilitator, to assist in any way it can.**

We already have a very successful annual Harden Gala which is both well supported and organised and long may it prosper; the Horticultural Society organises an Annual Show and various events during the year; the W.I. and Harden Players are well-supported and always open to new members, and on a different theme we have an annual Memorial service



and wreath-laying at the village war memorial on Remembrance Sunday in early November.

A number of suggestions were made as to “whole village” social events that might be welcome such as a November 5<sup>th</sup> celebration and Christmas carol concert.



**Volunteers or organisations that are willing to organise such events would be welcomed and receive appropriate support from the Parish Council.**





We asked what could be done to protect the environment in Harden.

The countryside was considered to be very important or important by 99.5% of respondents, and a number of suggestions were made as to how this might be achieved. Litter was seen as a major problem, both paper and glass with more bins being needed in the centre of the village and in the park in particular. More trees, tubs and flowers were asked for both in and around the village, and action against dog fouling on both pavements and in the park. A limit to new building also received enthusiastic support, and this will be dealt with under "Housing Development" later in this report.

We have looked at the problem of litter and have organised a litter pick in the park and this will be repeated from time to time.

**However, we have come to the conclusion that there are generally sufficient litter bins available both in and around the village - the problem is getting people to put their litter in them. It would be wrong to blame any one particular group for this, but clearly there is a need to publicise the problem and to get some measure of enforcement. Also education must play its part.**

**We will put a permanent appeal on the village notice board to ask both locals and visitors to the village to use the bins or take their litter home. We will ask the school to emphasise it to their pupils and the Park Wardens to enforce it in the park etc. However it is incumbent on everyone to play their part. We will ensure that problem areas such as Keighley Road are dealt with by the authorities.**

**The employment of a part-time Litter Picker is common in the surrounding villages and worthy of future consideration by ourselves. An organised litter pick by residents is a possibility, with Bradford Council supplying gloves, bags etc.**





We have given a lot of attention to the flower beds outside the Post Office, and in both 2008 and 2009 Parish Councillors have purchased and planted approx.1000 bedding plants. It is pleasing to know that this is so well received in the village.

The Horticultural Society planted daffodils around the village some time ago, and some still remain. We have planted 1000 more bulbs in the verges along Bingley Road and plan to repeat this both here and along Wilsden Road each autumn.

**We aim, in conjunction with the Parks and Landscaping Service, to make more room available in the flower beds and at least double the number of plants from 2010, and are in discussions to create a spring display of tulips, daffodils etc.**

**We are talking to the authorities with a view to replacing some of the flowering cherry trees along Wilsden Road which have been damaged or come to the end of their natural life. We shall continue with the above measures as we believe they greatly enhance the appearance of the village and are welcomed by you.**

**We are actively considering measures to reduce dog fouling and have had discussions with the Dog Warden Service with a view to obtaining appropriate bins for the park area in particular. Additional measures including stickers on waste bins and the possibility of fines for persistent offenders are also under discussion.**

Cars parked on the pavement up Long Lane continues to cause problems and the police have asked drivers to leave sufficient room to allow push chairs etc. to get past without having to go onto the road. Damage to paths by horses and cyclists on Harden Moor and in St. Ives could be avoided by a little thoughtfulness on the part of the riders.

**The Parish Council will continue to work closely with the police, riders and residents to try and reach solutions acceptable to all parties.**





## HOUSING

We pointed out that Harden would be expected to provide its share of new homes in the Bradford Metropolitan area, and asked for your views, and where they might be built. 66% replied “nowhere”!! Suggestions as to how this might be achieved ranged from illegal through immoral to plain criminal!

We asked that if there was to be a degree of housing development within the village of what it should consist. There was a virtually equal number of suggestions for either starter/low cost homes; or homes for retirees/pensioners to free up larger, family homes within the village; or “quality” homes,



It was clear from what you told us that you value highly the beautiful countryside surrounding our village and feel that it should be protected, and we are in full agreement. In particular the preservation of the open spaces such as St Ives, Goit Stock and the green belt was seen as a priority, not just for its own sake but to preserve the character of the village and village life and to stop the encroachment of urban development. The ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with additional housing was questioned. Almost 50% of those responding thought that there had been insufficient attention given to the development of “brown field” sites elsewhere within the District.

whatever they may be! All were agreed however that any new development should be in keeping with the existing character of the neighbourhood.

**The Parish Council is well aware of the strong feelings of the residents regarding any further development in and around the village and will continue to work closely with planning authorities to maintain the essential character of the village.**





## LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Lastly we asked what you would like the Parish Council to achieve over the next five/ten years and we were very grateful for the following most popular suggestions, not in any particular order:

Control litter; reduce speeding; improve the park;  
more shops; better policing and reduce anti-social  
behaviour; more leisure activities for the young;  
control development and protect the green belt;  
establish a village hall/community centre.



**The Parish Council has started to address many of these items already and will be looking to address all of them over the coming months and years. However, being a relatively small group in terms of numbers, there is a limit as to what we might achieve in a relatively short time, and volunteers to assist with any particular project that interests them would be very welcome.**

**Every resident, man woman and child, must bear some responsibility for ensuring that this wonderful village maintains its character and attraction. It is not by chance that people come to our village to enjoy its unique surroundings and beautiful countryside, and we are so lucky to have it on our doorsteps.**

**We can all help to preserve it, in so many small ways, like taking our litter home, looking after the flowers in the park and not parking on the grass verges, helping and respecting our neighbours and continuing to support the commercial, spiritual and leisure organisations that abound in this village.**



### The Parish Council will –

Ensure that Harden village is preserved as a delightful and desirable place to live and direct all its efforts primarily towards maintaining and satisfying the well-being and aspirations of its residents as far as possible.

Continue discussions with both the users and providers of public transport through the village to secure the best possible services.

Monitor all aspects of traffic in and through the village, and to take action as appropriate with regard to speeding and parking, to ensure a safer environment for all.

Maintain close links with the police authority with a view to maintaining a police presence in the village, reducing crime and nuisance.

Reduce litter and dog fouling.

Open discussions with all age groups in the village, both young and old, to ensure that their needs are met as far as possible. Ensure that there are facilities for young people to meet and socialise in a safe and controlled environment.

Encourage and support both existing and new Societies and organisations within the village, including leisure, social and educational, and positively support new initiatives such as the volunteer car driver scheme.

Ensure that the Primary Care Trust continues to provide comprehensive medical and care facilities to all according to need.

Preserve all aspects of the local environment for the enjoyment of all; to enhance the appearance of the village with flowers and trees and monitor closely all planning applications and any trend which might threaten its essential character.

Seek to preserve and develop the Memorial Hall and to make it available to all as a centre of the village and a suitable venue for social and leisure activities.



## THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council currently meets at 7.30p.m. on the second Thursday of every month in Harden Memorial Hall. All meetings are open to the public and there is a specific provision early during every meeting for members of the public to address the Council on any matter that is appropriate to the village.

Meetings of the Planning Sub-Committee usually follow the Council meeting and are also public meetings, again with a facility for members of the public to address the Sub-Committee.

All Parish Council meeting and Planning Sub-Committee meeting agendas are displayed in the notice board adjacent to the post office in advance of the meetings and minutes of all meetings are also displayed there.



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## Statistical analysis of questionnaire

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDING	217
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS	487

### AGE PROFILE OF HOUSEHOLDS

	Number	%age
Male 0-4	11	2.3
Female 0-4	6	1.2
Male 5-15	28	5.8
Female 5-15	23	4.8
Male 16-24	22	4.8
Female 16-24	17	3.5
Male 25-44	34	7.1
Female 25-44	48	10
Male 45-64	73	15.2
Female 45-64	87	18.1
Male 65-74	35	7.3
Female 65-74	41	8.5
Male 75+	31	6.4
Female 75+	25	5.2

### ARE LOCALSHOPS/BUSINESSES IMPORTANT?

Yes	194	94.6
No	1	0.5
No opinion	10	4.9



## FREQUENCY OF USE OF BUSINESS/SHOP

	Every week		Occasionally		Never	
	Number	%age	Number	%age	Number	%age
Post Office	170	81	38	18.1	2	1
Off Licence & General Store	86	41	104	49.5	20	9.5
Butchers	79	37.8	93	44.5	37	17.7
Fish & Chip Shop	30	14.5	116	56	61	29.5
Indian Takeaway	4	2	84	41.2	116	56.8
Hairdressers	12	5.8	65	31.4	130	62.8
Beauticians	4	2	43	21.4	154	76.6
Pubs	50	24.9	102	50.7	49	24.4
Garage	51	24.9	99	48.3	55	26.8
Coal Merchant	8	4	22	10.9	172	85.1
Garden Centres	49	23.3	152	72.4	9	4.3

## REASONS FOR USE OF BUSINESS/SHOP

	Number	%age
No Transport	7	3.2
Wish To Support Them	151	69.6
Convenience	134	61.8
Other	4	1.8

## SHOULD THERE BE MORE BUSINESSES/SHOPS?

	Number	%age
Yes	93	43.9
No	46	21.7
No strong opinion	73	34.4



## SHOULD THERE BE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES?

	Number	%age
Yes	41	20.3
No	52	25.7
No strong opinion	109	54

## TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY

### METHODS OF TRANSPORT USED BY HOUSEHOLD TO

Number Of Households Using Each Mode		Work	School	Leisure	Shopping
Cycle		4	0	22	1
Car		114	28	111	154
Taxi		5	1	45	5
Bus		14	12	47	34
Walk		7	24	95	48

## OPINION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

	V Good	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	V Poor	N/A
Number Of Households	10	51	95	21	4	21
%age Of Households	5	25.2	47	10.4	2	10.4

## ARE THERE ANY DANGER SPOTS?

	Number	%age
Yes	151	76.3
No	15	7.6
No Strong Opinion	32	16.1



## POLICING

### OPINION OF POLICING IN HARDEN

	V Good	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	V Poor	N/A
Number Of Households	3	23	96	64	11	14
%age Of Households	1.4	10.9	45.6	30.3	5.2	6.6

### HAVE YOU EVER CALLED THE POLICE?

	Yes	No
Number Of Households	82	126
%age Of Households	40.3	59.7

### OPINION OF RESPONSE TIME WHEN CALLED

	V Good	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	V Poor
Number Of Households	18	18	28	15	6
%age Of Households	21.2	21.2	32.9	17.6	7.1

### FOR AN INCIDENT HAVE YOU EVER NOT CALLED?

	Yes	No
Number Of Households	36	136
%age Of Households	20.9	79.1

### CONCERNED BY CRIME/UNSOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

	Number	%age
Yes	94	45
No	64	30.6
No Strong Opinion	51	24.4

### ARE THERE PLACES WHERE YOU FEEL UNSAFE?

	Number	%age
Yes	49	23.2
No	131	62.1
No Strong Opinion	31	14.7



## CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

### ARE UNDER 11'S ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY?

	Number	%age
Yes	64	31.4
No	30	14.7
No Strong Opinion	110	53.9

### ARE 11-18'S ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY?

	Number	%age
Yes	27	13.8
No	54	27.7
No Strong Opinion	114	58.5

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION FOR HARDEN RESIDENTS?

	Number	%age	Excl.**
Very Good	18	8.5	9.5
Good	42	19.9	22.2
Satisfactory	46	21.8	24.3
Poor	52	24.6	27.5
Very Poor	29	13.7	15.3
**no Opinion	6	2.8	
**no Experience	18	8.5	

## "SPORTS, LEISURE and SOCIAL"

### DO YOU REGULARLY TAKE PART IN/NEAR HARDEN?

	Number	%age
Yes	125	59.8
No	84	40.2

### WOULD YOU TAKE PART IF MORE EXISTED?

	Number	%age
Yes	56	33.5
No	111	66.5



## ENVIRONMENT

### HOW IMPORTANT IS COUNTRYSIDE TO YOU?

	Number	%age
Very Important	189	90
Important	20	9.5
Not Very Important	1	0.5
No Opinion	0	0

### ARE THERE ANY FEATURES NEEDING PROTECTION?

	Number	%age
Yes	127	63.8
No	8	4
No Strong Opinion	64	32.2

### ARE THERE LITTER PROBLEMS IN HARDEN?

	Number	%age
Yes	109	54.2
No	53	26.4
No Strong Opinion	39	19.4

### ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS?

	Number	%age
Yes	68	33.7
No	134	66.3

## PARISH COUNCIL

### HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A MEETING?

	Number	%age
Yes	26	12.6
No	181	87.4

## NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

### HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A MEETING?

	Number	%age
Yes	61	29.6
No	145	70.4

