

HODNET PARISH PLAN 2009

2009 PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT

Hodnet Parish Councillors are delighted to see the publication of this Parish Plan. It is a project that has taken over 12 months, and countless hours work, to complete by a committee of parishioners, ably chaired by Ernest McCall. The Council thanks him, secretary Maryjayne Rees and the rest of the committee for all their hard work.

There has been a very positive input, and a great community spirit from the parishioners in the creation of this Parish Plan. There was a very good response to the questionnaire sent out to every household in the parish last year, the replies from which were used in the creation of the plan.

The responses from the public were varied and interesting. Important issues such as the value of amenities in the village were what we might expect: strong support indicated for local amenities such as Doctors' Surgery, School, Post Office, Churches, pubs and clubs, garages, and public transport. Other services are vital: Police, Fire, Ambulance, refuse collection and Postal Services are essential to any community, though some will be based outside the village.

It is a pleasure to see that so many people are keen to volunteer for all sorts of duties in the parish.

The Parish Plan is a document fixed to a time of publication, but already the Parish Council is progressing with certain policies, some of which have been in discussion for some time.

- There is great enthusiasm in the Parish Plan to improve footpaths in the Parish, and ensuring that there is a good footpath link between the villages. The Parish Council is at present undertaking to restore the footpath link with the Wollerton wetlands.
- Concerns raised over road safety are an ongoing priority for the Parish Council. The speed limits in Marchamley and Wollerton are already in place, and the problem with HGVs is being monitored.
- The issue over parking outside the School has been debated on numerous occasions, and the Council is in discussion with the County Highways to improve safety here.
- There have been worries over security and public safety, particularly in the Meadows area. The Parish Council has regular dialogue with our local Community Police Officer who is very active in this area.

As previously stated, any document such as this is a "snapshot in time", but the Parish Council is constantly looking to the future. The Council looks at all planning applications on the premise that new development should be carried out sympathetically and with regard to the Conservation Area status, whilst maintaining the character of the surroundings. Certain projects are ongoing:

- Lighting will be improved in the village centre, and there are areas on the Grove that need consideration.
- The Council is hoping to negotiate further 'undergrounding' of overhead power lines in the conservation areas of the Parish. This was carried out in Shrewsbury Street many years ago, but Drayton road would be much improved by such a scheme.
- There has been a suggestion that allotments should be provided in the village. This is currently being investigated.

If you as a parishioner reading this Parish Plan wish to see some future development, or have an idea that would benefit the community, then your Parish Council would be pleased to hear from you. The Parish Council also welcomes the public to its meetings.

Note. Where appropriate, the following copy of the Parish Plan has been annotated with a 2010 Parish Council update.

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Hodnet Parish Plan: Results of Household Survey – September 2008 Section 1 Household details

We first need to obtain some information about your home and those normally resident in it - remember this information will not be used to identify particular households or individuals.

Q1 Please tick the box that best describes the area of the parish in which your home is located.

Hodnet - Station road area ... 23	Wollerton - Old Hall area 1	Marchamley 25
Hodnet - Meadows area 8	Wollerton - Mill Road area 3	Peplow..... 8
Hodnet - The Grove area..... 17	Wollerton - Wood Lane area. 11	Little Bolas 3
Hodnet - Alongside Shrewsbury St/Drayton Rd29	Wollerton - alongside the old A5311	Hine Heath/Kenstone/Hopton.....8

Q2 How many children under the age of 11 reside at your home?

None..... 123
One..... 10
Two..... 12
Three 1
Four or more..... 1

Q3 Do you have access to the Internet

Yes..... 86
No 56

Section 2 - Personal Details

Please now complete the following questions for each person who will be completing the rest of the survey.

Q4 Please indicate your age group:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Up to 10 Years	0	0	10	9
17-17 years	0	1	8	5
18-39 years	15	14	2	2
40-59 years	53	42	2	0
60-79 years	63	53	1	1
Over 80	13	2	2	0

2010 Parish Council update – 298 individual responses were received, a figure which can be used to convert some sets of raw data to a percentage response.

Q5 Are you in:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Full-time education	0	1	17	12
Part-time education	0	0	0	0
Full-time work	57	43	2	1
Part-time work	27	17	0	0
Unemployed	1	2	1	0
Unable to work (e.g. through illness)	5	3	1	1
Retired	57	45	2	1

Q6 If working do you

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Work from home	22	13	2	0
Work elsewhere in the Parish	11	4	0	0
Work locally in Market Drayton,Whitchurch,Wem,Shawbury	22	16	1	1
Work elsewhere	26	25	0	0

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Section 3 Main Survey

To simplify matters, most questions are arranged so that an answer need only be given if you agree with the proposition. If you disagree, feel the question is not applicable or have no particular view please leave the answer blank.

Those aged 11 and over who wish to take part should complete all the questions in this section, or have someone do so on their behalf.

Walking

Q7 Please tick which of the following improvements in facilities would make walking and cycling easier/more enjoyable:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Creation of pavement/footpath linking Wollerton and Hodnet	79	57	9	5
Creation of pavement/footpath linking Marchamley and Hodnet	64	46	8	5
Creation of more footpaths in the Peplow area	6	9	2	2
Maintenance and clearer signs to indicate public rights of way	49	38	5	3
Improvements to conditions of public rights of way	45	29	4	1
Organised walks/cycle groups	23	21	2	1
Better maintenance of the railway line walk	38	31	3	1
Better access to the Wollerton Wetlands (by bypass)	47	33	5	2
Cutting back of hedges etc, overhanging existing pavements/paths	86	60	8	6

ACTION – This matter will be referred to the Parish Council who will facilitate a meeting between the relevant local volunteers and the Shropshire Council Footpath Liaison Office

2010 Parish Council update – At the Parish Plan volunteer evening, a Hodnet Footpath Group was set up and has since been asked by the Parish Council to tackle some of these issues. The issue of footpath access to the Wollerton Wetlands has been referred to Shropshire Council.

Community

Q8 In order to foster a greater community spirit within the Parish please tick which of the following you would like to see:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Better communication of Parish events through leaflets and notices	72	51	4	3
Creation of a parish website	41	28	4	2
More opportunities for local people to express their ideas	32	20	3	2
More social events	53	38	10	2
Annual Parish event e.g. fete	68	47	3	6
Publication of list of community services e.g. community car scheme/clubs and societies	52	38	4	2
I would support a weekly day centre	16	9	0	0
I would support a club specifically for the Elderly	24	12	0	0

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ACTIONS

- *The Steering committee will organise a meeting of all those who expressed an interest in an annual event shortly after the publication of the Plan*
- *The Steering committee will ask those who volunteered to get together for the creation of a Parish Website*
- *Please see attached appendix for some useful contacts*

2010 Parish Council update – At the Parish Plan volunteer evening, a Hodnet Webteam Group was set up to help provide Parish wide information, and a group formed to consider an annual event. The website was launched in July 2010, www.hodnet.org.uk

Environment

Q9 Please tick which of the following ideas you think would improve the local environment:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Reduction in litter	84	57	8	5
Clearing of roadside litter discarded from cars	86	63	8	7
Reduction in dog fouling	58	38	5	3
Provision of more litter/dog bins	49	39	9	3
Restoration and repair of some of the older buildings	58	37	5	3
The avoidance of unoccupied, untidy Property	67	55	4	3

ACTION

Your concerns over litter in general will be referred to the County Councillor

2010 Parish Council update – At the Parish Plan volunteer evening, a litter-picking Group was set up.

Recycling

Q10 Please tick to indicate your agreement with the following statements

	Person1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
I am happy to use the current doorstep recycling facilities for domestic waste, i.e.compostable waste, paper, cans and glass	121	84	11	3
I feel the domestic recycling service is adequate.	61	46	4	3
I am aware that recycling bins for glass, paper and plastic bottles/containers are provided at Hodnet Club	92	64	9	4
I am happy with the current bi-weekly collection service for non-recyclable domestic waste.	90	66	10	4
I would be in favour of the council charging households for each bin of non recyclable waste collected	9	5	1	0

If you strongly disagree with any of the above please state why ...Note. 50 additional written comments received.

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Q11 I would like to see doorstep collection of:- Person1 Person 2 Person 3 Person 4

Plastic bottles	98	79	11	7
Plastic packaging	88	72	9	6
Batteries	44	29	6	4
Scrap metal	37	23	3	3

Other please state ...Note 11 written comments received.

ACTION

- *The Shropshire Council will be made aware of your views*

2010 Parish Council update – Shropshire Council collection of plastic bottles has now started.

Litter in Hodnet -

Q12 Please tick if you think there should be

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Litter bin(s) outside Hodnet School	78	52	10	5
Litter bin(s) by the Crescent	42	32	7	2
Litter bin(s) at entrance to old railway path.	53	37	7	3

ACTION

- *Your views will be referred to the Parish Council*

2010 Parish Council update – Some extra bins have been installed.

Services

Q13 Which of these statements best reflects your view regarding street lighting?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
There is not enough lighting	48	34	6	1
There is enough lighting	62	38	4	2
There is too much lighting	9	4	1	2
I'd be happy for lighting to be turned off overnight, e.g. from midnight until 6 am	47	39	2	5

ACTION

- *Your views will be referred to the Parish Council*

2010 Parish Council update – The cost of adapting lights to turn off at set times has been investigated, but the cost of the required changes found to be uneconomic.

Education

Q14 How many children in your household attend Hodnet School? 43

Q15 How many of your children in your household are likely to start using Hodnet Playgroup in the next 3 years? 39

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Q16 Which of these statements best reflects your view? The school should be utilised to provide:-

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Before school supervision	22	16	4	2
After school activities	43	32	8	4
Adult evening classes	69	50	6	1

Q17 Would you be prepared to pay for the provisions in question 16?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	59	44	5	2
No	18	12	3	3

ACTION

- We will pass the survey information on to the Head Teacher of Hodnet School*

Crime & Anti Social behaviour

Q18 Are you aware that you can contact your local police officer via 08457 444888

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	59	44	5	2
No	18	12	3	3

Q19 Are you aware that Neighbourhood/Farm Watch operates in the parish?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	93	66	9	3
No	50	30	4	4

Q20 Please tick any of the following that you think are a problem in your locality.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Anti Social & threatening behaviour	54	34	6	3
Alcohol abuse	30	13	4	3
Vandalism/graffiti	37	27	4	3
Illegal drug taking	27	19	3	1
Theft/burglary	47	33	7	3
Assault	5	3	0	0
Dangerous animals	13	10	1	0

Q21 Please tick if you have ever felt unsafe walking in your locality during any of the following times.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Daytime	4	3	1	1
Evening	29	21	2	1
Overnight	16	11	3	1

ACTION

- The Parish Council will liaise with the local Police and Neighbourhood Watch*

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Q22 Please tick which of the following you think would improve safety within the parish.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
More regular police patrols -daytime	44	30	6	3
More regular police patrols - evening	87	63	8	3
More regular police patrols - overnight	70	50	9	3
More Community Support Officers	45	30	6	2
CCTV in specific locations	32	23	4	4

If Yes to CCTV please state where ...Note 37 written comments received.

ACTION

- *The Parish Council will liaise with the local Police*

Medical Services

Q23 Are you registered with Hodnet Medical Centre

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	124	91	18	10
No	20	16	1	1

Q24 If you answered yes to question 23 do you find the current availability of appointments suits you

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	89	64	11	6
No	32	25	4	1

Q25 If you answered no to question 23 would you prefer:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Early evening opening	26	19	3	3
Saturday morning opening	27	21	4	2

St Luke's Church

Q26 Please tick which of the following statements you are aware of:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
St Luke's Church is happy to consider use of its space for a range of community gatherings	44	29	4	1
A prospectus listing the variety of services provided by the Church will be published in the Autumn	26	14	1	0
A Church parish website is available: www.hodnetparish.org	27	16	1	1

Q27 Would you be in favour of a designated area within St Luke's Churchyard for the internment of Ashes

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	116	82	9	3
No	4	2	0	1

ACTION

- *The survey information will be passed on to the Vicar of St Luke's Hodnet*

2010 Parish Council update – The church now has an area for ashes.

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Local Services/Amenities

Q28 Please tick which of these are important to you:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Doctors surgery	135	94	16	7
Shops	129	96	14	6
Garages	90	67	10	5
School	67	51	10	3
Post Office	135	99	13	7
Village Halls	95	70	10	4
Local Churches	88	65	9	3
Clubs	54	40	7	2
Pubs/Hotels	76	57	6	4
Public Telephone boxes	29	20	7	1
Bus services	92	69	13	5

Traffic and transport

Road Safety

Q29 Please tick if you agree with the following:

Restriction of HGVs from village roads	108	86	14	6
Speed limits - Marchamley/Wollerton	89	64	12	5

2010 Parish Council update – 30 MPH speed limits were subsequently implemented in Marchamley and Wollerton, but in view of continued Council and Police concerns over traffic speeds in Wollerton a traffic calming scheme has been agreed with Shropshire Council. This is due for installation in July 2010. HGV traffic passing through Hodnet and Marchamley is the subject of ongoing discussion with Shropshire Council.

Parking

Q30 If you drive your children to Hodnet School, where do you generally park?

On the main (Old A53) road.....	3
at Hodnet club.....	4
in The Grove	2
in the school grounds.....	2

Q31 Please tick whether you think that parking is a problem on:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
The main road outside the school	77	51	6	2
The Grove leading to the school entrance	41	31	4	2

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Q32 Would you support any of the following:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
The provision of a marked parking bay outside the school	44	27	3	4
Parking restrictions on one side of The Grove	18	16	1	2
Parking restrictions on both sides of The Grove	17	12	1	0
Parking restrictions on one side of the main road	31	20	3	1
Parking restrictions on both sides on the main road	41	26	5	3
Parking restrictions between the entrance to the school and The Grove	36	25	3	2

ACTION

- **All traffic + transport issue will be referred to the Parish Council**

2010 Parish Council update – A scheme to improve parking outside the school has been agreed with Shropshire Council and should be implemented during 2010.

Employment

Q33 Please tick if you would support the development of the following types of business:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Small retail outlets like general stores	109	80	6	4
Farming	86	59	7	5
Light Industry	40	25	4	1
Small business units+offices on a small business park with access to Hodnet bypass	60	36	5	2

ACTION

- **The survey information will be passed on to the Parish Council**

2010 Parish Council update – These views were reflected in parts of the Parish Council response to Shropshire Councils' 2010 'Shropshire Site Allocations and Management of Development Consultation'.

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Public Transport

Q34 Please tick each of the following statements that you agree with:-

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
I use the bus to travel to work/school/college	1	4	8	4
I use the bus for leisure reasons	28	19	6	2
I am normally without my own transport during the day	10	8	5	1
I would support a late evening bus from Shrewsbury every evening including weekends	33	21	3	2
I would support a late evening bus from Shrewsbury at weekends only	8	5	3	0
I am aware there is a bus service from Hodnet to Telford	67	48	5	3
I would support a more regular bus service to Princess Royal Hospital, Telford	56	40	8	3
I would support the Telford bus running Via Wollerton as well as Hodnet	47	33	4	1
I am aware of the current community transport.	31	22	2	0

ACTION

- *The survey information will be passed on to the Parish Council who will take forward with the Transport providers*

2010 Parish Council update – Attempts have been made to have the 342 (Telford) service diverted through Wollerton on its way to/from Hodnet, but the extra costs involved were not supported by Shropshire Council. Comment on the absence of a late evening X64 (Shrewsbury) bus service was included in the Parish Council response to Shropshire Councils' 2010 'Shropshire Site Allocations and Management of Development Consultation'.

Housing

Q35 Tick which of the following you would like to see:-

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
More small homes to Rent	35	27	6	2
More small homes to Buy	43	38	5	2
More small homes Shared Ownership (part rent part buy)	23	17	3	1
More Sheltered Housing for over 55's	41	24	6	1
More family homes in keeping with the character of the village	67	53	9	5

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Q36 Do you think that the local community should have a say in the policy decisions of the Local Housing Associations?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Yes	117	85	10	6
No	7	5	0	0

ACTION

- *The survey information will be passed on to the Parish Council and Shropshire Council*

2010 Parish Council update – These views were reflected in parts of the Parish Council response to Shropshire Councils' 2010 'Shropshire Site Allocations and Management of Development Consultation'.

Meetings have also been arranged with the two local housing associations that operate in the Parish, who advise us that housing priority can only be given to local residents if the Parish Council arranges (with Shropshire Council and the developer), a Section 106 Planning Agreement for any new housing association homes built. For a 106 Agreement to become possible, a clear need for housing for local residents/families has to be demonstrated - which can only be done if those that desire housing in this area register on Shropshire Council's housing list.

The Parish Council therefore suggests that all those who might desire local housing put themselves on Shropshire Council's housing list, no matter how unlikely they think it is that they may currently have enough 'points' to qualify.

Leisure and Recreation

Q37 Please tick any of the following Clubs/Organisations if you are aware that they operate in and around the Parish

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Cricket Club	96	64	10	7
Football Clubs	96	68	12	6
Bowls Clubs	97	68	11	5
Fishing Clubs	51	39	6	2
Air Rifle Club	21	17	2	1
Bridge Club	19	14	4	1
Senior Citizens Luncheon Club	62	43	5	1
Tennis Club	67	60	9	2
Gardening Club	77	62	6	3
Women's Institute	73	58	8	2
Bell Ringing	84	64	10	3
Girl Guides, Brownies/Rainbows	73	54	12	7
Cubs/Scouts	72	55	11	6

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Recreation Ground - Hodnet

Q38 Please tick if you agree with the following statements:

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
You would like a paved footpath from Hodnet Club to the Station Road entrance.	48	38	3	1
You are happy with the facilities for Infants	28	23	5	4
You are happy with the facilities for Juniors.	31	23	5	4

Q39 If your home is not in Hodnet, where would you like to see some play area facilities provided

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Wollerton	11	8	2	1
Marchamley	6	3	0	0
Peplow	1	1	0	0
Little Bolas	0	0	0	0
Hine Heath/Kenstone/Hopton	0	0	0	0

ACTION

- *The survey information will be passed on to the Parish Council*

Section 4 - Youth Section

This section should only be answered by people aged between 11 and 17 years

Q41 Please tick the statements you agree with

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
If there was a shelter on the Hodnet Recreation Ground I would use it	1	1	2	1
I would like access to internet facilities	1	1	2	0
I would take part in activities such as drama, music or sports	2	1	2	2
I would attend a Youth Club	2	1	1	0
I would like access to a Youth Centre	3	1	1	0
I would like access to a Cadet Force	2	0	0	1
I would like access to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme	2	1	3	2

Q42 Are there any other activities you would be interested in? Do you have any further comments?

Thank you on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Committee