

THE EVIDENCE



WEEDON VILLAGE

PARISH PLAN 2011

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STAGE 1

LAUNCH MEETINGS 2008

LAUNCH MEETING LEAFLET

Weedon



IT'S YOUR VILLAGE – LET'S PLAN FOR IT NOW

**Come to
An Open Community
Meeting**

**THE OLD
SCHOOLROOM**

**Saturday 7th June
10 am – 12 noon**

**Wednesday 11th June
7.30pm – 9pm**

PAST

See a display of old photographs,
drawings and documents from
Weedon's history

PRESENT

Make your comments on what
you like and don't like about
Weedon now

FUTURE

Get involved in creating a vision
for Weedon's future

A PARISH PLAN FOR WEEDON?

Feedback - Thank you for coming today!

I found the meeting useful. YES NO

Do you:

Live YES NO

Work YES NO

Use facilities YES NO

Attend a group/ organisation YES NO

In **WEEDON**

I approve of the idea of our community undertaking a Parish Plan YES NO

I would like to help practically with questionnaires, interviews or research into this community - history, statistics, demographics and community characteristics YES NO

I would like to help with distribution / collection of questionnaires YES NO

I would like to be a member of the Steering Group YES NO

I would like to be on one of the Working Groups. YES NO

Suggestion

Please keep me informed of the progress of this research YES NO

Any suggestions or comments? If so, please use reverse of this sheet

Name	
Address	
Tel No.	
Email	

Please hand this in before you leave.

P.T.O.

Comment	Category
Allotments	Allotments
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Allotments	Allotments
Allotments	Allotments
Allotments	Allotments
Allotments please	Allotments
Fresh produce sharing	Allotments
Reinstate allotments	Allotments
Village veg. patch	Allotments
Access to classes	Community groups
Book club	Community groups
Ensure disability groups are considered	Community groups
Helpful neighbours, e.g. housebound / ill / no cars, shopping, checking to see if ok	Community groups
Horticultural society	Community groups
Litter clearance group	Community groups
Meaningful activities for teenagers, both social purposes and involvement in community	Community groups
Provide secure meeting place for young people to give "ownership"	Community groups
Skill swap	Community groups
Skills register / barter scheme	Community groups
Support WVA with funding etc. - they do a superb job organising village social events	Community groups
Walking groups	Community groups
Bicycle routes	Cycle
Cycle network between villages and to/from Aylesbury	Cycle
Cycle path to Aylesbury	Cycle
Make-up the paths on the A413 and New Road for cyclists	Cycle
Sort out and maintain cycle path to Aylesbury - proper surface redway	Cycle
Useable cycle route to Aylesbury	Cycle
Better facilities for waste collection outside the barracks	Green issues
Compost deliveries say twice a year	Green issues
Consult with appropriate wildlife organisations to find out what we can do to bring a wider variety of wildlife to the village	Green issues
Continued policy of tree planting	Green issues
Encouraging sustainable options - new act	Green issues
Eyesore haystacks	Green issues
Garden waste disposal bins or skips	Green issues
Improved recycling facilities : no charge garden refuse and cardboard	Green issues
More tree planting	Green issues
No removal of power lines - swallows and other birds use them	Green issues
Recycling station	Green issues
There is a fine line between a rural environment and a suburban one. Ensure the plan protects the values of a country village	Green issues

Tree planting on verges e.g. New Rd.	Green issues
Affordable housing	Housing
Affordable housing	Housing
Affordable housing	Housing
Affordable housing for villagers - to enable young people to stay	Housing
Affordable housing so our children don't have to live in town. They could live in the village they were born in	Housing
Affordable housing, but where ?	Housing
Avoid inappropriate development	Housing
Keep restrictions on extending limits of village by refusing such building applications	Housing
Keep Weedon as it is - resist new houses	Housing
New affordable and housing association houses required.	Housing
Small number of building plots	Housing
Some new housing, 2 or 3 beds, but not in attractive or picturesque areas.	Housing
Better street lighting needed outside Bedmond. The low level lighting is useless and very spooky	Lighting
Less light pollution	Lighting
No more street lights	Lighting
No more street lights	Lighting
No street lighting to end of the village	Lighting
No street lighting to end of the village	Lighting
Street lighting to end of the village	Lighting
Encourage more off-road parking	Parking
Parking bays outside the barracks	Parking
Village car park plan	Parking
Access to public footpaths	Paths and verges
Better provision for dog walkers with stiles that open on footpaths	Paths and verges
Dog friendly stiles	Paths and verges
Dog waste bins near footpaths	Paths and verges
Footpaths cleared	Paths and verges
Hedges on high path on High St. need trimming. They shower you in wet weather and have twice hooked my glasses off.	Paths and verges
Keep private hedges etc. from overgrowing onto footpaths	Paths and verges
Keep verges tidy at side of roads and paths	Paths and verges
Kissing gates are much better than stiles. The gate at East End after crossing from A.A. Rd is impossible to open.	Paths and verges
Kissing gates instead of stiles on footpaths for older people to give them more access to walks	Paths and verges
Kissing gates to replace stiles	Paths and verges
Maintain footpaths	Paths and verges
More access to margins of fields where rights of way do not exist - by agreement with farmers	Paths and verges
No strimming of side lanes	Paths and verges
Parish council to take control of cutting grass on verges and green areas in village so that they are done more often.	Paths and verges
Seat halfway up Aston Abbots Rd for elderly and disabled	Paths and verges
Upkeep of footpaths and pavements	Paths and verges
Upkeep of public footpaths	Paths and verges
Upkeep of public footpaths - improve and keep hedges down	Paths and verges
Continuing support of the church	Pub

Nice pub but very expensive; to attract working class residents landlord should have special nights, happy hours etc.	Pub
Support the pub - it's the only focal point left in the village	Pub
Support the pub - rural pubs are closing at a rate of 5 a day	Pub
Support the pub and the excellent new landlords - the best place to exchange views and improve quality of life in Weedon	Pub
Community bus - in partnership with neighbouring villages	Public transport
Could we have more public transport as so few buses come through the village	Public transport
Free bus passes are no use if we do not have at least one bus a day	Public transport
Frequent shuttle bus service going through village to Aylesbury and back	Public transport
High St. is too narrow for large buses; buses are too few to be any use so they should be stopped altogether	Public transport
Improved access to public transport	Public transport
Improved bus stop facilities	Public transport
Improved public transport	Public transport
Increased local bus service	Public transport
Increased public transport	Public transport
More buses - small ones	Public transport
More buses going through high street - no steps	Public transport
More buses passing through the village	Public transport
More buses through village regularly	Public transport
No buses in High St. - dangerous for children	Public transport
Provide better public transport to MK and Aylesbury	Public transport
Regular bus service to and from Aylesbury	Public transport
The bus route in New Rd. and Aston Abbots Rd. should be improved especially a return service.	Public transport
A baby swing in the park	Recreation
A flat patch of grass is needed for children of all ages for organised practise or just to kick a football or play cricket.	Recreation
Facilities for older children - e.g. tennis courts	Recreation
Flat football pitch and tennis courts	Recreation
Flat sports field	Recreation
Keep playground as a green place to run around - not lots of kit which will ruin its rural feel	Recreation
Need a large flat area for football etc.	Recreation
Sport facility, football, tennis	Recreation
Tennis court - e.g. ex Lillies court	Recreation
20 mph speed limit	Roads
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Caution with traffic calming. A mixed blessing, they can be noisy and look horrible. Placement crucial	Roads
Children have to cross the A413 to get to Weedon from Aylesbury	Roads
Condition of roads	Roads
Dedicated right turn lane on A413 into New Road	Roads
Dummy police figures for speeding control	Roads
Encourage BCC to formulate an acceptable policy on road sign advertising	Roads
High St very narrow - one way system through the village	Roads
Improve and repair road between Weedon and Aston Abbots	Roads
Improve road surface in East End	Roads
Include road from Weedon to Aston Abbots in winter gritting and through village	Roads

Make roads safer in winter - salting - Weedon / Aston Abbots Road is a school bus route	Roads
Mirror on corner of Manor Farm to see traffic round corner	Roads
Needs something to stop speeding in Aston Abbots Rd.	Roads
Not a through route like some villages yet - still too much fast traffic	Roads
Reduction in size of hedge opposite Tumblin Acres to improve visibility for traffic	Roads
Salt roads in winter - especially on bus routes and crossroads	Roads
Something to slow traffic down at X roads and keep them on the correct side of the bends	Roads
Speeding - traffic calming	Roads
Speeding / traffic calming outside of village	Roads
Speeding in the village	Roads
Speeding needs looking into - maybe as they come into the village a speeding hump to slow them down	Roads
Stop the dealers test driving through the village	Roads
Warning signs / speed limits for traffic in High Street. There are at least 2 dangerous bends	Roads
Cohesive village - small size.	Rural / urban
Ensure that new estates do not come too close to the village	Rural / urban
Maintain rural character and style of buildings with close scrutiny of new build materials	Rural / urban
Maintain rural look and feel	Rural / urban
Preserve rural character of our village	Rural / urban
Preserve Weedon's separate identity at all costs and avoid it being subsumed by Aylesbury's development	Rural / urban
Prevent urbanisation	Rural / urban
Protection of a rural not urban village and protection of a small and supportive community which now exists	Rural / urban
Resist Aylesbury sprawl and over-development	Rural / urban
Resist sprawl of Aylesbury	Rural / urban
Village values - non industrial - agricultural / horticultural	Rural / urban
Village values - picturesque, stable, fairly tidy, village pride, pond, 2 distinct parts, views through gap between parts	Rural / urban
Ensure anti-traveller measures	Security
More effective and active neighbourhood watch	Security
Police to walk round the village at least twice a month - get to know villagers	Security
A shop with a post office if possible - could be open in the evenings	Shop
Bring back the village shop	Shop
Community shop	Shop
Community shop	Shop
Community shop	Shop
Community shop	Shop
Community shop if suitable premises	Shop
Occasional local produce / farmer's market - or mobile	Shop
Provide a retail outlet for residents	Shop
Small shop and post office co-operative run by villagers	Shop
Small shop open for a few hours each day	Shop
Booster station for broadband	Utilities and services
Bulk purchase of oil	Utilities and services
Campaign to keep our local GP surgeries if necessary	Utilities and services
Community school	Utilities and services

Drop point for parcels / deliveries	Utilities and services
Gas supply	Utilities and services
Improved broadband	Utilities and services
Improve broadband speed	Utilities and services
Mains gas supply to the village	Utilities and services
Village scheme for bulk oil purchase for central heating	Utilities and services

STAGE 2

FORMATION OF STEERING COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS JULY-AUGUST 2008



PARISH PLAN

**NEWSLETTER NO.1
OCTOBER 2008**

A Message from the Chairman

As you can see from this first newsletter the development of the Parish Plan is now underway.

Further newsletters will indicate the progress and timescale for final production of the Plan once we get into the detail involved.

It is our firm intention to produce a Plan for the benefit of the village and all who live here. It will not be a document to merely gather dust – it will be a springboard for future actions.

At this stage it is important to me, and to the others so far involved, that everyone in the village has an opportunity to contribute, or at the very least to comment, during this process.

As the Plan will involve much effort by a few people, all offers to help will be much appreciated.

At the very least I would urge anyone who has any comment to make to please do so.

Don't let the opportunity pass.

Please ring me on 641278 or email at mike@nagele.net.

Mike Nagele

Following two very well-attended meetings in the summer, we have embarked upon the process of developing a Parish Plan for Weedon Village.

A Steering Committee has been formed, and a Constitution agreed, largely following a format recommended by Bucks Community Action (BCA), the local organisation responsible for helping parishes with the plan process.

We expect the plan to take some 12-18 months to complete, but we will keep you in touch with developments through a series of newsletters.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED!

The Steering Committee has set up four **WORKING GROUPS** to consider the following general topic areas:

**The Economy
Transport**

**The Environment
Social and Community**

Each working group has a designated Leader, and will work independently, reporting back to the Steering Committee.

An outline of the issues and ideas each working group will be looking at is given overleaf. The points are a combination of the "post-it" notes done by villagers at the summer meetings and BCA's wider suggested prompt questions. But they are not set in stone – they are a starting framework.

If you would like to be involved in one of the working groups, or if you wish to make any relevant contributions, please contact the Working Group Leader or the Steering Committee Chairman as soon as possible.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mike Nagele Tel: 641278 email: mike@nagele.net

Secretary: Ralph Followell **Treasurer:** Mike Moore

Committee Members

Hilary Bates
Andy Mitchell

Chris Birks
Joanna Rose

Jonathan Freeman-Attwood
Andrew Shaw

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Glyn Thomas

Jan Jones
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SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

Working Group Leader: **Hilary Bates**
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General

- Ensure ALL community groups feel included (children, teenagers, working age, retired, ethnic minority, disabled, unemployed, new residents)
- Assess efficiency of communication channels – improve?

Young people

- Active involvement in community planning process?
- Demand for facilities/activities

Older people

- Age profile of community – specific issues
- Particular needs – support mechanisms, day club, visiting service?

Village facilities – buildings and land

- Consider use of existing facilities: **Old Schoolroom, Chapel, Five Elms pub**
- Other needs? eg. meeting place for young people
- Review land owned by church/charities/parish

Sports and play facilities

- Assess usage of **Playground/park** – recommendations for changes/improvements
- Sites for sports field/tennis court?

Community Spirit

- Mutual support – need for schemes to be initiated? eg. Helpful Neighbour, Keeping locality tidy, Skills Swap Register

Health and well-being

- Access to healthcare services ie. GP surgery, dentist, chemist, chiropodist, hospitals
- How to promote fitness and good health
- Access to health information
- Help in emergency – prescription collection, lifts to surgery

Leisure/Lifelong learning

- Are needs/preferences covered for all groups? – clubs/societies, educational courses, social events
- Financial support for new/existing groups?
- Community computer provision?

Safety and security

- Issues relating to access to policing
- Effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch
- Research key crime and disorder concerns

TRANSPORT

Working Group Leader: **Glyn Thomas**
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General

- Travel issues faced by elderly, disabled, young people, families on low incomes, people without cars. Funding by parish?

Public transport

- Meeting community needs? Availability, suitability.
- Bus stops – location. Need for bus shelter(s)?

Access routes

- Footpaths, parking, lighting, maintenance adequate?
- Improve pavements, cycle lanes?

Voluntary schemes

- Voluntary Car/Good Neighbour scheme? Volunteers available?

Roads/Traffic

- Volume of traffic – weight/speed restrictions adequate?
- Danger spots, on-road parking, road maintenance

THE ENVIRONMENT

Working Group Leader: **Chris Birks**
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Local and National Planning Issues

- Impact on Weedon from: Area Local Plan/Local Development Framework eg. further expansion of Aylesbury, South East Plan
- Protect rural identity and individuality

General character and appearance

- Define what gives Weedon its distinctive rural character
- What do we like and dislike about the appearance of Weedon?
- How to protect and preserve the things villagers value

Open and public spaces

- Open spaces, views and sightlines – which ones define the village? How to protect and enhance?
- **Village green** (playground/park) and **duck pond**
- Other important and valued features?
- Important areas for wildlife?

Trees, Hedgerows, Verges and Footpaths

- Trees – survey to identify important individual trees/groups? Contribution to character of village – scheme of care?
- Hedgerows, verges, footpaths, bridleways, stiles – condition? Accessibility and signposting. Maintenance sufficient?

Built environment

- Conservation area – current boundaries, extension? Effective?
- Existing character of buildings, current patterns of development, identify valued features – protect and enhance?
- Ways to utilise and preserve architectural elements such as building materials, doors, gates, roofscapes, walls
- Balance between rural and developed environment
- Importance of preserving different and distinct parts of village?
- Availability of village housing vs. local demand and affordability
- Attitudes to any future development: infill, adjoining, replacement
- Street lighting – extent? Hours of operation?

Sustainability and Green Issues

- Current waste/recycling arrangements – new schemes for more recycling, product re-use?

THE ECONOMY

Working Group Leader: **tba**
Please contact the Chairman (see front page)

Employment

- More work opportunities locally? Training provision?
- Support for eg. farm buildings to turn into workshops?

Business

- Business networking – local venues
- Premises/staff for local employers?

Tourism

- Visitor/tourist information. Community tourism plan?

Services/Utilities

- Are needs met by supplies of gas, electricity, sewerage, postal services, street lights, telephone, emergency services, broadband? Access to gas supply – how much to pay?
- Bulk purchasing eg. oil

Community enterprise

- Need for a community-run shop, childcare schemes (nursery school, after-school club, holiday play scheme, breakfast club), transport scheme, café, village time bank, other business?
- Community environment enterprises eg. composting, gardening, recycling, green power generation?
- Allotments? Village vegetable patch/smallholding?

THE EVIDENCE

STAGE 3

**FOCUS GROUPS ON SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY
ISSUES FEBRUARY – JUNE 2009**



PARISH PLAN

**Newsletter from the
Social and Community
Working Group**

September 2009

Dear Weedon Resident

It is now just over a year since we decided to embark on producing a Parish Plan for Weedon. The scope of the Plan was divided into 4 main areas (Environment, Economy, Transport, Social & Community) and groups of volunteer residents have been working on the issues relevant to each area. This newsletter comes to you from the **Social and Community Working Group** to update you on our progress so far and to introduce the next stage.

As most of you will be aware, we have conducted a series of focus groups over the last 7 months, and some of you will have attended one of them. We are grateful to you for sparing the time to come along and discuss issues important to you within the social and community arena.

In general, most people were fairly happy with what Weedon has to offer for their leisure and community needs, but there were many useful development ideas raised. Attached is a summary of the main points from our discussions.

Please do not consider this to be a completed process, however. If there is anything anyone would like to add relating to the issues here, or if anything new comes to mind within the Social and Community subject area, please do not hesitate to contact one of us (details below).

The four Working Groups have also collectively been drafting a questionnaire covering many aspects of life in Weedon considered to be important, upon which **your opinion** is sought. Within the next few weeks the questionnaire will be finalised and distributed to all households in Weedon. We hope to make the process as simple as possible, and everyone who wishes to participate will be allocated a coordinator to help with filling it in.

Thank you for your contribution so far, and for your continued support.

The Social and Community Working Group

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We held five Focus Groups:

Parents of pre-school children
Teenagers (12-18 years)
Over 60s

Parents of school-age children
Working-age adults

The main points raised in discussions were:

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The following additional outdoor recreational activities received support:

- Walking (pre-school parents, working age adults, over 60s)
- Tennis (school-age parents, teenagers – as a holiday pursuit, working age adults)
- Outdoor table tennis (teenagers)
- Clay pigeon shooting, Golf, Fishing (working age adults)
- Seasonal Gardening Club (working age adults)

The over 60s came up with the idea of reviving the Village Pancake Race.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

- Finding a piece of land for a Larger Recreational Area popular with pre-school parents (for older toddlers), teenagers and over 60s (for community events). Others (parents of school-age) saw this as a possible nuisance.
- More facilities requested on play area for teenagers – sheltered area, picnic/pub style table and bench, outdoor table tennis table
- More equipment requested for younger children – baby swing, see-saw, Wendy house, crawling tunnel
- Gate to play area needs to be more secure (parents of pre-school children)
- Replace bark chips with rubber chips
- Request for village roadside benches to be reinstated (over 60s)
- Support for another approach to owner of Lilies tennis court [the owner no longer lives locally] for permission to restore and use this facility, or even to investigate its purchase (teenagers, working age adults)

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

There was a call from the adult age groups for more clubs, particularly for learning new skills/hobbies:

- Investment, Bridge, Chess, Scrapbook, Collecting, Languages
- weekly (card etc.) Games group (over 60s)
- Computer skills
- Dance club, Choir

For the younger residents:

- more Arts and Crafts for pre-school
- Yoga for toddlers
- Art, Drama, Language clubs in the school holidays, maybe in preparation for a show or festival

A “Swap Shop” for Saturdays in the Schoolroom was an idea mooted by the working age adults.

INDOOR FACILITIES

Improvements suggested for the **Schoolroom** were:

- Toilet aids, Baby cups, Child gate, Soft gym mats (pre-school parents)
- better Lighting (working age adults)
- Hearing aid loop (over 60s)
- new Keyboard/Piano (already in hand) and Baffles for better acoustics (adults)
- WiFi facilities (working age adults)

For the **Chapel**:

- a Play area for young children (pre-school parents)

For the **Five Elms**:

- Several ideas to make this an even better focal point for the village (see Food & Drink)
- a better place for the mobile library to stop?

FOOD AND DRINK

Ideas for additional events/facilities:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ▪ weekly Café at pub | • Coffee/Breakfast available at pub |
| ▪ monthly(?) Community Breakfast in the Schoolroom | |
| ▪ Themed pub nights | • More Quiz nights |
| • Wine tasting | • Cookery courses at pub |

WELLBEING

In general most people felt Weedon to be a safe, welcoming village. There was some support for:

- a more organised Babysitting Circle (parents of pre-school and school-age, teenagers – keen to provide the service)
- some kind of visiting Mobile Shop/Post Office (over 60s)
- Mobile Sweet Shop (teenagers)
- Directory of trades and/or skills possibly to be posted on the village website
- “Young WVA” to organise more community-based activities/events for under 18s

COMMUNICATION

We looked at four main areas.

Website

- Information on childcare (babysitting etc) could be useful (parents of pre-school and school-age, teenagers)
- Publicise the website more eg. in the pub. Link to pub website. (parents of school-age, working age adults)
- People to be encouraged to feed in information (parents of school-age)
- Is there a need for a co-ordinator with professional expertise?
- Suggestion to set up a directory on site to recommend tradesmen etc. (see above)
- Online booking system for the Old Schoolroom? (working age adults)

Newsletters

- For newcomers: an up-to-date, detailed information sheet of events, useful telephone numbers, refuse collection times etc. In a format to keep by the phone or on a noticeboard? (working age adults)
- Welcome pack could include information on new clubs, classes eg Art.
- Parish (church) newsletter is important (over 60s)
- Possible quarterly non-church non-Parish-Council newsletter? (a potential coordinator volunteered)

Village diary

- Suggested to help avoid clashes of date for functions. To be kept in the Chapel (?) as this is always open. Likely contributors would need to be informed.

Notice boards

- Mostly used by older age-groups

TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY

Although there is a separate Transport Working Group, this subject was brought up in several of the discussions, as it closely affects certain people's social and community activities. There were requests for:

- Better public transport (pre-school parents, teenagers, over 60s)
- Bus service improvements
 - later bus in the evenings (teenagers)
 - routine bus stop in the village (teenagers)
 - bus shelter near the park area (teenagers)
 - direct service to Milton Keynes (teenagers)
 - low-loader bus on both village bus days (over 60s)
 - better access to timetable (teenagers)
- Traffic calming for both New Road and Aston Abbotts Road (pre-school parents, over 60s)

There was concern by all groups with children/teenagers about the danger for pedestrians crossing the road between the Five Elms and the Park.

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STAGE 4

COMPREHENSIVE VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE OCTOBER 2009



PARISH PLAN

**QUESTIONNAIRE
OCTOBER 2009**

www.weedonbucks.org.uk

**£50 VOUCHER
for the FIVE ELMS
TO BE WON**

A critical part of the Parish Plan process is consultation with ALL Weedon villagers. The working groups:

Economy Environment Social and Community Transport

have been meeting to progress their ideas and proposals for the plan, and they now need your input in the form of answers to this written questionnaire.

Please don't throw it in the bin! It's YOUR village – please set aside a short time to give us your views. If you would like to complete more than one questionnaire per household, we will gladly issue more copies. Just ask!

How can we help you complete the questionnaire?

The village has been divided up into groups of 10-15 homes, and a co-ordinator is responsible for each group. Here are the contact details for YOUR co-ordinator, who has delivered this questionnaire to you.

YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE CO-ORDINATOR IS

Name: **STEPHEN & PEGGY SIDEBOTHAM**

email: sideblots@btinternet.com

Address: **87 Aston Abbotts Road**

Tel: **640098**

EITHER

Complete the questionnaire yourself,
and deliver it back to your
co-ordinator's house.

OR

Contact your co-ordinator to
arrange a time for them to come
round and complete it with you.

OR

Let your co-ordinator know if you
really don't want to complete a
questionnaire – you will not be
contacted further about it.

Add as many comments as you like!

Please do feel free to add your own comments wherever you want – or miss out questions. You will see that you can complete the form anonymously if you prefer, but if you do put in your contact details, you will be in a better position to be kept informed in future about village matters. The numbered raffle ticket attached to your **returned questionnaire will go into a Free Draw to win a £50 voucher for the Five Elms!** The draw will take place on November 26th at 7.30pm in Weedon Chapel. Your counterpart raffle ticket is attached to **this letter, which you keep.**

Please contribute – a successful Parish Plan depends on MAXIMUM involvement.

If you want any further information on the Parish Plan progress, or you would like to liaise with a different person on the completion of your questionnaire, please talk to one of the Steering Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Secretary: Ralph Followell **Treasurer:** Mike Moore

Hilary Bates • Chris Birks • Jonathan Freeman-Attwood • Jonathan Hopper • Jan Jones
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WEEDON PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2009

All About You and Your Family

Your Family

- 1 How many people live in your home? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more
- 2 How many of these are under 18? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more
- 3 How many over 65? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 or more
- 4 Does anyone in your household have a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number _____ Disability _____
- 5 Is there anyone with mobility difficulties? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number _____

Employment

- 6 How many in your household work (either for themselves or for someone else):
- in full-time employment? Number _____
- in part-time employment? Number _____
- as a carer in your own home? Number _____
- 7 Of those in your household employed or self-employed, where do they work?
- work at/from home Number _____
- work in Weedon outside your home Number _____
- work outside Weedon Number _____ Where? (1) _____ (2) _____
- (3) _____ (4) _____

Education (children and young people)

- 8 How many in your household:
- are under 4 years old? Number _____
- attend pre-school/nursery? Number _____
- attend day school (5-18 years)? Number _____
- attend boarding school (5-18 years)? Number _____
- are in further education living at home? Number _____ Where? (1) _____ (2) _____
- are in further education living away in term-time? Number _____ Where? (1) _____ (2) _____
- 9 How many of your children living at home in term-time get to their educational establishment in these ways?
- Walk _____ Cycle _____ Public bus _____ School bus _____ Car _____

Your Home

- 10 How long have you lived in Weedon? ☐ less than 1 year ☐ 1-5 years ☐ over 5 years
- 11 Is your home rented or owner occupied? ☐ Rented ☐ Owned

Would you give us your name and address and other contact details? We confirm that none of your information will be used outside the Weedon Parish Plan organisation without your express permission.

Address _____

Name(s) of adults living at this address (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Email address(es) (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Telephone number(s) (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Would you like to be contacted in future about village events, important parish council and other meetings etc.? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how would you like to be contacted? ☐ email ☐ leaflet delivered

Economy Working Group**Shopping and Fresh Produce**

E1 Which of the following would you be interested in? Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Renting/leasing an allotment in the village ☐ Sharing an allotment in the village
☐ Purchasing produce from local allotment owners ☐ Doing work on an allotment for cash or produce

E2 If there were a weekly village-based or visiting Farm Shop, would you be likely to purchase from it? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, which day/time would you favour? _____

Comments _____

E3 Would you be interested in starting up a Farm/Produce Shop in the village? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, what sort of produce? _____

E4 Do you have any groceries delivered? ☐ Yes ☐ No By whom _____

Utilities and Other Services

E5 Do you use a post office regularly? ☐ Yes ☐ No Where? _____

If yes, approximately how often would you use a post office service if it were available in Weedon?

- ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month ☐ Less frequently

E6 Does your household have a computer connected to the internet and/or satellite TV? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which? ☐ Internet connection ☐ Satellite TV

Would you be interested in an upgraded broadband or new dedicated cable service to the village supplying high-speed internet, telephone and TV services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E7 Please indicate the main type of heating fuel you use: ☐ Oil ☐ Solid fuel ☐ Calor Gas ☐ Electricity

Would you be interested in a group purchase scheme for the supply of oil or calor gas? ☐ Oil ☐ Calor ☐ No

Your Own Local Business

E8 Do you own or run a business in Aylesbury Vale? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is its name?: _____ Principal activity _____ Location _____

If the location is Weedon, do you run the business from your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E9 Are you considering starting up a business? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what type? _____

E10 Would you be interested in advertising/promoting your business services to others in Weedon/Aylesbury Vale through the village website www.weedonbucks.org.uk or in a local directory of services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide contact details here: _____

E11 If you are a member of the farming community, are there special issues which you consider should be included in the Parish Plan? _____

New Commercial Development (premises)

E12 Would you like to see any type of commercial development (new-build or conversions) in Weedon? Please tick all you agree with.

- ☐ None ☐ Shop(s) ☐ Workshop units ☐ Office units ☐ Other _____

Any further comments about **Economy**. Please continue on the final sheet if necessary.

Environment Working Group
(A) Weedon's Built Environment

V1 Weedon is a village that retains a rural character and identity. Which aspects do you most value?
 Please rate each on a scale between **1** (not valued) and **10** (highly valued). Please note you can give equal rankings to one or more aspects if you wish.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| ___ Views and sightlines | ___ Hedges and trees |
| ___ Small size of community | ___ Access to countryside |
| ___ Diversity of character of buildings | ___ Architecture |
| ___ Public spaces | ___ Quiet place |
| ___ Community buildings eg. Pub, Old Schoolroom, Chapel | |

V2 What is your opinion of the impact of the new housing developments in Aylesbury on Weedon?

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (a) Buckingham Park/Weedon Hill and Berryfields | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Detrimental |
| (b) Proposed "Eastern Arc" growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Detrimental |

Additional comments _____

V3 The population of Weedon is approximately 360. Would you like to see the population of the village:

- ☐ Increase ☐ Remain broadly the same

V4 Do you think Weedon should have new houses? Please tick all you agree with.

- ☐ None ☐ Limited in-fill (max 1-2 units) ☐ Small developments (3-5 units) ☐ Larger developments

V5 Do you think that additional low-cost housing (eg. housing association rental or part-ownership schemes) is needed in Weedon? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Why? _____

V6 If you have answered Yes to V5, where do you think that any new schemes should be considered?

- ☐ On greenfield sites within the village ☐ As in-fill only ☐ On already developed land or re-using existing buildings

V7 Weedon has historically been divided into two distinct parts by the open space half way along the Aston Abbots Road. Do you think this is important to the character of Weedon? Yes ☐ No ☐

V8 There are two Conservation Areas in Weedon: (1) High Street, Stockaway and Aston Abbots Road up to Chestnuts Farm and (2) East End. Would you like to see any change to these?

- ☐ Yes, strengthened if possible ☐ No, remain the same ☐ Yes, weakened if possible

V9 Do you think there is a problem with any of the following in Weedon? Please tick all you agree with.

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog fouling | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse fouling | <input type="checkbox"/> Air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly-tipping | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise pollution | |

If you ticked any of the above, how do you think this problem could be addressed? _____

V10 Are you satisfied with the waste collection and recycling service?

- | | | |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| (a) Waste collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfied | Improvements _____ |
| (b) Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfied | Improvements _____ |

V11 What do you think about the level of street lighting? ☐ About right ☐ Insufficient ☐ Too much ☐ Badly sited

Comments _____

Environment Working Group
(B) Weedon's Natural Environment

V12 How often do you use the village footpaths?

- ☐ Two times or more each week ☐ Two times or more each month ☐ A few times each year ☐ Very rarely/Never

V13 Would any of the following make you more likely to use them? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Yes, if they were better maintained ☐ Yes, if they were more accessible
☐ Yes, if they were better signposted and marked ☐ Yes, if they were better connected/more "circular walks"
☐ No, I am unlikely to change my usage regardless of any improvements

V14 Weedon's footpaths currently lack stiles and gates easily accessible by people with limited mobility, small children and dogs. Would you support a programme to install more accessible "kissing gates" or "dog-friendly" stiles?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

V15 Do you think that the grass on the verges and in the public areas in the village is currently mown ...?

- ☐ Too often ☐ Not often enough ☐ About right

V16 Are you satisfied with the condition and maintenance of pavements in Weedon?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please highlight any specific issues and their location

V17 Would you like to see more trees planted in the public areas and at road sides in Weedon (such as those planted along New Road in recent years)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Only to replace dead or diseased trees

V18 Would you like to see more flowers and plants established in the public areas in the village?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, where? ☐ At village entrances ☐ On the village green (the Park)
☐ By the pond ☐ In other prominent locations

If you have ticked other locations, please specify where.

V19 To fund improvements under some of the initiatives mentioned above, the parish share (precept) of the Council Tax might have to be increased. What would you consider to be a reasonable additional sum that an average household should be asked to pay each year for these?

- ☐ Nothing ☐ £5 per year more ☐ £20 per year more ☐ £50 per year more

Any further comments about **Environment**. Please continue on the final sheet if necessary.

Social and Community Working Group**Activities and facilities (adults)**

S1 How often do you attend something at the village hall (Old Schoolroom)?

☐ Once a week ☐ More than once a month ☐ Occasionally ☐ NeverWould you be more likely to use it more often if something changed about it? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what would need to change? _____

S2 How often do you use the village pub to eat or drink?

☐ Daily ☐ Once a week ☐ More than once a month ☐ Occasionally ☐ NeverWould you be more likely to use it more often if the food or drink offered changed in some way? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what would need to change? _____

S3 What sporting or leisure activities would you be likely to participate in regularly in Weedon if the facilities existed?

Outdoor sports☐ Cricket ☐ Walking
☐ Football ☐ Athletics
☐ Tennis ☐ Shooting
☐ Netball ☐ Golf
☐ FishingIndoor sports☐ Pilates
☐ Dancing
☐ Fitness/Gym
☐ Table tennis
☐ VolleyballIndoor activities/clubs/courses☐ Investment ☐ Languages
☐ Wine Appreciation ☐ Film Society
☐ Darts/Dominoes ☐ Choir
☐ Drama Group ☐ Other Music
☐ Computing ☐ Gardening
☐ Collecting ☐ Scrapbook
☐ Whist/Bridge/Other Card Game☐ Other _____

S4 Would you be interested in starting or running a sporting or leisure activity club or adult education class in Weedon?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, which? _____

S5 Do you think the current play equipment at the Park is sufficient/suitable?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please comment further _____

S6 Do you think there is a need for a village Recreation Ground in addition to the Park?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, any suggestions as to where? _____

Communication/Community spirit

S7 How do you get information about what's going on in Weedon? Tick all that apply.

☐ Website ☐ Email☐ Parish mag ☐ Notice boards ☐ Parish Council Newsletter ☐ Leaflets ☐ Other _____

S8 Would you be interested in carrying out any services for others in the village?

☐ Yes, as a volunteer ☐ Yes, on a paid basis ☐ Yes, on a barter/exchange basis ☐ No

If yes, please indicate which services _____

Crime/PolicingS9 Do you consider police coverage of the area to be adequate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what would you like to see? _____

S10 Has anyone in your household been personally affected by any of the following in Weedon in the past 3 years? ☐ No☐ Vandalism ☐ Anti-social behaviour ☐ Theft/Burglary ☐ Vehicle damage ☐ Personal injuryS11 Did you know that Weedon has a Neighbourhood Watch scheme? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, are you actively involved in it, and in what way? _____

If no, would you like to be? _____

Faith/Religion

S12 How important to you is attending a place of worship regularly?

☐ Very important ☐ Fairly important ☐ Not at all importantIf very or fairly important, are your needs covered in the local area accessible to you? ☐ Yes ☐ NoAny further comments about **Social and Community**. Please continue on the final sheet if necessary.

Transport Working Group**Cars and Road Safety**

- T1 How many vehicles (cars/vans) are in your household? ☐ None ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more
Where is/are your vehicle/s usually parked? ☐ Garage ☐ Drive ☐ Road
- T2 If you regularly travel by car outside Weedon, would you be interested in a car-sharing scheme? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, where do you regularly travel to, and when? _____
- T3 Do you believe speeding is an issue in Weedon? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, at any particular location(s)? _____
- T4 Is there enough residential parking space in the village? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, where would you like to see more? _____
- T5 Does Weedon need a village car park for visitors? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, any ideas where it could be situated? _____
- T6 Are there any locations where you feel pedestrians are particularly at risk? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please state where, and how safety could be improved _____

Public Transport - Bus

- T7 Does anyone in your household regularly use the village bus services? ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Never
If yes, which route(s) do you most often travel and when?
(1) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
(2) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
(3) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
- T8 Is the current bus service adequate (in respect of times, routes, location of stops, disability access etc)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, please comment _____
- T9 What bus service would you be seriously likely to use if it was available and reliable?
(1) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
(2) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
- T10 If there were an evening bus service to and from Aylesbury, how often might you use this?
☐ Daily ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month ☐ Occasionally ☐ Unlikely to use
- T11 Is there a need for one or more bus shelters in the village? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, at which stops would you prefer to see them located? 1 _____ 2 _____

Cycling

- T12 Do you ever use cycling as a means of transport (rather than a leisure activity)?
☐ Daily ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month ☐ Occasionally ☐ Never
If yes, where to: (1) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
(2) From _____ To _____ Day/Time _____
- T13 Is there anything which would attract you to use cycling as a means of transport?
☐ No, unlikely to cycle regularly ☐ Yes IF _____

Any further comments about **Transport** . Please continue on the final sheet if necessary.

Any other comments you wish to make

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WEEDON PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2009 – Summary of Responses

Distribution and Return

	Weedon village	Buckingham Rd*	Total
Number of households circulated	150	19	169
Number of questionnaires returned	104	8	112
% Response	69%	42%	66%

* inc Weedon Hill (old), Rectory Fm, Uppings Fm

All About You and Your Family

Your Family

- 1 How many people live in your home? 25% 1 39% 2 12% 3 15% 4 9% 5 or more
- 2 How many of these are under 18? 76% 0 7% 1 11% 2 4% 3 2% 4 0% 5 or more
24% at least one under-18
- 3 How many over 65? 65% 0 23% 1 11% 2 1% 3 0% 4 or more
35% at least one over-65
- 4 Does anyone in your household have a disability? 10% Yes Average no per home with disability 1.27
Type of disability: 57% walking/mobility related No other disabilities stated
- 5 Is there anyone with mobility difficulties? 12% Yes Average no per home with mobility diff 1.08

Employment

- 6 How many in your household work (either for themselves or for someone else):
in full-time employment? 45% Total % of adults working 61%
in part-time employment? 13%
as a carer in your own home? 3%
- 7 Of those in your household employed or self-employed, where do they work?
work at/from home 23%
work in Weedon outside your home 2%
work outside Weedon 75% Where? Aylesbury Vale 46% Other < 25m 17%
Milton Keynes 8% Other > 25m 13%
London 15%

Education (children and young people)

- 8 How many children: % of under 18s:
are under 4 years old not at nursery? 18%
attend pre-school/nursery? 11%
attend day school (5-18 years)? 51%
attend boarding school (5-18 years)? 16%
- How many young people: % of young people in further education:
are in further education living at home? 18%
are in further education living away in term-time? 82%
- 9 How many of your children living at home in term-time get to their educational establishment in these ways?
Walk 0% Cycle 0% Public bus 0% School bus 35% Car 65%

Your Home (% of those who answered the question)

- 10 How long have you lived in Weedon? 6% less than 1 year 24% 1-5 years 70% over 5 years
- 11 Is your home rented or owner occupied? 21% Rented 79% Owned

Would you give us your name and address and other contact details? We confirm that none of your information will be used outside the Weedon Parish Plan organisation without your express permission.

% who completed giving their name 90% % completed anonymously 10%
% giving at least one telephone number 79% % giving at least one email address 50%

Would you like to be contacted in future about village events, important parish council and other meetings etc.?
If yes, how would you like to be contacted? 40% email only 40% leaflet delivered 20% both

Economy Working Group**Shopping and Fresh Produce**

E1 Which of the following would you be interested in? Tick all that apply. (% of total respondents)

9% Renting/leasing an allotment in the village

14% Sharing an allotment in the village

55% Purchasing produce from local allotment owners

10% Doing work on an allotment for cash or produce

E2 If there were a weekly village-based or visiting Farm Shop, would you be likely to purchase from it? 78% Yes

If yes, which day/time would you favour?
(% of those saying they would use)

Sat/weekend 34% Mon-Fri daytime 24% Mon-Fri eves 1%

Any time or nothing specified 40%

Comments: Several mentions of using Parrotts/Bond currently - wouldn't want to take business away from them

E3 Would you be interested in starting up a Farm/Produce Shop in the village? 11 Yes

If yes, what sort of produce? _____

E4 Do you have any groceries delivered? 31% Yes

By whom? (% of those who have deliveries)

National supermarket 63%

Bond Bros 29%

Parrotts W/ch 6%

Other local 6%

Utilities and Other Services

E5 Do you use a post office regularly? 61% Yes Where? _____

Approximately how often would you use a post office service if it were available in Weedon? (% of total respondents)

36% Once a week 18% Once a month

E6 Does your household have a computer connected to the internet and/or satellite TV? 75% Yes

69% Internet connection 25% Satellite TV (% of total respondents)

Would you be interested in an upgraded broadband or new dedicated cable service to the village supplying high-speed internet, telephone and TV services?

64% Yes (% of total respondents)

E7 Please indicate the main type of heating fuel you use: 58% Oil 12% Solid fuel 21% Calor Gas 21% Electricity

Would you be interested in a group purchase scheme for the supply of oil or calor gas? 42 Oil 17 Calor (number)

Your Own Local Business

E8 Do you own or run a business in Aylesbury Vale? 15% Yes

If the location is Weedon, do you run the business from your home? 9% Yes

E9 Are you considering starting up a business? 4% Yes (5 people)

E10 Would you be interested in advertising/promoting your business services to others in Weedon/Aylesbury Vale through the village website www.weedonbucks.org.uk or in a local directory of services? 13 Yes (number)See **Economy Details** for details of E8-E10

E11 If you are a member of the farming community, are there special issues which you consider should be included in the Parish Plan? Only 1 farmer completed a questionnaire, and raised no special issues.

New Commercial Development (premises)

E12 Would you like to see any type of commercial development (new-build or conversions) in Weedon? Please tick all you agree with. (% of total respondents)

50% None

35% Shop(s)

6% Workshop units

4% Office units

4% Other _____

Any further comments about **Economy**. See **Economy Comments**.

Economy

E1 & E2 Bond Bros carry veg and if more was needed he would carry it. If a 'farm shop' was started this would more than likely hit his veg sales. Then this would more than likely cause a demise of the MILK ROUND - Then Weedon would be really 'without'.	Our boiler, which is very old, is serviced by same company (Watsons) if we changed, unlikely the new company would be prepared to do the service.	A village shop, although desirable, would not be viable unfortunately.	Would like a small shop but no other development	Weedon = peace and quiet. Aylesbury = commerce.	Weedon has the great advantage of being an ideal rural residential village and should not risk changing to a commercial environment - that's what Aylesbury is for.	People often profess to want shops in village but in practice when we had one, it was not often used! That's why it closed.
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I travel about 40 miles to work and another 40 miles back every day. I would relocate if commercial premises come to the quiet tranquil safe village of Weedon. This is by far the nicest village I know and it should stay the same.	As I live alone, I would enjoy a few fresh vegetables when I needed them but not on an absolute regular basis.
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Economy - Businesses in Aylesbury Vale

E8	Own/run business in AV	Name	SignWizzard	D.M.L.	Fields Fm.	Timothy Fox	Townley Valuation Service
		Activity	Sign making	Gardener	Farming	Clothing	valuation fine arts antiques
		Location	Aylesbury	Weedon		Weedon Hill Fm	Weedon Hill
		From home?			1	1	1
E10	Promotion in Weedon?	an advert or link to own website www.signwizzard.co.uk	Danny Lynch 641570	No		possibly	Robin Townley 07811 199837

E8	Own/run business in AV	Name	Bowen Therapy	not stated	Manor Fields Vineyard	Wendover Bakery	5 Elms pub
		Activity			grape growing	bakery	pub
		Location	Weedon		Weedon	Wendover	Weedon
		From home?	1	1	1		
E10	Promotion in Weedon?	No			Smith ID 57	Marks ID 58	sleezytours@ gmail.com

E8	Own/run business in AV	Name	G&A Assoc.	not stated	Uni-Vite ALS	Lear House Properties	BDU Ltd
		Activity	Accountant	TreeSurgery	mail order	Property consultancy	Business consultancy
		Location	Home	Whaddon	A Clinton	Nationwide	Weedon
		From home?	1			1	1
E10	Promotion in Weedon?		tel.640936	Jarvis ID 16	No	Sellers ID 158	No

E8	Own/run business in AV	Name	1 Eyeline Org 2 Textcheckers	Visual Synergy
		Activity	1 Manufacturing surgical instruments 2 Copy-editing	
		Location	Weedon	
		From home?	1	
E10	Promotion in Weedon?		2 hilary@textcheckers.co.uk	No

E9	Starting business	Type	Graphic design	Confidential	Confidential	Consultancy	Not stated
		Contact	martyn.allen@me.com				

Environment Working Group**(A) Weedon's Built Environment**

- V1 Weedon is a village that retains a rural character and identity. Which aspects do you most value?
Please rate each on a scale between 1 (not valued) and 10 (highly valued). Please note you can give equal rankings to one or more aspects if you wish.

[Average score for those who answered the question – 7% did not answer it at all. If people ticked just some answers, we rated those as 10 and the unticked ones as 0]

9.0 Views and sightlines	8.2 Hedges and trees
8.2 Small size of community	9.0 Access to countryside
6.6 Diversity of character of buildings	6.8 Architecture
5.9 Public spaces	8.8 Quiet place
8.1 Community buildings eg. Pub, Old Schoolroom, Chapel	

- V2 What is your opinion of the impact of the new housing developments in Aylesbury on Weedon? (% total respondents)

(a) Buckingham Park/Weedon Hill and Berryfields	2% Beneficial	36% Neutral	60% Detrimental
(b) Proposed "Eastern Arc" growth	2% Beneficial	23% Neutral	70% Detrimental

Additional comments [see Environment Comments](#)

- V3 The population of Weedon is approximately 360. Would you like to see the population of the village:
9% Increase 88% Remain broadly the same 3% No response

- V4 Do you think Weedon should have new houses? Please tick all you agree with.
43% None 50% Limited in-fill (max 1-2 units) 13% Small developments (3-5 units) 0% Larger developments

- V5 Do you think that additional low-cost housing (eg. housing association rental or part-ownership schemes) is needed in Weedon? 23% Yes 71% No 6% No response

Why?

Of those who said **YES** to low-cost housing, and gave a reason (73% gave a reason)

Create a more balanced/diversified community	32%
Locals/their children cannot afford to stay	68%

Of those who said **NO** to low-cost housing, and gave a reason (15% gave a reason)

Detrimental to village	60%
Enough development of this type in Aylesbury	33%
Pointless as would be re-absorbed quickly	7%

- V6 If you have answered Yes to V5, where do you think that any new schemes should be considered?

18% On greenfield sites within the village 28% As in-fill only 54% On already developed land or re-use existing buildings (% of those who marked a preference)

- V7 Weedon has historically been divided into two distinct parts by the open space half way along the Aston Abbots Road. Do you think this is important to the character of Weedon? 58% Yes 32% No 10% No response

- V8 There are two Conservation Areas in Weedon: (1) High Street, Stockaway and Aston Abbots Road up to Chestnuts Farm and (2) East End. Would you like to see any change to these?

37% Yes, strengthened if possible 54% No, remain the same 4% Yes, weakened if possible 5% No response

V9 Do you think there is a problem with any of the following in Weedon? Please tick all you agree with.

21% Dog fouling 13% Horse fouling 1% Air quality 9% Speeding vehicles
 21% Litter 10% Fly-tipping 12% Noise pollution 2% Light aircraft
 Other (mentioned just once each): Flyposting Light pollution Poor drains Manure burning,
 Bonfires Hedgerows untidy/overgrown Bad car parking

If you ticked any of the above, how do you think this problem could be addressed?

Problem	Solution	Number of people mentioning
All	Put up more notices + letter to culprit if known	10
Litter	More villager clean-ups	8
Litter	More litter bins	4
Dog fouling	Dog bins	6
Noise	More trees/higher banking A413	2
Noise/speeding	Reduce speed limit A413	1
Speeding	Traffic calming	2
Aircraft nuisance	Contact local airfields/clubs	2
Bonfires	Restrict times for bonfires eg. after 7pm	1

V10 Are you satisfied with the waste collection and recycling service?

(a) Waste collection 93% Satisfied 4% Not satisfied 3% No response

Improvements: Tidier working, replace bins properly (3 out of 4 of those not satisfied)

(b) Recycling 75% Satisfied 21% Not satisfied 3% No response

Improvements	% of those not satisfied	Number of mentions
Add cardboard recycling	57%	13
Add garden waste collection	52%	12
Collect recycling more often	35%	8

Other (1 mention each):

Replace bins where resident put them	Earlier collection	Generally recycle more
Different containers to reduce blowing around	Containers heavy to move to road	

V11 What do you think about the level of street lighting?

73% About right 16% Insufficient 3% Too much 4% Badly sited 4% No response

Comments see Environment Comments

Environment Comments

V2 Aylesbury Growth

V11 Street Lighting

V16 Pavements

Note: View comments for each question independently - the column does not represent the same person.

V2 Ay devt

E Arc been dealt with v badly by AVDC following 'change of mind' from S Arc	Would harm value of Weedon as village.	Much smaller devts might be acceptable but these estates will envelope us in time and we'll just be another part of Ay.	OK if stay there & don't spread up hill	Anything which encroaches on our stunning views is detrimental. I am also concerned about the inevitable increase in traffic.	Before further housing growth more jobs in the Vale are needed	Maintain countryside	It would have been more benefit had they extended public transport and utilities such as mains gas.	Don't want any houses at all	Traffic issues
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Eastern arc would be disastrous	Brings Aylesbury much closer to us	These pose a great threat to Weedon	Concerns about volume of traffic	How long before W becomes suburb of Ay?	Creeping suburbanisation leading on to urbanisation	New to village so feel unable to comment	New ring rd round E arc good but no housing at all	Ec d'turn people not buying as many new hss Don't need more	Roads won't be adequate
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They emphasise W's special character	Could be +ve and -ve effects.	Road infrastructure or lack is concern	Increases vehicle congestion	If cld improve amenities it wld be beneficial.	No provision of ring rd round Ay	Not sure where E arc is but wldn't like any housing devt nr W	Closely packed and horrible red brick	Largely because of traffic problems	Where will they work? Infrastructure
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V11 Light

Turn off after midnight.	No more street lighting.	Too dark in AA Rd where no houses	Little dark in winter but OK	No lights at all in W Hill	We have none in W Hill	No lights in Weedon Hill at all	AA Rd to EEnd unsafe at night	Torches can be used. Most people drive after dark.	Need a little more - dark pockets
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Urban lighting not necessary	Dark in area of Corner Cottage Wheatsheaf	More wild spoil character, make like suburbia	Light at AA Rd end of High St not needed - too bright.	Keeps village private.	see comment re Lilies end High St	Light between Barracks + Lilies High St (v dark)	Turn lights off at 2300	A few more lights needed	Some lights High St needlessly high intensity
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Don't think intensity of light needs to be increased, but walk through the village late at night without a torch will reveal dark spots!	East End is very dark. Would better lit entrance/ exit lights help detect boy racers?
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V16 Pavements

Opposite sheep field on corner of bottom of Aston Abbotts road the location and pavement and state of hedges make it dangerous to cross.	Not level/even AA Rd down to Chapel	Cracking+sinking 88 AA Rd	AA Rd, and cars parked on pavements	Weeds in pavement AA Rd	Improve f'path W to A413, & along A413 betwn W turns and Ay	Hedges overhang f'path at Hinton Hs, Turpins O	Weeds & grass growing through pavement. Uneven ground.	Weeds on paths	Damage caused vehicles driving too close verges
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Down to A413. Along course between roads	High St	Pavements High St irregular	High St pavement Wheatshaf to Manor Fm
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Environment Working Group**(B) Weedon's Natural Environment**

V12 How often do you use the village footpaths?

38% Two times or more each week 24% Two times or more each month 28% A few times each year
9% Very rarely/Never

V13 Would any of the following make you more likely to use them? (Tick all that apply)

18% Yes, if they were better maintained 14% Yes, if they were more accessible
13% Yes, if they were better signposted and marked 20% Yes, if they were better connected/more "circular walks"
50% No, I am unlikely to change my usage regardless of any improvements

V14 Weedon's footpaths currently lack stiles and gates easily accessible by people with limited mobility, small children and dogs. Would you support a programme to install more accessible "kissing gates" or "dog-friendly" stiles?

83% Yes 11% No 6% No response

V15 Do you think that the grass on the verges and in the public areas in the village is currently mown ...?

2% Too often 12% Not often enough 85% About right

V16 Are you satisfied with the condition and maintenance of pavements in Weedon?

79% Yes 13% No 8% No response

If No, please highlight any specific issues and their location [see Environment Comments](#)

V17 Would you like to see more trees planted in the public areas and at road sides in Weedon (such as those planted along New Road in recent years)?

57% Yes 4% No 37% Only to replace dead or diseased trees

V18 Would you like to see more flowers and plants established in the public areas in the village?

67% Yes 25% No 8% No response

Where? 49% At village entrances 32% On the village green (the Park)
(% of total respondents) 22% By the pond 20% In other prominent locations

If you have ticked other locations, please specify where (1 mention unless marked).

AA Rd Chestnuts Fm up to E End (2) On lamp posts/hanging (2) Cooks Hill verges
Village entrance from Aston Abbotts Anywhere and everywhere

V19 To fund improvements under some of the initiatives mentioned above, the parish share (precept) of the Council Tax might have to be increased. What would you consider to be a reasonable additional sum that an average household should be asked to pay each year for these?

23% Nothing 34% £5 per year more 30% £20 per year more 4% £50 per year more 9% No response

Additional analysis

There are 169 homes in Weedon Village (including Buckingham Road). Applying the above percentages to the total gives:

23% x 169 give nothing	£ 0
34% x 169 give £5	£ 287.30
30% x 169 give £20	£1,014.00
4% x 169 give £50	£ 338.00

Total	£1,639.30

Any further comments about **Environment**. [See Environment Comments](#)

Environment

ref.V7: the two fields are not really a divide of village and is in keeping with a country village. Seems to be a loaded question. Should we allow these particular pieces of land to be built on? As per petitions, etc. No	re V4: Limited in-fill if in keeping with village	Considering the age of the population, perhaps more exercise would be taken if two or three seats were provided in the village i.e. by the well in the High Street, half way up New Road and by the bin in Aston Abbotts Road , above Turpins Orchard.	ref. V19: depends on perceived benefit.	not sure how much the parish precept is and how it is spent.	Majority of people respect the Country Code while walking the footpaths. However a minority do not. Remember that the field you walk in is my office and the livestock are my livelihood. When there is no stock in the field I do not mind people walking anywhere.	Adequate cycle / footpath to Ay	Footpath gate by Morwenna needs replacing. Troughs at village entrances with spring bulbs/summer bedding/winter pansies or the like would look nice
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ref V15: grass often cut too close to hedges and often before wild flowers have seeded.	Perhaps grass cutting not quite enough during peak growing season.	We have one of the best views of the Chilterns & Aylesbury. Please can the gap between the Gibbs' house and Turpin's Orchard be protected before the newly planted Leylandii obliterate the view.	Road surface Northcroft is a disgrace. Hedge in High St opposite Manor Farm is too high and restricts daylight. I think Bucks Herald should take an interest in what goes on in our village hall - and of course special events and skills.	Any costly new initiatives should be put to villagers, so that individuals can decide to contribute, rather than the cost being imposed via Council Tax.	Kissing gates should be a one-off expenditure, for which grants may be available, so an annual payment should be unnecessary. Remember it's not long ago Weedoners were paying almost the highest precept in Aylesbury Vale!	I moved here 20 years ago because I thought it was perfect, and I still do. But I understand the need for a parish plan.
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I like Weedon just the way it is. Some small-scale changes might be beneficial, but, on the whole, changes are likely to upset as many inhabitants as they benefit. People who don't like living in Weedon do not generally stay very long, which leaves a community of fairly like-	AVDC should have more competent and better qualified staff to oversee control of the conservation area and historic buildings.	See old plans of Weedon and large nos of trees along roadways etc. We should replace these trees.	Street lighting ends in High St at the level with Lilies Drive. Should ideally continue to "village" 30mph sign.	Weedon's footpath systems are not user-friendly. Stiles and gates are below an acceptable standard particularly for people with limited mobility.	If we don't start to lift the blanket opposition to changing construction in Weedon we will lose any credibility when we have a "major" issue/campaign to address.	No bonfires before 6pm or at summer wknds & bank hols
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Social and Community Working Group**Activities and facilities (adults)**

S1 How often do you attend something at the village hall (Old Schoolroom)?

15% Once a week 17% More than once a month 46% Occasionally 19% Never

Would you be more likely to use it more often if something changed about it? 12% Yes 48% No 40% No response
If yes, what would need to change?**Change****Number of people mentioning**

More/different activities

11

= 85% of those who would use it more

Equipment-related

2

(a) Better lighting/not so hot (b) Better seating – more modern chairs

Discounts for OAPs

1

More info about what's on

1

S2 How often do you use the village pub to eat or drink?

5% Daily 18% Once a week 14% More than once a month 45% Occasionally 16% Never

Would you be more likely to use it more often if the offer changed in some way? 13% Yes 54% No 33% No response

If yes, what would need to change?

Change**Number of people mentioning**

Morning Coffee/Afternoon tea

3

Child-friendly/children's meals

3

More varied menu

2

More snacks/light meals lunchtime

3

Improve vegetarian menu/increase options

2

Quiz nights

2

Weekly specials eg Steak Night, Credit Crunch Night

2

Curry Night (inc takeaway)

Cheaper daily specials

1

Takeaway service

1

Beer to be better kept

1

S3 What sporting or leisure activities would you be likely to participate in regularly in Weedon if the facilities existed?

Bold and underline 20+**Bold 10+****Outdoor sports**6 Cricket **28 Walking**

3 Football 3 Athletics

16 Tennis **16 Shooting**

6 Netball 14 Golf

7 Fishing

Indoor sports**28 Pilates****25 Dancing****26 Fitness/Gym****14 Table tennis**

0 Volleyball

Indoor activities/clubs/courses

7 Investment

20 Wine Appreciation

3 Darts/Dominoes

13 Drama Group

9 Computing

2 Collecting

20 Whist/Bridge/Other Card Game**14 Languages****20 Film Society****18 Choir****16 Other Music****25 Gardening**

2 Scrapbook

Other

3 Book Club

2 Tai Chi

2 Village band

1 each Art Bingo Rock climbing Rugby Archery U3A

S4 Would you be interested in starting or running a sporting or leisure activity club or adult education class in Weedon?

5 Yes

If yes, which? 1 each: Junior Drama Drumming Gardening Nutrition/Fitness Study circles Creative writing

- S5 Do you think the current play equipment at the Park is sufficient/suitable? 48% Yes 21% No 31% No response
Of those with under 18s, 89% did not think equipment was sufficient/suitable

If no, please comment further.

Improvements	% of those not satisfied	Number of mentions
Equipment for younger kids	42%	10
Baby swing	46%	11
Wendy house		2

Other (1 mention each):

Concern at type of wood used – too many slits	Needs updating
Limited range	More room to run
Additional required	Not bright enough
Mainly aimed at younger kids	Ground surfacing
Steps up to slide not safe as only one hand rail with big gap between	

- S6 Do you think there is a need for a village Recreation Ground in addition to the Park? 26% Yes 49% No 25% N/R

If yes, any suggestions as to where?

Where	Number of people mentioning
Somewhere flat	5
Field opposite Hinton House/next Chapel	4
Lilies tennis court	2
Land between Hinton Hs and Park	2
Part of show field or other off New Rd	3
Top field between Hinton Hs/Field Hs and AA Rd houses	3
Old allotments	2
Top Lines Hill	1

Communication/Community spirit

- S7 How do you get information about what's going on in Weedon? Tick all that apply. 10% Website 29% Email
85% Parish mag 74% Notice boards 44% Parish Council Newsletter 68% Leaflets
Other: 4% Pub 14% Word of mouth/gossip

- S8 Would you be interested in carrying out any services for others in the village?
27% Yes, as a volunteer 4% Yes, on a paid basis 13% Yes, on a barter/exchange basis 39% No

If yes, please indicate which services

Service	Number of people mentioning	
Lifts to doctor/shopping etc	6	
Shopping/collect prescriptions	6	
Gardening	3	
General help for elderly	3	
Household minor chores eg DIY	3	
Services related to own business	2	Signs Bowen Therapy
Musical performances	2	
Others (1 each): Dog walking Deliver leaflets Meals for housebound/elderly Host small functions at home		

Crime/Policing

S9 Do you consider police coverage of the area to be adequate? 45% Yes 40% No 15% No response

If no, what would you like to see?

Additional policing

Number of people mentioning

Police presence on foot more often	26	58% of those saying inadequate
Police speed control	6	13%
Better response time	3	

S10 Has anyone in your household been personally affected by any of the following in Weedon in the past 3 years?

72% No 16% Yes 12% No response

1% Vandalism 4% Anti-social behaviour 11% Theft/Burglary 5% Vehicle damage 0% Personal injury
[percentages add up to more than total Yes % as people marked more than one]

S11 Did you know that Weedon has a Neighbourhood Watch scheme? 79% Yes 16% No 5% No response

If yes, are you actively involved in it, and in what way? 11% Actively involved

If no, would you like to be? 10% would like to be (11 people)

Faith/Religion

S12 How important to you is attending a place of worship regularly?

23% Very important 26% Fairly important Therefore 55% very or fairly important 42% Not at all important

If very or fairly important, are your needs covered in the local area accessible to you? 5% No [3 people]

Comments: 1 would like a Sunday School; 2 gave no reason for needs not being covered

Any further comments about **Social and Community**. See [Social and Community Comments](#)

Social+Community

A "fitness trail" would be fun. How about round the back of Lilies or the back path from the High Street behind Manor House Farmhouse.	It is always the same people that "do" and the same that supports events. We somehow need to involve more.	Musical events are usually successful and so should be encouraged.	Barter: Tree / branch cutting / logging in exchange for light gardening / flowers etc.	Interested in helping with activities for village eg Clean-up etc.
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Transport Working Group**Cars and Road Safety**

T1 How many vehicles (cars/vans) are in your household? 4% None 28% 1 46% 2 21% 3 or more
Therefore % with a car 95%

Where is/are your vehicle/s usually parked? 28% Garage 60% Drive 12% Road
[% of cars parked in these places]

T2 If you regularly travel by car outside Weedon, would you be interested in a car-sharing scheme? 13% Yes

If yes, where do you regularly travel to, and when?

Route/Time	Number of people mentioning	Already doing
School run Swanbourne	3	2
Commuting hours Leighton Buzzard station	3	2
Commuting hours Aylesbury station	1	
Work hours Aylesbury town	1	
Daytime Aylesbury shopping etc	4	

T3 Do you believe speeding is an issue in Weedon? 72% Yes 25% No 3% No response

If yes, at any particular location(s)?

Place	Number of people mentioning	
Aston Abbots Road	47	58% of those who think it is an issue
High Street	14	17%
5 Elms crossroads	10	12%
New Road	9	11%
Chapel corner of AA Rd	3	
A413	2	all live on Buckingham Rd/A413

T4 Is there enough residential parking space in the village? 48% Yes 33% No 19% No response

If no, where would you like to see more?

Place	Number of people mentioning	
High Street	9	64% of those expressed a preference
Aston Abbots Road	2	
1 reference each to:	Chapel/Abby Cott	Pub
		Own drive or garden

T5 Does Weedon need a village car park for visitors? 32% Yes 58% No 10% No response

If yes, any ideas where it could be situated?

Place	Number of people mentioning	
Next to Park	5	
Near pub	4	
Near Chapel	4	
Land near Abbey Cottage	2	
Aston Abbots Road	2	
1 reference each to:	New Road	part of show field nearest village

T6 Are there any locations where you feel pedestrians are particularly at risk? 59% Yes 27% No 14% No response

If yes, please state where, and how safety could be improved.

Place	Number of people mentioning	
Five Elms crossroads	49	74% of those who thought pedestrians at risk
Top of New Road	7	
Chestnuts Farm bend AA Road	6	
High Street	2	
Aston Abbots Road	2	
1 reference each to:		Cooks Hill Chapel when event on

Potential improvements	Number of people mentioning	
Traffic calming	7	
Mirrors	5	
Other signs eg 20 is Plenty	4	
Rumble strip(s)	2	
Ensure hedges trimmed	2	
1 reference each to:		Speed camera Better lighting Speed indicator sign Road markings
		Raise crossroads Change traffic priority 20mph limit centre of village
		Trim back ivy on Royal George wall at corner

Public Transport - Bus

T7 Does anyone in your household regularly use the village bus services?

8% Frequently 12% Occasionally Therefore 20% Ever use 75% Never use 5% No response

If yes, which route(s) do you most often travel and when? See Transport (1) Excel

T8 Is the current bus service adequate (in respect of times, routes, location of stops, disability access etc)? 36% No
If no, please comment See Transport (3) Excel

T9 What bus service would you be seriously likely to use if it was available and reliable?
See Transport (2) Excel

T10 If there were an evening bus service to and from Aylesbury, how often might you use this?

3% Daily 6% Once a week 0% Once a month 20% Occasionally
Total 29% likely ever to use 49% Unlikely to use 22% No response

T11 Is there a need for one or more bus shelters in the village? 15% Yes 41% No 44% No response

If yes, at which stops would you prefer to see them located?

Place	Number of people mentioning
A413	7
Village end of New Road	5
New Road (general)	3
East End	4
High Street	1

Transport Bus Details

Routes used by current users

T7 Village bus services used?	Frequently Occasionally	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Routes used 1	From To When	Weedon Aylesbury	East End Aylesbury Wednesday	East End Aylesbury a.m.	Rectory Fm Aylesbury most days	Rectory Fm Aylesbury all days/times	Weedon Aylesbury Wed Fri 10am	East End Aylesbury 10am
Routes used 2	From To When		East End Aylesbury Friday	Main road Aylesbury p.m.		Rectory Fm Buckingham all days/times		Aylesbury East End
Routes used 3	From To When		Winslow bus Saturday			Rectory Fm MK Wed 10am		

T7 Village bus services used?	Frequently Occasionally	1	1
Routes used 1	From To When	Weedon Aylesbury am	Weedon Aylesbury wknds
Routes used 2	From To When	Aylesbury Weedon am	Aylesbury Weedon wknds
Routes used 3	From To When		

T7 Village bus services used?	Frequently Occasionally	1	1	1	1	1	1
Routes used 1	From To When	Whitchurch Weedon	Weedon Aylesbury	Weedon Aylesbury am	Weedon Aylesbury am	Aylesbury Weedon pm/eve	Weedon Aylesbury
Routes used 2	From To When						
Routes used 3	From To When						

T7 Village bus services used?	Frequently Occasionally	1	1	1	1	1	1
Routes used 1	From To When	Weedon Aylesbury Sat am	Weedon Aylesbury 8 a.m.	Weedon Aylesbury	Weedon Aylesbury a.m.	Weedon Aylesbury fri a.m.	Weedon Aylesbury school hols
Routes used 2	From To When		Aylesbury Weedon 4.45 p.m.		Aylesbury Weedon p.m.	Aylesbury Weedon fri a.m.	Aylesbury Oxford school hols
Routes used 3	From To When						

Transport Bus Details

Is current service adequate?

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes							
No	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Not sure of bus times but know only occasional	Didn't know we had any, but would struggle to use for work	Should be rush hr buses right into village	With my limitations Wed and Fri are great for me. Community bus fantastic service Sat am.	No bus servc through village in working hrs	Too far to walk to main rd.	Bus into village No servc for wrk hrs, schools etc

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes							
No	1	1	1	1	?	1	1
	Should be every half hour	Hourly service insufficient. Evening bus reqd	All buses Buck'm to Ay shld go thru W	Friday service to be cancd in few wks. Can't use with shopping trolley 'cos can't get it up step onto bus. Driver not allowed to help	I didn't know a bus came to Weedon	Low loader bus essential for easier access - not always avail	Not really adequate but potential so low doesn't warrant provisn Not enough services right into village.

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes							
No	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	V few buses stop. Timetables not updated	No timetable	Couple of buses a day is not a 'service'	Make sure timetables always available	That's why Karen stopped using it	No evening bus	Does not meet ANY of those criteria More regular. Not nice New Rd in dark.

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes							
No	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	not enough	Not enough buses at wknd	Totally inadequate & expensive	Too few buses, often not comig through village	Earlier & later buses along A413 useful for commuting	May be sufficient for those who use but no good for commuters	see comment below Not suitable elderly. Too far from village.

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes			
No	1	1	1
	Would use more if more frequent & easily accessible	too infrequent	To consider use, bus through village on regular ie. hrly basis Too infrequent for non-car-users

T8 Current service
adequate?

Yes	1	1
No		
	As long as you have a car	Adequate if have car so bus is emergency only

Transport Bus Use
Potential

Routes specified by potential users

T9 Potential bus use

Route 1	From	Weedon	Weedon		Weedon	East End	Weedon Hill	Rectory Fm	Weedon
	To	Aylesbury	Aylesbury		Aylesbury	TownCentre	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Milton Keyn.
	When	mon/wed	8 a.m.	Mon Fri 8am	10am-4pm	7.30-8.30	wknd	most days	9 a.m.
Route 2	From		Aylesbury		Weedon	TownCentre	and back		
	To		Weedon	back	MiltonKeyn.	Weedon			
	When		4.45 p.m.	Mon Fri 6pm	10am-4pm	4-10pm			

T9 Potential bus use

Route 1	From	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon
	To	Aylesbury	Winslow	Winslow	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Aylesbury
	When		Thu 7pm	Thu 7pm	am wkdays	Sat	wkdys day	wknd	wkdays 10-1
Route 2	From		Winslow	Winslow	Aylesbury		Aylesbury	Weedon	
	To		Weedon	Weedon	Weedon		Weedon	Waddesdon	
	When		Thu 10pm	Thu 10pm	pm wkdays		wkdys day	4-8pm wk wknds	

T9 Potential bus use

Route 1	From	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	Weedon	W High St	Weedon
	To	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Ayl stn	Aylesbury	Aylesbury	Ay centre	Aylesbury
	When	oncedaily	am	am/pm commuter	pm			Fri daytime
Route 2	From	Weedon	Aylesbury		and back	Aylesbury		
	To	Surgery	Weedon			Weedon		
	When		am					

Cycling

T12 Do you ever use cycling as a means of transport (rather than a leisure activity)?

2% Daily 1% Once a week 1% Once a month 8% Occasionally
 Total 12% ever use 81% Never use 7% No response

	Number	
If yes, where to: From Weedon to Aylesbury workdays	6	67% of those marking a route
From Weedon to Whitchurch	2	
From Rectory Farm to Weedon village	1	

T13 Is there anything which would attract you to use cycling as a means of transport?

64% No, unlikely to cycle regularly 15% Yes 21% No response

IF Number of people mentioning
 Path to Aylesbury upgraded or A413 Cycle lane 15 88% of those who would cycle more

1 mention each: Personal circumstances change (eg kids too small) Safe cycle route to L/Buzz station

Any further comments about **Transport**. [See Transport Comments](#)

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

[See Comments General](#)

Transport

Having been without a driving licence for a couple of years (due to ill health) it quickly became apparent that there was pretty much no public transport I could use to get to and from work without having to walk a mile or so to and from bus stop. Also with no evening buses I was unable to go out unless I was prepared to pay £10 or more for a taxi.	My daughter has had two car accidents at both entrances from main Aylesbury road into Weedon. One visitor leaving our home onto Aston Abbotts Road had accident. Myself one accident turning into New Road. All in last two years. Myself one accident turning into New Road.	Although I don't cycle I think there should be a proper cycle way from Whitchurch to Aylesbury. This could be linked to improvements to the path. I am not sure that any improvements to public transport in Weedon would increase useage. However some people do rely on the buses we have now and they should be kept at all cost. Perhaps when we join with Aylesbury we will get a decent bus service.	Only one issue of major importance to this family and that's speeding from Aston Abbotts into Weedon. Traffic does not slow until they reach East End which is a major concern when you have two disabled children who have no road sense at all through their disability and no fault of their own. A traffic calming island (narrowing measure) by the entry signs to Weedon would solve the problem. And as this only affects residents this end I don't feel it is pushed forward enough. I would rather see money spent on this (which may save a life) than on grocery runs and grass cutting. Parcel vans at 60 mph is not what we need!	Given up. If the track from Weedon to Aylesbury was properly surfaced & maintained - any attempt to use leads to punctures.
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Hedge on nearside of road from gated road towards Weedon deparately needs cutting back off the road. I don't recall it ever being done. Makes road narrow and dangerous.	May cycle to Ay stn in future but decision not affected by facilities	NO to any speed bumps - damage to cars	1 bus a day might as well not exist. Need 3/4 a day to be effective or even young people ignore it.	Car is essential, but small people carrier could be used to get non-drivers to doctor etc.
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If you live in Weedon, a car is a necessity. Weekly shopping is almost impossible without a car, and daily shopping takes up too much time waiting for the hourly buses. The bus is just about adequate for the occasional exception.	Traffic Calming Entrances to village should have dummy gates on the verges (as Wendover). Big psychological effect. Ambulance friendly speed bumps needed at each entrance to village and further pair outside church.	Car park needed for pub, visitors wishing to view / walk / friends etc. & if the village hall is to be used for a commercial plus chapel attendances.	I don't think the idea of a subway works! Just because there is a risk doesn't demand solutions. We need less road furniture and markings of pavements, not more.	Bus service Wed & Fri very reliable and is my only means of independent travel. It is very important to me that the bus continues to come and serve EEnd. It is generally the elderly that catch the 10 o'clock bus into Aylesbury which is a shame as very friendly reliable service.
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Comments General

I try to walk to and from work as often as possible but the appalling state of the footpath between Weedon and Aylesbury makes this quite a challenge. Due to my illness I struggle somewhat with my balance so the loose gravelly surface of the path is extremely difficult to walk on.	I am very concerned now the haystacks have gone and conifers have been planted and established which in a short period will ruin the view and openness at Aston Abbotts road near Chestnuts. SPEED: I am also very concerned about the speed of vehicles outside my house where the pathway from my gate to the road with cars opposite parked. The through traffic often is over 50 mph and is inches away from my feet and dogs. The speed limit is supposed to be 30 mph and it is unsafe for pedestrians. It is very hard to cross the road by foot or drive out onto the Aston Abbotts road. Very often the properties either side of this road shake or vibrate due to the speed of vehicles.	We have only lived in village for a short time but are very happy with the excellent community spirit. Unfortunately due to work commitments our spare time is limited. But, as a family, we are willing to help in the village in any way possible to keep it such a lovely place to live.	1. Should be a notice board showing village footpaths. 2. Footpath leaflet should be re-published with copies available to residents & visitors in pub & chapel. 3. Garages on Aston Abbotts road look untidy need replacing or demolishing and replaced with low cost housing.	Not living in Weedon Village itself we get none of the benefits paid for in our local rates. The reflector posts that we fought to have at our entrance to W H farm were run over by an out of control bus some years ago and we cannot get them replaced causing great difficulty locating our own entrance at night especially now dark evenings are upon us again with such increased traffic loads (headlights approaching) on A413. Speed of which also now causes problems in both directions on leaving the farm out A413 There has been a serious accident because of this. Also, we have to put up with stench of Hardwick & Weedon sewage system which seems impossible to be taken seriously by anyone in authority. How about some flowers at entrance to Weedon Hill Farm ?!?! or even better - grass bays being cut so we can see our entrance onto - yes- the A413 again.	Danger of accident at crossroads in centre of village. Reduce speed as walkers are at risk & noise is too high.
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As I have lived in the village for 55 years I think the village is about right.	More activities for village events: Summer fete. Scarecrow competition annual. Hog roast evening. Float in summer-joint with other villages. Organic food festival. Also: update website.	Lived in Weedon 91 years!	We could do with a mini roundabout at junction of A413 & New Road. Also something to make the traffic slow down to 30mph in the village.	Reduce speed on A413 to 50mph absolute max!! Reduce accidents.
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Reduce speed on A413 to 50mph absolute max!! Reduce accidents.	Unfortunately we are likely to be moving in Feb. unless a suitable house comes up for rent or purchase.	I have lived in the village since 1953. I love Weedon very much and would like it kept pretty much the same as it is now for future generations to enjoy as much as I have.	We live in a very attractive village and still not joined to Aylesbury- this we need to retain.	Although very new to the village we like it very much and think everything should be done to preserve it as a small characterful village. We hope to get more involved in community activities as time goes on.
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Parking bays need to be painted outside the Barracks due to bad parkers! Maybe speed bumps in High St and down AA Rd to stop speeding.	I have only lived in Weedon for 15 months, but have never lived in a more beautiful location and I think it is very important that its natural beauty and peacefulness should be retained.	My only view would be that to be very careful not to alter the character and perceived character of the village. Most of the people who live here do so by choice and because of its value to them. Changing this would be detrimental. I do however feel that a small local store would help both in terms of community and from an added value perspective.	If the village wanted to hold village events at Lilies, we would be willing to discuss.	As the buses are so infrequent, a list of those who might be willing to shop for or give a lift to someone without a car would be good. This is already done on an informal basis but if a specific day was convenient for a driver that person could be contacted for a lift that day . Just a thought
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Comments General

<p>I have severe problems with the bus service that is available. It also concerns those who are too young to drive and older retired people who need the buses as only means of transport. My problem is exacerbated by my knee problem. Waiting for buses in inclement weather adds to the frustration. (These comments were edited by MJN from a very long dissertation)</p>	<p>Weedon is still a relatively small community. Any initiatives need continuous momentum and commitment in order to flourish. It is difficult to avoid the chicken/egg situation but we believe a recreation/sports field would be of benefit to all residents-not just for the sport but for fetes and balls and other joint village events.- somewhere the youngsters could congregate without having to travel. A local (cheap) taxi service would be useful. Some of the Aylesbury services have £10 on the clock before they arrive. It would be great to have someone who is dedicated to serving the villagers. Website: Getting this "made over" and villagers buy in to using it regularly would make quite a difference to the messages which are circulated. It would be lovely to have some regular noticeboards /blogs/info. sharing pieces on there, something more" interactive"-a village social network. What about asking a college student to take it on as a project?</p>	<p>We used to have a post office & shop but people didn't support it enough except the elderly. It was a meeting place for a chat. It annoys us that people say Weedon is split in two. Weedon is a village & always has been-not up here & down there. When our children were small we had no play area. They are lucky to have some swings, etc. now. Speeding is an issue in Weedon. Traffic calming of some sort would help as long as combines, tractors, etc. can get through. Cars parked on bends should be looked into. If people have drives they should use them. Once in a while is OK but not all the time. I don't complain what people want to do with their property but it does seem unfair when some people get turned down for houses and others double the size of theirs or build with no trouble at all.</p>	<p>Transport: The village is too small to allow regular buses to struggle with narrow roads and tight bends, which are all part of the village character. So a bus service which would satisfy the needs of the young and car-less would adversely change the character of the rural village - from being tranquil to being busy and suburban. Those who like suburbia tend to live there, and the minority who don't, choose (if they are fortunate) to live in rural villages. The tendency to provide peaceful rural communities with all the facilities of towns and suburbs should be avoided. Maintain the distinction and encourage people to choose one or the other, because a "happy medium" is a dim possibility.</p>	<p>Weedon retains its largely rural identity despite its proximity to Aylesbury (which is moving ever closer). The MDA's at Weedon Hill, and the possibility of an "Eastern Arc" are a fact of life and are separate and distinct issues which fall outside the scope of this plan. However, what does remain within our control is the preservation of fine balance that currently exists in our village of a pretty and largely unspoilt character and a vibrant community. We are fortunate that the Rural Area Local Plan has categorised Weedon as an Appendix 2 village in which development is restricted to small scale, permitted in-fill and rounding off. It is important that we support this and recognise that exception planning, for whatever reason, can destroy the special quality of a village very quickly. The over-development and very opportunistic development of Hardwick shows just how these developments can change the appearance of a small village very quickly.</p>	<p>For me personally, nothing needs to be done to improve Weedon very much. I wonder if another questionnaire about people's interests (eg. whist, scrabble, theatre going) would be useful to form "self-help groups".</p>
	<p>See the Aston Abbotts chronicle (MJN has got it) for a better example of a local newsletter - these chatty items are engaging as well as personal. A website (or even a newsletter) along these lines would be great. The pub really needs to get into the act too.</p>		<p>Social & Environment: Many villagers have moved to this environment to escape from the problems and unpleasantries of towns and would not want to see a return to that style of life.</p>	<p>Similarly attempts at "social engineering" should be resisted. If villages three times the size of Weedon (eg. Whitchurch/Stewkley) can't support a village shop any longer then the notion that "if Weedon was bigger we could have more facilities" cannot be supported by the facts and realities of rural life in the 21st century. The vast majority of Weedon residents have chosen to live here (and often paid a very substantial premium to do so) BECAUSE it is a small rural village and we need to recognise that.</p>	

Comments General

Why not make better use of email? For those who are willing it is an easy & quick way of communicating & getting response. What a shame email addresses were not asked for in this qu'aire. I would be willing to help with village clean up / upgrading projects if needed. How about a village clean up more often?	I would be willing to supply a farm shop/community shop with locally baked bakery fare, products etc. At present I have a few customers in Weedon which I supply bread/cakes etc, the first one being Joanna Rose who was my first customer and several more have requested the home delivery service. A leaflet drop is planned for October to promote the service further to Weedon, Hardwick, Aston Abbots, Whitchurch.	A leaflet about available public transport could be helpful to newcomers to the village (should they have car problems). Also recycling information (which is available already) should be provided. In Germany people are given taxi vouchers to get to the hospital if they are unable to drive.	Weedon is a wonderful village however the large majority of the village have little or no contact with the remainder. This is a common malaise for which I have no remedy. Your efforts are hugely welcomed by us. P.S. If we win the raffle please put it back and draw again Slee	We are a very small village with little elbow room for change. Any physical changes will necessarily have an impact or be an unwelcome encroachment on somebody's life. Careful consideration of every suggestion as is already the case is our safeguard. However, I hope that we do not stagnate and that there will always be a flow of bright ideas for the enhancement and improvement of the village. The problem of parking remains. Events at the chapel and the Old Schoolroom congest our roads that are already lined with cars of villagers who have no garages or parking areas. When the Schoolroom is let are those who are renting it given instructions as to where they can park? Say along one side of New Rd?
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PARISH PLAN

**NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2010**

We have now analysed the responses from the questionnaires returned by you.

The response rate was excellent. Out of a total of 169 questionnaires distributed to each home, we received a total of 112 back – **66%**.

104 questionnaires were returned from the 151 delivered to the core village – an even higher response rate of **69%**.

The **£50 voucher** for the Five Elms was won by Nigel and Ina Smith of Northcroft.

Drafting the plan

The first draft of the Parish Plan document is now being prepared. This involves each Working Group approving the text, and recommended action plans, applicable to its remit. We hope to release a consultation draft of the written plan to villagers before the summer holidays.

**The Economy
Transport**

**The Environment
Social and Community**

We intend to make the document as reader-friendly as possible, with lots of pictures. If you have any particularly good ones, please give them to Ralph Followell (in digital form if possible).

Initiatives already under way

In the meantime initiatives are being started in a number of areas. This newsletter identifies those, and in each case indicates a liaison person who will act as a point of contact.

Please do let this person know of your interest directly, even if you already “ticked the box” on your questionnaire, in order to ensure you are kept fully informed.

A Message from the Chairman

May I reiterate my thanks and appreciation for the tremendous response you showed to the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

We have a marvellous information base now from which to determine our action points for the written plan, and many issues are already being tackled by various people and organisations within the village.

Action in many of the areas of concern or interest quite simply depends on a volunteer being willing to take on the responsibility. Activities such as the Art Class, the Camera Club and the Film Society have all started in the last couple of years due to the enthusiasm of just one individual or a small group.

It was a real pleasure to read all your comments about Weedon. So many expressed their affection and appreciation for the village, and I will have pleasure in ensuring that these feelings are reflected in the final Parish Plan.

Please don't stop making your views heard! If there's anything you want to add to your previous comments, do ring me on 641278 or email at michael.nagele@btinternet.com.

Mike Nagele

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mike Nagele Tel: 641278 e-mail: michael.nagele@btinternet.com

Secretary: Ralph Followell **Treasurer:** Mike Moore

Committee Members

Hilary Bates	Chris Birks	Jonathan Freeman-Attwood	Jonathan Hopper	Jan Jones
Morley Jones	Andy Mitchell	Joanna Rose	Glyn Thomas	Julie Tovey

The main point of contact is the **Secretary**, Ralph Followell
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e-mail: ralph.followell@btinternet.com

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

Working Group Leader: **Hilary Bates**
Tel: 641260 e-mail: hilary@textcheckers.com

New Activities and Clubs

- At least **20** people ticked the box to indicate their interest in the following potential new activities:
 - **Walking**
 - **Pilates**
 - **Dance**
 - **Fitness/Gym**
 - **Wine Appreciation**
 - **Gardening**
 - **Whist/Bridge/Other Card Games**

For these to get off the ground, volunteer organisers interested in setting up groups are needed.

Contact: **Hilary Bates** 641260
e-mail hilary@textcheckers.com

Sports and play facilities

- A major review of the Park **play area equipment**, with a particular focus on the needs of younger children (under 5s) will be undertaken.

If you have any particular contacts which could be helpful in sourcing equipment or funding, or you would like to be involved in detailed discussions, please contact Sarah Gibbs.

Contact: **Sarah Gibbs**
e-mail sarah_gibbs@btopenworld.com

Communication

- With so many events and functions now going on in the village, a **Calendar Co-ordinator** could fulfil a useful role. Individuals and organisations could contact this person who would inform the website managers, and have the information to pre-warn of date clashes.
- An independent village newsletter, with the emphasis on NEWS, has been suggested by a number of people. A volunteer **Newsletter Editor** is sought.
- The Weedon village website www.weedonbucks.org.uk was designed some years ago. A volunteer **Website Developer** could update and carry out a make-over of the site.

Contact: **Hilary Bates** 641260
e-mail hilary@textcheckers.com

Neighbourhood Watch

- There is a long-established Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village, with local co-ordinators who receive alerts from the police by phone and/or email on local crime. An annual meeting is held.

Current co-ordinators are:

East End	Judy Nagele
Aston Abbotts Rd	Jill Lynch
Aston Abbotts Rd	Ralph Followell
Stockaway	Mike Moore
Lilies	Roy Maddock-Lyon

Due to people moving away from the village, the High Street is currently without a co-ordinator receiving alerts. If you would like to get involved as a co-ordinator, or in any other way, please contact Joanna Rose.

Contact: **Joanna Rose** 641622
e-mail joanna@cjrose.net

THE ENVIRONMENT

Working Group Leader: **Chris Birks**
Tel: 641216 e-mail: cbirks@irfocus.co.uk

Natural Environment

- There was interest from the village for improvements in footpath access, kissing gates instead of stiles, additional tree and flower planting, and other enhancements to Weedon's natural environment.

An **Open Meeting** is planned for the Spring/Summer to discuss progressing these issues. Look out for publicity on the date.

Built Environment

- The Working Group is considering all the issues raised in the questionnaire.

THE ECONOMY

Working Group Leader: **Morley Jones**
Tel: 641828 e-mail: morley.jones@btinternet.com

Heating Oil Bulk Supply

- A co-operative purchasing group has been set up for heating oil. Purchases are likely to be made at least three times yearly, in March, September and early December, to get the benefit of the keenest prices and surest delivery. The first bulk delivery was made to co-op members in March this year.

New members are welcome. Please contact Jerry Boylan.

Contact: **Jerry Boylan**
e-mail jeremy.boylan@virgin.net

Calor Gas Bulk Supply

- Chris Measures is investigating the possibility of a similar bulk purchasing arrangement for Calor gas. Note this scheme would be for filling of bulk storage tanks, not for supply of smaller canisters.

Please contact Chris if you are interested.

Contact: **Chris Measures**
e-mail chris@chrismeasures.com

Allotments

- Interest in allotments was expressed by a number of people. Please confirm your definite interest in renting or sharing an allotment in the village, so that possible provision can be investigated further.

Contact: **Mike Moore** 641915
e-mail moorepilgrim@btinternet.com

Internet/Upgraded Broadband/Cable

- Service options and costs are being looked at by Elliot Lewis. Please let him know if you are interested.

Contact: **Elliot Lewis**
e-mail elliott@visualsynergy.co.uk

TRANSPORT

Working Group Leader: **Glyn Thomas**
Tel: 641435 e-mail: glynrmthomas@btinternet.com

Voluntary car sharing scheme

- Anyone interested in participating in a Car Sharing or Volunteer Driver scheme, either as a **Driver** (with your own vehicle), or as a **Passenger** please contact Glyn Thomas.

Contact: **Glyn Thomas** 641435
email glynrmthomas@btinternet.com

STAGE 5

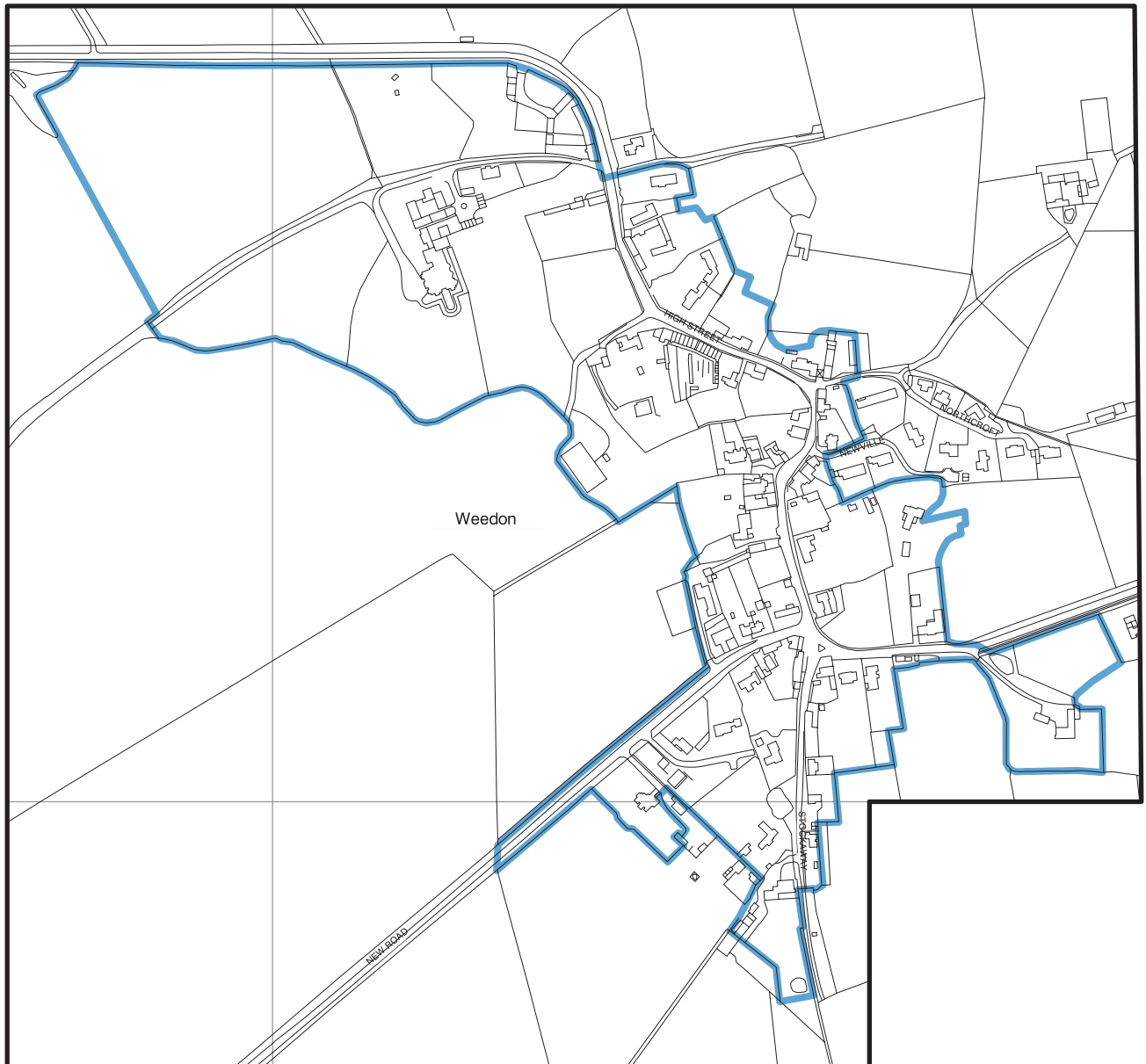
**PLAN DRAFTING AND COMPLETION MAY –
DECEMBER 2010**

PROPERTIES IN WEEDON JANUARY 11						
ID No	Consv Areas		Postcode	Street	No	House Name
	Total in CA	86				
			HP22 4NH	Aston Abbotts Road		
1	C			odd number side	15	Hinton House
2	C				17	Field House
3					81	
4					83	
5					85	
6					87	
7					89	
8					91	
9					93	
10					95	
				Aston Abbotts Road		
				even number side		
11	C				2	Chapel House
12	C				4	Penwick Furlong
13	C				10	Abbey Cottage
14	C					Chestnuts Farm
15					40	Turpin's Orchard
16					52	
17					54	
18					56	
19					58	
20					60	
21					62	
22					64	
23					66	
24					68	
25					70	
26					72	
27					74	
28					76	
29					78	
30					80	Beggars Roost
31					82	
32					84	
33					86	
34					88	
35					90	
36					92	
37						Grovelway Farm
38						Shepherds House
39						The Cart Shed
			HP22 4NJ	East End		
40				odd number side	1	
41					3	
42	C				31	Weedon Lodge
43	C					The Coach House Weedon Lodge
44					33	Weedon Lodge Farm House
45	C				35	
46	C				37	Birchwood
47	C				39	White Cottage
48	C				41	Eastgate House
49					43	East End Farm
				even number side		
50					2	
51					4	
52					6	
53					10	Bramble Cottage
54					12	
55					14	
56					16	Hillside House
57					18	
58					20	
59					22	Saffron House
60	C				26-28	The Well House
61	C				30	East End Cottage
62	C				34	
63	C				38	Morwenna

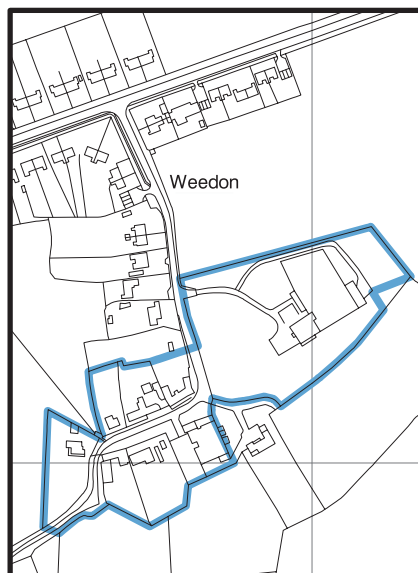
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			HP22 4NL	Stockaway		
64	C			<i>odd number side</i>	1	
65	C				7	Pilgrim Cottage
66	C				9	
67	C				11	Stockaway Cottage
				<i>even number side</i>		
68	C				2	Yew Tree Cottage
69	C				4	The Five Elms
70	C				18	Shawfield
71	C				20	Herstan House
			HP22 4NN	New Road		
72	C			<i>odd number side</i>	1	
73	C				3	The Old House
74	C					Bishops Meadow
75	C					Russetts
76	C					White Beam House
77	C					Langdales
78					19	Westmead House
				<i>even number side</i>		
79	C				2	Rose Cottage
80	C				4	
81	C				6	
82	C				8	Fallowfield
			HP22 4NP	Newville		
83					1	
84					1a	
85					2	
86					3	
87					4	
88					5	
			HP22 4NR	Northcroft		
89	C			<i>odd number side</i>	1	Manor Fields
90						Glebe Farm
91					7	Stockley House
92					9	Tarn Hows
93					11	Owls Barn
				<i>even number side</i>		
94					2	
95					2a	
96					4	Ashdown
97					6	East Farthing
			HP22 4NS	Lilies		
98	C					Lilies
99	C					Stables Cottage
100	C				1	The Clocktower
101	C				2	Lee House
102	C				3	
103	C				4	
104	C				5	
105	C				6	
106	C				7	Litchfield House
107	C				8	Nugent House

ID No	Consv Areas		Postcode	Street	No	House Name
			HP22 4NW	High Street		
108	C			<i>odd number side</i>		The Royal George
109	C				11	
110	C				13	Lear House
111	C				15	
112	C				17	
113	C				19	Coodles Cottage
114	C				23	
115	C				25	
116	C				27	
117	C				35	The Cedars
118	C				43	Hillview
119	C				45	Ming Cottage
120	C				47	
121	C		HP22 4NS	High Street	49	
122	C			<i>odd number side</i>	51	
123	C				53	
124	C				55	
125	C				57	
126	C				59	
127	C				61	
128	C				63	
129	C				67	
130	C				69	
131	C				71	
132	C				99	Lilies Farm
133	C				101	The Courtyard
			HP22 4NW	High Street		
134	C			<i>even number side</i>	2	
135	C				8	The Small House
136	C				16	Rosemount House
137	C				18	
138	C				20	
139	C				24	Vine Cottage
140	C				28	
141	C				30	
142	C				32	Manor Farm House
143	C				40	Wheeler Jim's
144	C		HP22 4NS	High Street		Wisteria House
145	C			<i>even number side</i>		Finsthwaite
146	C				54-56	The Wheatsheaf
147	C				60	
148	C				62	Woodlands
149					64a	
150					64	
			HP22 4DP	Buckingham Road		
151				<i>closest to Aylesbury</i>		Weedon Hill House
152						Weedon Hill Farm Cottage
153						Weedon Hill Farm
154					1	Weedon Hill Farm Cottages
155					2	Weedon Hill Farm Cottages
156					3	Weedon Hill Farm Cottages
157					4	Weedon Hill Farm Cottages
158						Fields Farm
			HP22 4DR	Buckingham Road		
159				<i>closest to Weedon</i>		Rectory Farm
160					1	Rectory Mews
161					2	Rectory Mews
162						The Cow Shed, Rectory Barns
163						Hawthorn Barn, Rectory Barns
164						The Pigsty, Rectory Barns
165					3	Rectory Barns
166						Uppings Farm
167					1	Uppings Farm Cottage
168					2	Uppings Farm Cottage
169						The Lodge

<i>ID No</i>	Consv Areas		Postcode	Street	No	House Name
			Derelict/Unoccupied at time of questionnaire			
			HP22 4DP	Buckingham Road		Grooms House
			HP22 4DP	Buckingham Road		The Colt House



Weedon (West)



Weedon (East)

English Heritage Website 29 Apr 2010

Found 21 Listed Buildings where:

County is: 'BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'; **Parish** is: 'WEEDON'; **District** is: 'AYLESBURYVALE'

42316 THE HOLLIES 2, ASTON ABBOTTS ROAD, HP22 4NH

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8141118095

42317 CHESTNUTS FARMHOUSE , ASTON ABBOTTS ROAD, HP22 4NH

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8160018052

42318 WEEDON LODGE , HP22 4NJ

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8199618089

42319 STABLE BLOCK 30 METRES TO NORTH EAST OF WEEDON LODGE , HP22 4NJ

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8203018113

42320 THE WELL HOUSE 28, HP22 4NJ

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8191018043

42321 EASTGATE HOUSE , HP22 4NJ

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8187418006

42322 THE ROYAL GEORGE 1, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8138218141

42323 LEAR HOUSE 13, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8134818199

42324 THE OLD FORGE 17, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8137218233

42325 21 AND 23, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8134218263

442326 VILLAGE HALL , HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8138218258

442327 35, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8139018279

42328 73, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NS

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8129018354

42329 TUMBLING ACRE 75, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NS

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8126218349

42330 LILIES, HP22 4NS

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8112618392

42331 RAILINGS TO FRONT. 20, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8140418250

42332 28 AND 30, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8142018297

42333 MANOR FARMHOUSE , HIGH STREET, HP22 4NW

WEEDONGrade: II* NGR: SP8140018330

42334 THE WHEATSHEAF 56, HIGH STREET, HP22 4NS

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8129418416

42335 YEW TREE COTTAGE 2, STOCKAWAY, HP22 4NL

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8139118123

42336 THE FIVE ELMS , STOCKAWAY, HP22 4NL

WEEDONGrade: II NGR: SP8139618100

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Parish Headcounts

Period: Apr01

Area: Weedon CP (Parish)

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non-Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All people (Persons) ¹	Count	388		..	..
All males (Persons) ¹	Count	194		..	..
All females (Persons) ¹	Count	194		..	..
All households (Households) ¹	Count	157	

Last Updated: 28 April 2004

Source: Office for National Statistics

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Parish Profile - Accommodation and Tenure

Period: Apr01

Area: Weedon CP (Parish)

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non- Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All dwellings (Dwellings) ¹	Count	160	..	..	..
Household spaces with residents (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	157	..	..	..
Vacant household spaces (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	3	..	..	..
Second residence / holiday accommodation (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	3	..	..	..
All household spaces: Whole detached house / bungalows (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	87	..	..	..
All household spaces: Whole semi-detached / terraced houses / bungalow (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	71	..	..	..
All household spaces: Flat maisonette or apartment; or caravan or temporary structure (Household Spaces) ¹	Count	3	..	..	..
Average household size (Persons) ¹	Rate	2.47	..	..	..
Average number of rooms per household (Households) ¹	Rate	6.87	..	..	..
All households: Occupancy rating -1 or less (Households) ¹	Count	4	..	..	..
Households with central heating and sole use of bath / shower and toilet (Households) ¹	Count	147	..	..	..
Households with lowest floor level above ground level (Households) ¹	Count	3	..	..	..
Households with owner-occupied tenure (Households) ¹	Count	127	..	..	..
Households with tenure rented from Council (local authority) or Housing Association / Registered Social Landlord (Households) ¹	Count	14	..	..	..
Households with tenure rented from private landlord or letting agency or other tenure (Households) ¹	Count	16

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Parish Profile - Households

Period: Apr01

Area: Weedon CP (Parish)

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non- Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All households (Households) ¹	Count	157		..	..
One person household - Pensioner (Households) ¹	Count	17		..	..
One person household - Other (Households) ¹	Count	19		..	..
One Family and no others: All pensioner households (Households) ¹	Count	14		..	..
One family and no others: Couple households with no children (Households) ¹	Count	46		..	..
One family and no others: Couple households with dependent children (Households) ¹	Count	36		..	..
One family and no others: Lone parent households with dependent children (Households) ¹	Count	0		..	..
One family and no others: All children non-dependent (Households) ¹	Count	18		..	..
Other households (Households) ¹	Count	7		..	..
Households with dependent children and no adult in employment (Households) ¹	Count	3		..	..
Households with one or more persons with limiting long-term illness (Households) ¹	Count	47		..	..
Lone parents in part-time employment (Households) ¹	Count	0		..	..
Lone parents in full -time employment (Households) ¹	Count	0		..	..
Households with one family and no others with dependent children and with the sole use of bath / shower and toilet and central heating (Households) ¹	Count	36		..	..
Households with one family and no others with dependent children and no car or van (Households) ¹	Count	0		..	..
Households with one family and no others with dependent children in owned tenure (Households) ¹	Count	32		..	..
Lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households with sole use of bath / shower and toilet and central heating (Households) ¹	Count	30		..	..
No cars or vans (Households) ¹	Count	11		..	..
One car or van (Households) ¹	Count	52		..	..
Two cars or vans (Households) ¹	Count	72		..	..
Three or more cars or vans (Households) ¹	Count	22		..	..
Lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households without a car or van (Households) ¹	Count	9		..	..
Lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households in owned tenure (Households) ¹	Count	27		..	..
All cars or vans in the area (Vehicles) ¹	Count	267		..	..
Ethnic group of Household Reference Person: White (Households) ¹	Count	156	

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Parish Profile - People

Period: Apr01

Area: Weedon CP (Parish)

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non- Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All people (Persons) ¹	Count	388		..	..
All males (Persons) ¹	Count	194		..	..
All females (Persons) ¹	Count	194		..	..
People living in households (Persons) ¹	Count	388		..	..
People living in communal establishments (Persons) ¹	Count	0		..	..
People aged 0-4 (Persons) ¹	Count	12		..	..
People aged 5-15 (Persons) ¹	Count	53		..	..
People aged 16-24 (Persons) ¹	Count	38		..	..
People aged 25-44 (Persons) ¹	Count	104		..	..
People aged 45-64 (Persons) ¹	Count	126		..	..
People aged 65-74 (Persons) ¹	Count	26		..	..
People aged 75 and over (Persons) ¹	Count	29		..	..
Mean age of population in the area (Persons) ¹	y	41.57		..	..
Median age of population in the area (Persons) ¹	y	43.00		..	..
All people aged 16 and over in households (Persons) ¹	Count	323		..	..
All people aged 16 and over in households; Living in a couple (Persons) ¹	Count	234		..	..
All people aged 16 and over : Single (Persons) ¹	Count	78		..	..
All people aged 16 and over : Married (Persons) ¹	Count	206		..	..
All people aged 16 and over : Divorced or widowed (Persons) ¹	Count	39		..	..
All people with a limiting long-term illness (Persons) ¹	Count	56		..	..
All people whose health was good (Persons) ¹	Count	293	
All people providing unpaid care (Persons) ¹	Count	55	

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Parish Profile - Work and Qualifications

Period: Apr01

Area: Weedon CP (Parish)

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non- Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All people aged 16 to 74 (Persons) ¹	Count	294	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: Economically active : Employed (Persons) ¹	Count	198	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: Economically active : Unemployed (Persons)	Count	3	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 : Economically inactive (Persons) ¹	Count	86	..	..	..
All males aged 16 to 74 (Persons) ¹	Count	150	..	..	..
All males aged 16 to 74: Economically active: Employed (Persons) ¹	Count	114	..	..	..
All males aged 16 to 74: Economically active: Unemployed (Persons) ²	Count	3	..	..	..
All males aged 16 to 74: Economically inactive (Persons) ¹	Count	30	..	..	..
All males aged 16-74 in employment: Average (mean) hours worked (Persons) ¹	h	43.11	..	..	..
All females aged 16 to 74 (Persons) ¹	Count	144	..	..	..
All females aged 16 to 74: Economically active: Employed (Persons) ¹	Count	84	..	..	..
All females aged 16 to 74: Economically active: Unemployed (Persons) ¹	Count	0	..	..	..
All females aged 16 to 74: Economically inactive (Persons) ¹	Count	56	..	..	..
All females aged 16 to 74 in employment: Average (mean) hours worked (Persons) ¹	h	32.16	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Extractive and Manufacturing Industries (Persons) ¹	Count	42	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Service Industries (Persons) ¹	Count	164	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: No qualifications or highest qualification at level 1 or other qualifications / level unknown (Persons) ¹	Count	110	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: Highest qualification at level 2 (Persons) ¹	Count	53	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: Highest qualification at level 3; 4 or 5 (Persons) ¹	Count	131	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC Managerial and professional occupations (Persons) ¹	Count	113	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC Intermediate occupations (Persons) ¹	Count	25	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC Small employers and own-account workers (Persons) ¹	Count	25	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC Lower supervisory and technical occupations (Persons) ¹	Count	22	..	..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC semi-routine and routine occupations (Persons) ¹	Count	38	..	..	..

		Weedon CP	Aylesbury Vale (Non- Metropolitan District)	South East	England
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC never worked and long-term unemployed (Persons) ¹	Count	3		..	..
All people aged 16 to 74: NS-SeC not classified (Persons) ¹	Count	69		..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Travel to work by public transport (Persons) ¹	Count	16		..	.
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Travel to work by motorcycle; car or van (Persons) ¹	Count	150		..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Travel to work by other means or work at home (Persons) ¹	Count	40		..	..
All people aged 16 to 74 in employment: Average distance travelled to fixed place of work (Persons) ¹	km	20.73	

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Extracts from Census 2001

			Aylesbury Vale Non- Metropolitan	South East Region	England Country	Weedon Count	Weedon %	Index to South East SE=100
2001 Population: All people	Count	Persons	165,748	8,000,645	49,138,831	388		
2001 Population: Males	Count	Persons	82,309	3,905,155	23,922,144	194	50.0	
2001 Population: Females	Count	Persons	83,439	4,095,490	25,216,687	194	50.0	
2001 Occupied Households						157		
General health: Good	%	Persons	74.6	71.5	68.76	293	75.5	106
People with a limiting long-term illness	%	Persons	12.72	15.47	17.93	56	14.4	93
Households with one or more person with a limiting long-term illness	%	H'holds	25.57	29.36	33.55	47	29.9	102
People aged 16-74						294		
People aged 16-74: Economically active: Employees Full-time	%	Persons	46.78	43.22	40.81			
People aged 16-74: Economically active: Employees Part-time	%	Persons	12.18	12.2	11.81			
People aged 16-74: Economically active: Self-employed	%	Persons	10.64	9.58	8.32			
People aged 16-74: Economically active: Employed			69.6	65	60.94	198	67.3	104
People aged 16-74: Economically active: Unemployed	%	Persons	2.02	2.31	3.35	3	1.0	44
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive: Retired	%	Persons	11	13.4	13.54			
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive: Student	%	Persons	3.41	4.17	4.67			
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive: Looking after home / family	%	Persons	6.45	6.55	6.52			
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled	%	Persons	2.73	3.45	5.3			
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive: Other	%	Persons	2.63	2.41	3.1			
People aged 16-74: Economically inactive			26.22	29.98	33.13	86	29.3	98
People aged 16-74 with: No qualifications	%	Persons	22.25	23.92	28.85			
People aged 16-74 with: Highest qualification attained level 1	%	Persons	18.01	17.13	16.63			
Qualifications None or Level 1			40.26	41.05	45.48	110	37.4	91
People aged 16-74 with: Highest qualification attained level 2	%	Persons	22.21	21.18	19.36	53	18.0	85
People aged 16-74 with: Highest qualification attained level 3	%	Persons	8.36	9.2	8.34			
People aged 16-74 with: Highest qualification attained level 4 / 5	%	Persons	22.81	21.75	19.9			
Qualifications Level 3 4 5			31.17	30.95	28.24	131	44.6	144
People aged 16-74 with: Other qualifications / level unknown	%	Persons	6.35	6.82	6.92	0		
All Occupied Households	Count	H'holds	64,526	3,287,489	20,451,427	157		
Households with no cars or vans	%	H'holds	14.01	19.43	26.84	11	7.0	36

Extracts from Census 2001

				Aylesbury Vale Non- Metropolitan	South East Region	England Country	Weedon Count	Weedon %	Index to South East SE=100
All People	Count	Persons		165,748	8,000,645	49,138,831	388		
People aged 0-4	%	Persons		6.61	5.91	5.96	12	3.1	52
People aged 5-7	%	Persons		3.98	3.73	3.74			
People aged 8-9	%	Persons		2.72	2.59	2.61			
People aged 10-14	%	Persons		6.73	6.46	6.57			
People aged 15	%	Persons		1.39	1.24	1.27			
People aged 5-15				21.43	19.93	20.15	53	13.7	69
People aged 16-17	%	Persons		2.74	2.47	2.51			
People aged 18-19	%	Persons		2.35	2.34	2.4			
People aged 20-24	%	Persons		5.13	5.77	6.01			
People aged 16-24				10.22	10.58	10.92	38	9.8	93
People aged 25-29	%	Persons		6.4	6.25	6.65			
People aged 30-44	%	Persons		24.69	22.6	22.65			
People aged 25-44				31.09	28.85	29.3	104	26.8	93
People aged 45-59	%	Persons		20.01	19.46	18.88			
People aged 60-64	%	Persons		4.39	4.82	4.87			
People aged 45-64				24.4	24.28	23.75	126	32.5	134
People aged 65-74	%	Persons		6.97	8.36	8.35	26	6.7	80
People aged 75-84	%	Persons		4.33	5.8	5.6			
People aged 85-89	%	Persons		1.01	1.44	1.3			
People aged 90 and over	%	Persons		0.55	0.75	0.64			
People aged 75 and over				5.89	7.99	7.54	29	7.5	94
								100.0	
Mean age of population in the area	Years	Persons		37.17	39.08	38.6	41.57		
Median age of population in the area	Years	Persons		37	38	37	43		

Extracts from Census 2001

			Aylesbury Vale Non- Metropolitan	South East Region	England Country	Weedon Count	Weedon %	Index to South East SE=100
			66,143	3,401,820	21,262,825	160		
All household spaces: With residents	Count	H'holds	97.56	96.64	96.18	157		
All household spaces: With no residents: Vacant	Count	H'holds	2.21	2.68	3.18	3	1.9	70
All household spaces: With no residents: Second residence/holiday accomm	Count	H'holds	0.24	0.68	0.64	3	1.9	277
Accomm type: Whole house or bungalow: Detached	%	H'holds	33.24	29.28	22.51	87	54.4	186
Accomm type: Whole house or bungalow: Semi-detached	%	H'holds	33.2	28.45	31.57			
Accomm type: Whole house or bungalow: Terraced (including end terrace)	%	H'holds	24.11	23.12	25.84			
Semi-detached or Terrace			57.31	51.57	57.41	71	44.4	86
Accomm type: Flat; maisonette or apartment: Purpose built block/tenement	%	H'holds	7.04	13.02	13.96			
Accomm type: Flat; maisonette or apartment: Part converted/shared house	%	H'holds	1.54	4.26	4.55			
Accomm type: Flat; maisonette or apartment: In commercial building	%	H'holds	0.68	1.17	1.15			
Accomm type: Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	%	H'holds	0.18	0.69	0.42			
Flat, Apartment, Caravan			9.44	19.14	20.08	3	1.9	10
All Occupied Households	Count	H'holds	64,526	3,287,489	20,451,427	160		
Owner occupied: Owns outright	%	H'holds	27.4	31.28	29.19			
Owner occupied: Owns with a mortgage or loan	%	H'holds	47.77	41.9	38.88			
Owner occupied: Shared ownership	%	H'holds	0.56	0.78	0.65			
Owner occupied			75.73	73.96	68.72	127	79.4	107
Rented from: Council (local authority)	%	H'holds	12.48	7.35	13.21			
Rented from: Housing Association / Registered Social Landlord	%	H'holds	1.82	6.61	6.05			
Rented: Social landlord			14.3	13.96	19.26	14	8.8	63
Rented from: Private landlord or letting agency	%	H'holds	6.39	8.77	8.8			
Rented from: Other	%	H'holds	3.57	3.31	3.22			
Rented: Private or other			9.96	12.08	12.02	16	10.0	83

Speed Data WeedonThurs 28th Sept to Wed 4th Oct 2006

	<16	16-<21	21-<26	26-<31	<u>Ttl <31</u>	<u>%</u>	31-<36	<u>Ttl < 36</u>	<u>%</u>	36-<41	<u>Ttl <41</u>	<u>%</u>	41-<46	46-<51	51-<56	56-<61	61-<66	66-<71	=>71	<u>Ttl >41</u>	<u>%</u>	Total	/Day
Total East	84	59	268	671	1,082	36	885	1,967	66	666	2,633	89	252	62	13	4	2	0	5	338	11	2,971	424
Total West	76	96	281	690	1,143	40	841	1,984	69	587	2,571	90	201	62	16	3	3	1	3	289	10	2,860	409
WKDAYS	116	110	374	1,043	1,643	36	1,351	2,994	66	1,023	4,017	89	376	102	23	7	4	1	5	518	11	4,535	907
WKENDS	44	45	175	318	582	45	375	957	74	230	1,187	92	77	22	6	0	1	0	3	109	8	1,296	648
TOTAL	160	155	549	1,361	2,225	38	1,726	3,951	68	1,253	5,204	89	453	124	29	7	5	1	8	627	11	5,831	833

Weedon, an old English word, means “pagan shrine on a hill”. The pagan Anglo-Saxons settled in Buckinghamshire from the fifth century onwards, so the name possibly indicates a comparatively late survival of pagan practices.¹ Archaeological surveys have found Neolithic to Bronze Age flints and Roman remains in various parts of the parish suggesting the possibility of a much earlier settlement.²

The Domesday Book

Although Weedon is mentioned in a will dated 944, it is not named in the Domesday Book of 1086, but is included in the three land-holdings listed for Hardwick. The largest of these was *Hardwick Manor* and the second is believed to have been called *Weedon-in-the-Vale Manor* in the 14th century and *Kempton's Fee* in the 16th and 17th centuries. The smallest, on which may have stood a dovecot and windmills, may have become part of the Weedon manor.³

Descent of the manors – origin of the two Weedon “ends”?

Hardwick Manor was inherited by two sisters in 1236 and from that date each half descended separately in ownership. In 1385, New College, Oxford acquired one half, with its base being at *Weedon Lodge*. Until parish boundary changes in 1886, Weedon Lodge, with 8 acres of land, was actually part of Wingrave parish, not Weedon.⁴ The College still owns land at Weedon Hill.

The other half-manor was conveyed to Robert Lee of Quarrendon in 1522. A year later, he also acquired the Weedon-in-the-Vale manor.⁵ *Lilies* was the base of the Lees. This arrangement may account for the polyfocal layout of the village, with one centre at East End and the other at the High Street. The two parts are still separated by the field called *The Closes*.

Windmills of Weedon

The mound in Lilies Park beside the Buckingham Road may be all that remains of one of the windmills mentioned above. In 1692, Elizabeth, Countess of Lindsey, of Lilies and her son, Henry, Earl of Litchfield, granted two parcels of land to Leonard Sharp, miller of Aston Abbotts. A substantial windmill was to be built on one parcel, on the site of a former ancient mill, and on the other a little house for the miller. The *Windmill Field* or *Nap* is referred to in several “glebe terriers” (land surveys), including that of 1605, and a windmill is shown on the pre-enclosure map of Weedon, albeit on the opposite side of the main road. The position of the road may have changed, however.⁶

The two Weedon Manors

Each manor held its own manorial court which by the 1700s dealt predominantly with changes of tenants and the collection of monies due to the Lord of the Manor. The Lee manor let a number of farms and cottages, some of the latter with small amounts of land in the open fields and rights of pasture for two cows and six sheep.⁷ A few cottages built on the manorial waste, for example in Stockaway, were allowed to remain for a nominal rent.⁸

The “copyhold” system of tenure

New College leased out College Farm (Weedon Lodge) but their remaining land was held by copyhold for ‘three lives’. A copyholder retained a copy of the entry made in the manorial court roll. He named two others to succeed him. Properties could stay in the same family for generations as long as they could afford the entry fines due on being admitted to the tenancy and for each life added. Many copyholds had been converted to leasehold during the 18th century, but this form of tenure continued in Weedon until the early 20th century, under the conservative management of New College. *The Chestnuts*, *Lambsquay House*, *The Wheatsheaf* and *The Royal George*, all dating from the 17th century, were copyhold properties.⁹

Weedon lands before enclosure

The land of both manors and about 138 acres of non-manorial freehold land lay intermixed in the three large open fields that surrounded the village. These fields were subdivided into named furlongs and each furlong into strips. Each year, one field lay fallow; one grew wheat and the other beans. Pasture was in short supply and the number of animals that could be kept was carefully regulated. There were also some old enclosed fields, for example *Kirby's*, *The Closes* and *Lammas Close*.¹⁰

Weedon Act of Enclosure 1801

By the 18th century the open field system of farming was seen as inefficient and many parishes enclosed their fields by an act of parliament. The *Weedon Act* authorised the enclosure of allotments, by hedges and ditches, for the sole use of the owner or tenant. New roads were laid out including New Road and the Aston Abbotts Road, and some of the High Street was repositioned.

The *Enclosure Award 1802* allotted 738 acres to New College, 502 acres to the Marquis of Buckingham (who bought the Weedon part of the Lee Manor in 1801) and 302 acres to the Church, in lieu of tithes.¹¹ Although the layout of Weedon was transformed by enclosure, the ridge and furrow clearly visible in many of the fields is evidence of mediaeval farming practices and has survived due to the conversion to pastoral farming after enclosure.

The village economy after enclosure

Enclosure did not result in mass exodus, but some families emigrated to Australia in the 1840s.¹² The population rose from 385 in 1801 to 463 in 1871 before dropping to 321 in 1901.¹³

Agriculture was still the major source of employment with most men working as labourers. Women and children supplemented the family income by straw-plaiting and lace-making, with 93 involved in these crafts in 1851. This figure dropped to 14 in 1881 due to the strong competition from foreign imports.¹⁴ Many women left the village to search for work elsewhere. It was not until the early twentieth century that the crafts of blacksmith, tailor and baker that had made the village fairly self-sufficient disappeared. The last shop closed in 1990.

The three Weedon pubs

For a short while there were three public houses licensed in Weedon. A pub was licensed in 1754 which was probably the *Five Elms*, but the name did not appear until 1777. The *Crown and Wheatsheaf*, later just the *Wheatsheaf*, was licensed from 1815 and closed in the 1950s. The *Horse and Jockey* at Weedon Hill was licensed in 1818, but it only remained a pub for a few years before becoming the Horse and Jockey farm by the 1850s.¹⁵

Lilies and the Rothschilds in Weedon

In 1848, the Buckinghams were forced to sell their land holdings in and around Aylesbury. Lord Nugent, the first Duke of Buckingham's brother, bought the house and parkland. The remainder of the Weedon estate was purchased by Baron Anthony de Rothschild of Aston Clinton in 1849.¹⁶ On Lord Nugent's death in 1850, Lilies was inherited by Dr Connell, a relative of Nugent's wife.

In 1869, Lilies house and grounds were bought by Henry Cazenove, a stockbroker from London. He had the old house pulled down and rebuilt in 1870.¹⁷ Henry Cazenove died in 1894 and the house was put up for sale. It continued in private hands until 1939, when it was taken over by a firm of distillers. From 1946 it was used as a training centre for the Royal Bucks Hospital, but reverted to private ownership in 1969.¹⁸

Education and schools

Entries in 19th century marriage registers show that many could not sign their name, but a number of attempts had been made to educate at least some of the children. A young woman ran a school in Weedon in 1712. A daily school commenced in 1831, in which twenty boys and girls were instructed at the expense of their parents. A Sunday school supported by voluntary contributions started in the same year. Dr Bridle founded two schools in Hardwick, in the late 18th century, one for boys and one for girls, and set up a trust to finance them.¹⁹

In 1873 Henry Cazenove of Lilies built an Infants School in Weedon, which commenced operating in November. Cazenove and the Rector shared the running costs. In January 1877, Mrs Cazenove gifted the schoolroom to the village and church services started on Sunday evenings. Mrs Cazenove continued to support the school until her death in 1905, but it is believed that the school closed in that year.²⁰

Churches and chapels

Another important influence on the lives of the villagers was Methodism and the building of the chapels, but they may not have been the first churches in Weedon.

The pre-enclosure map reveals the location of an old churchyard, which is mentioned in the glebe terrier of 1605. It lies partly under the High Street (Cooks Hill) and partly within the grounds of Lilies alongside the public footpath and is now a heavily wooded area. A shaded area on the map, next to the churchyard, may identify the site of a late Saxon

wooden church, built by the then lord of the manor and with sufficient status to acquire burials. It was probably replaced by the more substantial stone building of St Mary's in Hardwick prior to 1066.²¹

In 1772, a house was registered as a Methodist place of worship. It was not intended to replace the established church but aimed at a revival with open air preaching as the point of difference. Another house was licensed in 1813. In 1830, Reverend White recorded the number of people in the Methodist Society as nine.²²

The Religious Census taken in March 1851 records that a Wesleyan chapel was erected in 1833, and a Primitive chapel in 1846. A new Methodist chapel was built in 1854 (still in use) and another Primitive chapel in 1891, but this survived for only a short time.²³

The 20th century

In 1894, local government introduced Parish Councils with councillors 'representing' church, chapel or public house. Street lighting was installed in the form of four oil lamps at strategic places. In the 1930s electricity came to the village but mains water and a sewage system had to wait a further 10 years.

The advent of motor transport made the village much more accessible. Many of the old cottages disappeared, replaced by council houses in the 1920s and a few new homes built by New College for their farm workers. Other housing, both private and council, followed after the Second World War.

Lack of village employment meant that most people commuted to work in Aylesbury, and latterly Milton Keynes and even London.

In the 1960s a plan to build the third London airport at nearby Cublington was defeated by strong local action, saving the rural tranquillity of Weedon village.²⁴

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Abbreviations

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 HL Huntington Library, San Marino, California
 PRO Public Record Office (National Archives)

OA Oxfordshire Archives
 NC New College

THE EVIDENCE

STAGE 6

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