



Ashton Hayes Parish Plan Consultation Results July 2008

This document contains all of the results from the recent consultation carried out around the parish. It will be used by the working groups and the steering group to write the parish plan document and the action plan.

Our Community

1. How often do you use the Post Office Services?

Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Not Answered

2. How often do you use the village shop or its services?

Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Not Answered

3. Ashworth Timebank operates from Ashton Post Office.

a) Are you aware of the services it offers?

All Some None Not Answered

b) Do you feel that it is an important part of the community?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

c) Why do you feel this? (Top 5 Responses)

Community spirit & social cohesion	123
Helps elderly, retired, isolated & vulnerable	44
important service	38
Help others & reciprocal	35
Share common interest	15

4. If there was no shop or Post Office in the village, what services would you miss most? (Top 5 Responses)

Postal	195
Newsagency	157
Provisions	153
Banking	31
All Services	31

5. Do you feel safe when walking around the parish?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

6. Would you support a re-instatement of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

7. If so, would you be prepared to take an active part in setting it up?

YES NO Not Answered

8. How often do you use the bus service?

Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Not Answered

9. Where would you like to be able to travel to by bus?

Chester	<input type="text" value="350"/>	Frodsham	<input type="text" value="198"/>	Northwich	<input type="text" value="131"/>
Tarvin	<input type="text" value="111"/>	kelsall	<input type="text" value="111"/>	Other	<input type="text" value="Tarpoley 11"/>

10. What would make you use the bus service more? (Top 5 Responses)

Frequency of service	<input type="text" value="164"/>
Regular service	<input type="text" value="72"/>
No personal transport available	<input type="text" value="41"/>
Reliable service	<input type="text" value="29"/>
Price	<input type="text" value="23"/>

11. How often do you use the rail service from Mouldsworth?

Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Not Answered

12. What would make you use the rail service more? (Top 5 Responses)

Footpath	<input type="text" value="80"/>
Regularity and frequency of service	<input type="text" value="59"/>
Cost	<input type="text" value="35"/>
Nothing	<input type="text" value="30"/>
No personal transport available	<input type="text" value="22"/>

13. Do you consider there is a need for affordable housing in Ashton?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

14. In principle, would you support a small new development if it is affordable housing for local people and there is a proven need?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

15. Do you, or anyone living with you, anticipate a requirement for affordable accommodation in the parish now or within the next 5 years?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

16. Do you consider there is a need for sheltered housing in Ashton?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

17. In principle, would you support a small new development if it is sheltered housing for local people and there is a proven need?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

18. Do you, or anyone living with you, anticipate a requirement for sheltered accommodation in the parish now or within the next 5 years?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

19. Do you think the parish should have a directory of local information and services?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

20. Do you think the parish should have community Internet access / an Internet Café?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

21. What is the **best** thing about living in Ashton Hayes? (Top 5 Responses)

Friendly & Community & Village Life	184
Peace & Quiet	155
Nature & Rural & Countryside & Nice Environment	95
Safe & Low Crime	55
Small Village	34

22. What is the **worst** thing about living in Ashton Hayes? (Top 5 Responses)

Lack of Traffic Controls	89
Lack of Public Transport	84
No Worst thing	51
Lack of General Facilities	37 (of these 16 specify shops)
Environmental issues	24

23. If you could change one thing about life in Ashton Hayes what would it be? (Top 5 Responses)

Speed limit and Traffic Controls (Inc parking and noise)	76
Improved public Transport	38
No Change	37
Improved Community Centre and Activities	20
Better, Safer Children's play area	17

24. If you have restricted mobility what would improve your freedom of movement within the parish? (Top 5 Responses)

better pavements/wider/better surface/cleaner improved stiles	38
More pavements	12
better/more public transport	11
Dropped Kerbs	9
safer road crossings/zebra crossing	7

Your Leisure Time

25. What recreation amenities do you use?

	Yes	No
Children's Playground	74	390
Cricket Club	32	432
Bridle paths	183	281
Footpaths	373	91
WI	137	327
Parish Rooms	111	353
Village Hall	126	338
Guild Rooms	36	428
Other (Pub)	23	

26. Are there any additional recreation amenities you would like to see?

YES NO Not Answered

27. If so, which ones?

Sports Facilities	87
These have been broken down into:	
General (non specific)	31
Football	29
Tennis	23
Bowling Green	7
Basketball	4
Running Track	3
Rounders	1
Children's Play Area (Improved and Relocated)	39
Recreational Amenities (various e.g. line dancing, bridge, gymnastics etc)	22
Activities for Youth (e.g. club)	15
Park and Public Space	13
Library	3

28. What recreational activities are you involved with in the Parish? (Top 6 Areas)

Outdoor Leisure	60
These have been broken down into:	
Walking	53
Horse Riding	5
Shooting/Fishing	2
Gardening	32
Expressive Arts (Theatre Club and Dance)	25
WI and Thursday Club	24
Football and Cricket	20
Reading/Book Groups	19

29. What activities do you take part in outside the parish that you feel could be provided within the parish?

Gym Activities	21
Racquets and Golf	18
Dance	13
Recreational Classes and Courses	12

30. If there were more activities in the parish what would interest you? (Top 7 Responses)

Fitness Classes	18
Tennis	13
Adult Education	7
Walking Club	7
Ballroom Dancing	6
Youth Sports & Activities	6
Cycling	6

31. Would you be prepared to help organise activities within the Parish?

YES	75	NO	285	Not Answered	104
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32. If so, how would you be able to help?

Hands on	26
Administration	21
Sharing Experiences	6
Advertising	4
Arts and Crafts	4
Sports	3
Social	1

Our Environment

33. How would you rate the following services within the parish?

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Very Poor	Not Applicable	Not Answered
Street Cleaning	118	194	102	19	5	0	26
Verge litter picking	83	187	106	38	6	1	43
Refuse collections	124	230	75	5	3	0	27
Recycling facilities	98	214	76	34	10	0	32
Fly-tipping clearance	31	130	104	25	6	86	82
Provision of litter bins	24	101	160	105	14	12	48
Provision of dog litter bins	36	91	166	65	12	41	53

34. Would you like to see any of the following within the parish?

	YES	NO	Not Sure	Not Answered
Cycle ways	248	90	74	52
Wind Turbines	138	176	101	49
Solar Panels	270	60	83	51
allotments	203	96	103	62
Shared Gardens	83	152	158	71
Seating around the parish	311	57	52	44
Flowerbeds	335	44	34	51
Farm Shop	303	55	61	45

35. How important are the following features of our Parish to you?

	Extremely important	Very important	Slightly important	Not at all important	No Opinion	Not Answered
Public and Permissive footpaths	217	168	33	10	1	35
Pavements/Kerbs	215	178	35	1	4	31
Verges	127	188	90	8	6	45
Open Green Spaces	253	137	32	3	3	36
Hedgerows	218	174	30	5	5	32
Stiles and gates	158	175	64	10	17	40
Woodland Areas	233	139	43	1	9	39
Bridleways	121	127	100	43	30	43
Farmland	234	147	36	5	7	35
Tree Preservation Areas	218	144	53	6	9	34
Children's Playground	153	159	62	31	20	39
Post Office	322	94	26	0	1	21
Shop	317	105	18	0	1	23
Churches/Chapels	194	126	70	22	20	32
Playgroup	165	122	62	37	34	44

36. Do you think a Village Design Statement would be beneficial to Ashton Hayes in the future?

Yes No No Opinion Not Answered

Pedestrian Safety

37. Where do you feel you are at risk when walking in the Parish?

Risk Rank Order	Location
1	Crossing Church Rd. adjacent Golden Lion
2	Kelsall Road
Equal 3rd	Ashton Lane
Equal 3rd	Church Road
5	Duck Lane
6	Pentre Lane

38. Based on your greatest concern above how would you like to see the problem resolved? (Top 10 responses):

Rank	Possible Solutions	Comments
1	Traffic calming e.g. speed bumps	Mainly on Church Rd. to Ashton Lane
2	Speed restrictions	Church Rd., Ashton Lane, Kelsall Rd.
3	Footpaths - new or widening	Church Rd., Ashton Lane, Kelsall Rd.
4	Lower speed limits (20 MPH or lower)	Church Rd., Ashton Lane (30 MPH), Kelsall Rd.(30 MPH)
5	Pedestrian crossings	Golden Lion, School, A54 junction
6	Use of mirrors	Mainly at junctions
7	Speed activated signs	Mainly Church Rd.
8	Hedgerow cut-back/ remove soil from footpaths	Church Rd./Ashton Lane/Kelsall Rd./Duck Lane
9	Signage	Especially on approaching bends
10	Speed camera	near to School

39. Where pavements exist please rate how satisfied you are with their maintenance?

Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Slightly Satisfied Not at All Not Answered

40. Please describe where you feel pavement maintenance is unsatisfactory. (Top 5 Responses)

Ashton Lane End	46
Church Road	25
Hedges General	10
Peel Crescent	8
Duck Lane	6

41. How satisfied are you that hedges and foliage adjacent to pavements and roads are well maintained?

Extremely Satisfied Slightly Satisfied Not at All Not Answered

42. Do you think that consideration should be given to a new one-way system within Ashton Hayes village?

Yes No Not Sure Not Answered

Road Junction Safety

43. The layout and visibility at a number of road junctions within the Ashton Hayes Parish have been identified as being of particular concern for **both pedestrians and road users**. These are listed in the table below and shown on the maps for you to score. Please use the numbers 1 to 5 to identify your top five junctions of concern with respect to poor visibility / layout?

Concern Order	Location
1	Kelsall Rd. onto Church Rd.
2	Gongar Lane onto Church Rd.
3	Duck Lane into Shay Lane
4	Pentre lane onto Church Rd.
5	Bend at Junction Duck Lane and Kelsall Rd.
6	Exit from Pub car park
7	Exit from St. Johns Church
8	Peel Hall Lane into Church Rd.
9	Exit from Ashton House Nursery
10	Dalamere Lane onto Dark Ark Lane
11	Ashton Rd. (from Delamere Forest) onto Dark Ark
12	West End into Peel Hall Lane

44. Based on your greatest concern above how would you like to see the problem resolved? (Top 6 responses)

Rank	Possible Solutions	Comments
1	Traffic calming eg., speed bumps	Mainly on Church Rd. to Ashton Lane
2	Use of mirrors	Mainly at junctions
3	Speed restrictions	Church Rd., Ashton Lane, Kelsall Rd.
4	Lower speed limits (20 MPH or lower)	Church Rd., Ashton Lane (30 MPH), Kelsall Rd.(30 MPH)
5	Cut back Hedgerows	Mainly at junctions
Equal 6	Improve visibility	Mainly at junctions
Equal 6	Speed activated signs	Mainly on Church Rd. to Ashton Lane
Equal 6	Signage	Number of locations

Parking

45. Do any of the following problems relating to parking affect you?

	Yes	No
Parking on pavements	107	357
Parking on the brow of hills	124	340
Parking very close to junctions	151	313
Parking that causes the road to be obstructed	206	258

Speeding and Excessive Speed

46. Is excessive road vehicle speed a matter of concern for you in Ashton Hayes?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

47. Please list the roads or areas of the parish where you are particularly concerned about excessive road vehicle speed: (Top 7 Responses)

Church Road from The Lodge to the Church	277
Church Road / Pub	264
Kelsall Road	37
Ashton Lane	36
Duck Lane	25
Pentre Lane	15
Peel Hall Lane	15

48. Please list the types of vehicle or road user which particularly concern you (All Responses)

Cars	111
HGVs/Lorries	91
Vans/Trucks	52
Tractors	46
All Types	42
4x4s / SUVs	35
Motor Cycles	11
Buses	7

49. Are there any locations in the parish where the speed limit is too high?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

50. If so, which locations concern you (Top 5 responses)

Church Road	36
Ashton Lane	16
Everywhere	11
Kelsall Road	9
Kelsall Road / B5393	9

51. Do you have any ideas or suggestions which would contribute to a reduction in speeding / excessive speed within the Parish of Ashton Hayes? (Top 4 Responses)

Speed Humps	46
Interactive Signs	25
Speed Cameras	25
Enforcement	18

Road Infrastructure

52. Do the road surfaces in the parish pose a danger to car, cycle or Pedestrian (where there is no pavement) users?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

53. If YES, please identify street / road location (Top 5 Responses)

Pentre Lane	36
Duck Lane	25
Ashton Lane	24
Kelsall Road	18
Church Road to Mouldsworth	14

54. Are ALL existing road signs clearly visible?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

55. If NO, please identify locations (All Responses)

Church Road	22
Kelsall Road	11
Duck Lane	6
West End	4
Ashton Lane	4
Kelsall Road / B5393	3
Gongar Lane	1

56. Do you think the road signage within the parish is adequate?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

57. If No, please state why (Top 6 Responses)

30mph Repeaters	12
More Warning Signs	11
Maintenance	10
Interactive Signs	4
Size	4
Road Signage	4

58. Are road markings clear and instructive?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

59. If NO, please identify where (All responses)

Duck Lane	6
Pentre Lane	6
Kelsall Road	5
West End	2
Gongar Lane	2
Ashton Lane End	1
Church Road	1

Ashton Lane - A54 Junction Safety

60. Do you feel that Ashton Lane End/A54 is a safe junction?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

61. If no, please explain your concerns (Top 3 Responses – Further analysis required)

A54 Speed & Volume of Traffic	75
Turning Right from Village	41
Generally Difficult	15

62. If no, please suggest a reasonable measure to make it safer (Top 3 Responses – Further analysis required)

Traffic Lights	92
A54 Speed Limit	18
Roundabout	10

63. In your opinion has this junction become less safe following the alteration of the road leaving the bottom of Kelsall village?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

64. Do you now use Kelsall Road more frequently as a safer means of crossing onto the A54

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

65. Would you feel safe crossing the A54 on foot?

Yes No Don't Know Not Answered

About You

Which age range are you in?

76 and over	<input type="text" value="63"/>	61 – 75	<input type="text" value="141"/>	46 – 60	<input type="text" value="136"/>
36 – 45	<input type="text" value="46"/>	26 – 35	<input type="text" value="18"/>	18 – 25	<input type="text" value="17"/>
12 – 17	<input type="text" value="21"/>	Under 12	<input type="text" value="13"/>	Not Answered	<input type="text" value="9"/>

What gender are you?

Male	<input type="text" value="207"/>
Female	<input type="text" value="236"/>
Not stated	<input type="text" value="21"/>

Do you have Internet Access at home?

Have Broadband Have Dial Up NO Not Answered

How do you prefer to receive information?

On Paper	<input type="text" value="252"/>	By Email	<input type="text" value="119"/>	Not Answered	<input type="text" value="40"/>
Via a Website	<input type="text" value="36"/>	Parish Noticeboards	<input type="text" value="55"/>		

Would you like to be sent a personal copy of the action plan once it is completed?

YES NO Not Answered