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Frontispiece

Comments from Questionnaires

"Village needs a casual meeting place."

"Other villages have full recycling facilities – why don't we?"

"Encouraging families and young children here, and to stay here, should influence all decisions concerning the village."

"Use of a house as a holiday cottage should be subject to planning permission as a change of use."

"...it is vital that everything is done to protect the environment, and the physical safety of villagers, especially in narrow lanes used by large lorries."

"...Village Hall doesn't seem to be used as much as in previous years."

"...don't let the questionnaire/appraisal become a vehicle for demands for increasing suburbanisation."

"The major danger (on the roads) is access to the A12."

"A recycling bank should be sensitively sited/screened so that it is not an eyesore."

"Wenhaston would benefit from outdoor courts and a basketball court."

"... it's no longer a true country village; rows of ugly bungalows everywhere."

"...I am fortunate in being able to spend time here in this delightful spot"

"It is not suburbia nor a tourist centre ... Just leave us and our village alone to get on with being a village."

"We need, very urgently, a speed limit between Mells and Wenhaston; before someone is killed."

"Yes – Team Services. People forget we are in a team," (Referring to worship outside the Village).

"Wenhaston is becoming a village of retired professional people ... village life is not what it used to be."

"Nothing here to keep the young local people – work is scarce and houses too expensive for them."



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Introduction

The Village Appraisal Questionnaire was a survey of local opinion that covered a wide range of topics. The results have been collated on a database which will provide valuable information for years to come.

The information collected has been summarised, as clearly as possible, in this report. Too many statistics and too much detail would make it difficult and tedious to read and some important issues may become obscured by a mass of detail. This report, therefore, aims to highlight those topics on which the village has responded most strongly.

When looking at the figures and percentages, please bear in mind that many of the questions allowed more than one response so do not expect either percentages or numbers of people to add up to 100% or total number of respondents.

The reader may look for a list of immediate action points but they will find none. We believe that villagers should have the chance to think about the views expressed and debate them. This summary of results provides a first opportunity to agree together on any further action.

Was there enough interest?

In Wenhaston with Mells there are 421 properties. The delivery/collection team delivered 368 questionnaires of which 298 were returned, an 80% return. This is an unusually high level of response and represents a clear and honest picture of the view of the village community.

Since the delivery team was extremely persistent the fact that it was impossible to deliver to around 50 houses suggests that approx. 12% of properties are holiday/second homes.

Some interesting facts emerge from the preliminary details of age and length of domicile:

Over half the adult population (53%) is in the 25-59 year age group.

However, 30% are aged 65 years or over.

Only a very few people have lived in Wenhaston all their lives (1.2%). Nearly 60% have lived in the village for less than 15 years. However, nearly 40% of those moving into the village are from less than 30 miles away and can reasonably be described as local.

In response to the question which asked why they came to live in Wenhaston, 50% of respondents said "love of village or country life".

Young Persons' Questionnaire

As with the Main Questionnaire, there was a high response rate. 53 young people, with an average age of 12.3 years, provided returns. We calculate this is a 75%-80% response rate.

As expected, most of them attended either Bungay High or Halesworth Middle Schools. The vast majority travelled there by bus (75%), ninety-four per cent say they intend to continue their education when they reach 16 years, either in the sixth form or at College.

Over three-quarters of them say that their friends live outside the village and that meeting them represents real difficulties. Over 80% say there is no Public Transport at the right time or it's just too far. There is heavy dependence on parents and friends for lifts. Less than 20% cycle to travel out of the village. It may be of interest that over half say they would use an improved bus service.

So far as leisure is concerned, about two thirds of the respondents take part in after-school activities. Popular activities are Music/Choir, followed by Drama. Favourite sports are football, followed by swimming. When asked to name and rank their three favourite sports, tennis came top, followed by football, then basketball, then swimming. Clearly there is a considerable support for the provision of tennis court(s) in Wenhaston.

For example, when asked what is needed on the Playing Field, nearly 70% of all youth said tennis courts. There was also a strong demand for basketball and netball posts, and a 5-a-side pitch. Seventeen per cent would like a skating area. Nearly half said they would like toilets there.

When asked about the Village Hall, the emphasis on sports continued with nearly 70% asking for it to accommodate more sport. They wanted Disco/Music, Youth Club, Drama and Gymnastics.

The Young People like Wenhaston for its peace and quiet. They like the countryside and the commons, and the friendliness of the villagers. Those that do have friends in the village enjoy having their friends close to hand. They say they dislike having nothing to do, distance from friends and lack of transport. Some find Village Hall rules difficult to cope with. They suggest life could be improved by having more clubs and activities, more shops (!) and a more relaxed approach by the Village Hall.

Main Questionnaire

Transport

Few people (7%) have problems travelling out of the village. This reflects the fact that most people (86%) have daytime access to a vehicle. Their main use is for leisure and shopping, though they are important for getting to work and for business purposes.

Contrary to first impressions over 90% of vehicles are either garaged or parked off road. Nevertheless, half of respondents thought that street parking was a safety risk in Wenhaston.

With regard to Public Transport, the major concerns with the Bus Service appear to be the Timetable (50% of those expressing an opinion rated it poor). Access for those with disabilities was rated poor by 80% of those expressing an opinion. There were clear demands for improvements to routes, timetables (especially connections with train services) and cost. It should be noted that half the respondents never used Public Transport; of those that did, more used train services than the bus.

Use of Voluntary Car Service was very low, though this is not to deny the importance of these services to a small section of the village community.

Most people who expressed an opinion on the matter felt that Wenhaston does not need a Car Park. Most were far more concerned about "danger-spots" on the roads. The major blackspot was seen as the top of Blyford Lane, followed by Star Hill.

There were also worries about the Street/Hall Road, Back Road/Bramfield Road crossroads, and the back road to Mells. The latter was seen as particularly dangerous by some. Furthermore, 240 respondents said they felt in danger from speeding traffic. The worst areas were the Street, top of Blyford Lane (again), Star Hill (again) and – sadly – outside the Primary School.

There was no real consensus on the need for footpaths and streetlights despite the fears raised about safety and traffic. A third of respondents would like to see more street lights, and a third would like more pavements. Nearly a third wanted to see no more of either.

Health

Most people have a doctor in either Halesworth or Southwold, and the majority of people say they rarely or never have difficulty getting to them. However, a

significant number (18%) do report having problems, either occasionally or often.

The services of a doctor are those most in demand with over half the respondents saying they used a doctor often or occasionally. A smaller number (about 30%) used a hospital often or occasionally. When asked how they rated these services 93% rated the hospital service as good or reasonable. Doctors' services were rated even more highly and District Nurses/Health Visitors even more highly still!

There were misgivings about:

- **Ambulance Service - 17% rated it poor**
- **Chiropody - 14% rated it poor**
- **Physiotherapy - 14% rated it poor**

A small number of people used Complementary Medicine (23 people in all). Nearly 80% of these rated it good.

Most people reported no problems in collecting prescriptions, but a small number (18) said they did. They can, of course, be collected from "drop-off" points in the village but one of these has just closed (Post Office). This poses particular problems to those who attend doctors in Southwold.

Housing

When asked about the *number* of houses that had been built in the village in the last ten years, half of those replying said it was "about right". However, a quarter said that too many had been built, and the same number (108 people) thought that the houses built were too big. A substantial number (178) said that the houses were too expensive. (This may be a reflection of the sizes of houses built, the rise in house prices in general, or a combination of the two.) Only a small number (7%) thought that there had been too little new housing.

Replies to the question about *housing need* indicated there was strong support for houses which would be available to local people (51% of respondents) and for low-cost starter homes (53%). (These answers probably reflect the same view in two different ways.) A quarter of replies indicated a need for more Housing Association properties to *rent*. A need for sheltered accommodation was raised by 67 people (16%), while 20% of respondents said there was no need for any of these.

Environment

The environment is clearly of importance to the people of Wenhasston. Asked about whether the countryside has changed in recent years 40% said it hadn't, but a sizeable proportion (25%) said it had changed for the worse. A large group just didn't know (perhaps they've not been in the village long enough to judge). A small number felt that it had changed for the better.

There is clearly strong support for the need to protect all of our major landscape features:

- **Hedges** **76% of respondents**
- **Open Spaces** **71%**
- **Commons** **86%**

Replies show that commons, woods, hedges and rivers are particularly valued.

When asked about disturbance and nuisance, low-flying aircraft (63%) ranked about the same as dog-fouling as a source of irritation. (Some people feel extremely strongly about the latter). Traffic noise (perhaps surprisingly) was cited by only 19% of respondents as a nuisance.

It is clear, from the returns, that people value:

- **Rural way of life** **77%**
- **Open space** **74%**
- **Tranquillity** **68%**

A sense of community and local identity is clearly important (40%) whilst a third of respondents value village activities.

It was felt that the local environment could be best protected by:

- **Recycling**
- **More local employment**
- **Improved public transport**

Only a relatively small number of respondents felt that litter was a problem and the indication is that it is at its worst on the commons in Summer. Having said that, it must be noted that 40% rated removing litter as very important or important in keeping the countryside attractive. Other factors rated, in this connection, were:

- **Verges kept mown and tidy**
- **Signposting paths and bridleways**
- **Maintaining gates, stiles and bridges**
- **Keeping paths clear on commons**
- **Preventing vehicle damage to road verges**

Also rated as important, though not as important as the above, were:

- **Making paths accessible to the disabled**
- **Letting verges grow for wildlife. (How this is reconciled with neat and tidy verges, we don't know!)**

Villagers were definitely against the closing of footpaths. Surprisingly there wasn't strong support for traffic reduction (we're assuming people had road traffic in mind and were simply being realistic).

Most respondents (82% of those that had an opinion) seemed to know where the local paths are, and the majority felt that they were well-maintained and signposted. Interestingly, about 60% thought that Wenhaston should have bridleways.

Everyone, but everyone, thought that Wenhaston should have recycling facilities. (There is a Paper Bank at the Primary School, now joined by a Can Bank.) However, when asked where recycling facilities should be sited, 99% (of 354 respondents) said they should be at the Village Hall.

Education, Training and Employment

Firstly, it should be noted that 99% of villagers who expressed an opinion (431 people) rated the Village Primary School as important or very important to the community.

There was also support for pre-school education and activities. There was strong support for after-school clubs and holiday play schemes. (See Summary of Young Persons' Questionnaire where there is a clear demand for more planned activities for the Young in the village).

So far as Adult Education is concerned there appears to be a strong demand for Computing Classes (136 people expressed an interest), Craftwork (110), and Languages (82). Cookery (58), and Car Maintenance (50) also looked like runners (no pun intended!) The most popular time for classes was:

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|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| • | Evening | 75% of respondents |
| • | Afternoon | 29% |
| • | Morning | 20% |

Clearly, most people (but not all) would prefer classes in the evening.

The figures for employment status are interesting:

- **19% (nearly a fifth) are self-employed**
- **32% (nearly a third) are employees**
- **34.5% (just over a third) are retired compared to 21% of the population nationally**

When asked what sports clubs/activities they would join if there were available, it appears that:

- **Keep Fit for All Ages was "Top of the Pops" 41%**
- **Tennis was popular 28%**
- **Billiards/Snooker were popular 27%**
- **As was Aerobics 22%**

Of the nature of their employment, 50% of respondents were either in:

Retailing or other service industry, or local government/public sector employment. In contrast, numbers in Agriculture, Engineering plus other manufacturing, in aggregate, added up to 20% of the employed total. Broadly, half the respondents worked within 10 miles of Wenhaston, half more than 10 miles away.

There was a reasonable level of support for small business development (36%), whilst opinion was split fairly evenly on the desirability of small scale industrial workshops, and definite reservations/hostility to any further development of tourism.

Social and Entertainment

Asked about new sports or activities people wanted in Wenhaston, there was definite interest in:

- **Wine Tasting** **35% of respondents**
- **Computer Club** **29%**
- **Photography** **20%**

There was rather less demand for:

- **Line Dancing** **16%**
- **Discos** **15%**

And a fairly low demand for:

- **Bingo** **9%**
- **Tea Dances** **9%**

People said they didn't take part in leisure activities because:

- **they didn't want to** **9%**
- **they were too busy** **40%**

Unsuitable hours were cited by some (16%), but organisers can be reasonably confident that villagers know about activities. Only 8% mentioned poor publicity as a reason for not taking part.

It was clearly felt that provision of social facilities for children and young people up to the age of 25 years was poor compared to those provided for people over 60 (38% rated them as good or reasonable). In contrast, the comparable figures for young people aged 17-25 years are 3.5% (good or reasonable) with 34% of respondents rating them as poor.

Significant, but minority sports were:

- **Basketball**
- **Netball**
- **Judo**
- **Volleyball**

Our figures don't reveal this but one would expect that interest in particular sports would vary considerably across the age spectrum. For example, when asked why they did not participate in any sport, 21% said they were in the wrong age group. Nearly two-thirds (65%) said they simply weren't interested. Finally, 65% (195 people) of those that expressed an opinion on local sports facilities for the disabled thought they were good or reasonable.

Quite predictably, the Village Hall was seen primarily as a venue for social/leisure activities (65% of respondents). This, in itself, is a broad category. In more specific terms people thought that the Village Hall should be used for:

- **Drama**
- **Family Parties**
- **Club Meetings**
- **Quiz Nights**
- **Ceilidhs/Discos**

When asked whether the Village Hall met their needs, roughly two-thirds of respondents said it did; one third said it didn't. (Whether the response to this question is age-related we don't know, but we suspect that it is). Of those asked why the Hall didn't meet their needs, roughly a third said rules and regulations put them off. A small number of people (18) thought the Hall wasn't used enough.

A smaller number still (12 people) thought it was expensive. An even smaller number (8) felt it was for minority use only (which is difficult to square with the two-thirds of respondents, 204 people, who said it met their needs). A handful of people gave their opinion that it was the best Village Hall in the area.

Again, predictably, if the Village Hall wasn't used for functions the Church Room or private homes were the most-used alternatives. Other popular alternatives were Holton or Bramfield Village Halls.

Retail Services and Other Facilities

The Postal Service, in general, was rated as good or reasonable by a majority of users. There were, however, some reservations about the size of the post box (i.e. its ability to take large envelopes); nearly 20% of respondents rated it poor in this respect.

Our recently-closed Post Office (see comments later in the Epilogue) appears to have been well-used, though clearly not enough to prevent its closure. For example, nearly all the respondents used its postal services, with nearly a third (116 people) saying they drew their pension/allowances from there. Forty per cent paid regular bills via the Post Office and the same number used it as a source of information. Other services, including Giro Bank, were used by 40% of respondents.

When asked what retail services the Village needs 140 out of 165 replies said a well-stocked Village Shop (this is a whopping 85% of replies). This certainly shows demand but we doubt whether even 140 regular customers could keep a *commercial* retail shop in business over the long term.

In answer to why they shopped out of the Village, people replied, logically, that what they wanted wasn't available in the Village (though this isn't true of DIY goods, paint etc., which are).

Religion

About 40% of respondents said they were active members of one or other of the Churches. By far the biggest group within those were members of the Church of England (70%). This proportion of the population who are active churchgoers appears very high compared with that in the Country as a whole but perhaps it is characteristic of country areas with a high percentage of older people. We should add that the majority of Wenhaston churchgoers attend worship in the Village. Most people felt that local religious groups contribute to Community life.

When asked what activities they engaged on Sundays, 20% said they went to a place of worship. This conflicts with the figure of 40% active church members but it is from a larger number of respondents. Gardening (60%) is an extremely popular activity as are family outings of one sort or another. Thirty eight per cent attend social events in and around the Village whilst sport is important for nearly a quarter. Cinema, concerts, and the theatre are important for 40% of respondents. Thirty six per cent said they used Sundays for catching up with work – a sign of the times! Of course, many people will be involved in more than one activity. All in all, a picture of an active village interested in many different things.

Epilogue

We have deliberately not called this section "Conclusion" since a Village Appraisal is a starting point, not an end in itself.

It was in a play (by John Mortimer, we believe) that a character remarked that "travel doesn't broaden the mind, it simply confirms one's prejudices". We hope that this report has done a little more than that. Before it found its way into print it had two immediate practical benefits. We were able to provide "hard" statistics on the distribution of house location in the village to the organisers of the "Save Our Star" campaign. Second, data from both the Youth and Main Questionnaires on Sport and Leisure activity was passed to the Committee of the newly-born Sports Club. In both instances, the figures contribute valuable backup and support.

However, we are conscious of shortcomings. Since the Steering Group started work in May of last year our Post Office has closed, and the Star Inn (at the time of writing) is the subject of a "Change of Use" Application. Although one section (of the Questionnaire) looked at the use and contribution of our Post Office we neglected to test views on the contribution made to community life by our pubs. In the light of our experience we have asked Suffolk ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to advise those villages undertaking an Appraisal to include a section on pubs and inns.

As we said in the introduction, it is up to villagers to decide how they wish to use the information produced by the survey. Similarly local authorities and other statutory bodies may find the report of use when preparing or reviewing local plans or considering policy.

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Richard Havard, Bernard Orme, Anna Wright.

Statistics

Young Persons' Questionnaire

1. How old are you?

Age	No
9	9
10	3
11	8
12	5
13	8
14	7
15	12
Total respondents	52
Average age	12.3

2. What school do you go to?

Bungay High	20
Halesworth Middle	17
Wenhaston C.P.	2
St.George's	1
St.Felix's	2
Oundle School	2
Summerhill	1
Woodbridge	3
Henstead	1
New Eccles Hall School	1
London	1
Beccles Middle	2
Total respondents	53

3. How do you normally get to school ?

	No
Walk	2
Cycle	1
School Bus	40
Car	9
Taxi	4
Other	2
Total Respondents	52 (Six chose two modes of transport)

4. Do you take part in after school activities?

Yes	32.5
No	19.5
Total Respondents	53 (Three respondents said sometimes !)

5. If you don't take part in after school activities, why not?

Parents cannot pick up	2
Don't like to ask parents	0
Don't want to	11
Too dangerous to walk	3
Too far to get home	1
No public transport	1
Other	1
Total Respondents	16 (One respondent had four reasons)

6. When you are 16, will you:

Leave school and work	3
Go into the sixth form	33.5
Go to College	12.5
Other	0
Total Respondents	49 (Five respondents chose two options)

7. Do most of your friends live in the village?

	No
Yes	12
No	39
Total Respondents	51

8. After school hours, do you have difficulty in meeting your friends who live outside the village?

Yes	35
No	17
Total Respondents	52

If yes, why?

No public transport	18
Too far to get home	11
Too dangerous to walk	9
Don't like to ask parents	1
Parents unable to take you	11
Total Respondents	32 (Multiple choice questions)

9. When you travel outside the village (other than going to school), do you mostly:

Walk	3
Use bus	14
Cycle	10
Rely on parents/friends	43
Total Respondents	51 (A lot using both bus/parents or friends)

10. If the bus service was better would you use it?

Yes	27
No	7
Don't know	17
Total Respondents	51

11. Would you attend a youth club in the village?

	No
Yes	23
No	23
Total Respondents	46

12. What clubs/groups do you take an active part in during your spare time?

Brownies/Guides	4
Church based activities	2
Music/choir	13
Cubs/Scouts	0
Drama	6
Youth Club	4
Other	2
Total Respondents	21

13. Do you use the playing field?

Often	5
Regularly	7
Rarely	9.5
Never	11
Sometimes	18.5
Total Respondents	51

14. What else would you like to see on the playing field in Wenhaston

More play equipment	7
Tennis court	37
Basket ball post	30
Netball post	14
5-a-side pitch	16
Picnic area	7
Toilet	25
Total Respondents	44 (Multiple choice questions)

15. What sports do you take part in during your spare time? List your favourite three.

Leisure Activity	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Total
Football	10	2	6	18
Nothing	6	6	7	19
Hockey	3	4	0	7
Swimming	6	7	1	14
Rugby	4	1	1	6
Riding	4	1	1	6
Badminton	2	0	1	3
Motorbike Riding	1	0	1	2
Rounders	1	0	1	2
Cycling	2	2	2	6
BMX	1	1	0	2
Tennis	1	9	11	21
Shooting	1	0	0	1
Cricket	1	2	3	6
Basketball	2	7	6	15
Fencing	1	0	0	1
Netball	4	2	4	10
Dancing	1	0	0	1
Total	51	44	45	

16. What do you like and what do you dislike about living in Wenhaston with Mells?

What do you like about the village?

	No
Quiet	16
Countryside (Picturesque)	11
Commons	8
Friendliness of villagers	7
Personal Friends	5
BMX track	2
Playground	1
Cycling	1
Football pitch	1
Stars at night	1
Safety	1
Don't know	1
Nothing	3

What do you dislike about the village?

Nothing to do	22
Distance from friends	8
Lack of transport	4
Strict village hall rules	3
One/few shops	2
Not enough young people	1
"Anti-young/anti-change"	1
No disco	1
No youth club	1
Selfish (?) Parish Council	1
Traffic/lorries	1
Total Respondents	47

17. What would you like to use the Village Hall for?

	No
Drama	23
Sports	36
Aerobics	14
Youth Club	27
Dancing	14
Gymnastics	19
After School Club	15
Disco/Music	35
Cubs/Scouts/Guides	4
Total Respondents	50 (Multiple choice questions)

18. How do you think life in the village could be improved for everyone?

More clubs/activities	22
More shops	6
Better Village Hall Rules	5
Sports Facilities	2
Swimming pool	2
Street lights	2
Slower traffic	2
Less pollution, litter	2
Less housing development	2
Younger Parish Council	2
Better Transport	1
More bridleways	1
Less prejudice against young	1
Train station	1
Total Respondents	48

Main Questionnaire

Household Section

Question Number : 1 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 292 / 368 = .79

How many people including children normally live in your household? 660

Question Number : 2 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 292

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

	Male	Female
0-4	6	9
5-10	20	23
11-15	25	35
16-17	9	2
18-24	16	16
25-44	57	66
45-59	74	91
60-64	26	24
65-74	45	45
75-84	21	37
85+	7	6

Question Number : 3 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 292

Where does your household live? %

1. MELS	28	9.6
2 BH NORTH	9	3.1
3. BH CENTRAL	9	3.1
4 BH SOUTHEAST	54	18.5
5 HALL ROAD	31	10.6
6 St. MICHAEL'S WAY	26	8.9
7 NARROW WAY	16	5.5
8 THE STREET	4	1.5
9 BLYFORD LANE	22	7.5
10 COLES HILL	17	5.8
11 BACK ROAD	35	12.0

Personal Section

Question Number : 4 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 517

Sex

Male 241 46.0%

Female 276 53.0%

Question Number : 5 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 513

What age group do you belong to?

		%
11-15	5	1.0
16-17	8	1.6
18-24	22	4.3
25-44	123	24.0
45-59	151	29.0
60-64	49	9.6
65-74	90	17.5
75-84	53	10.3
85+	12	2.3

Question Number : 6 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

496
660 = .75

How long have you lived in Wenhaston with Mells ?

		%
Less than a year	51	10.3
1-5 years	120	24.0
6-15 years	122	24.0
16-25 years	123	24.0
26-50 years	69	13.9
51 + years	5	1.0
Whole life	6	1.20

Question Number : 7 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 487

Where did you live before?		%
In Wenhaston with Mells	114	23.0
Outside Wenhaston with Mells but withi	121	24.0
Within 11-30 miles	69	14.2
Over 30 miles away in Britain	169	34.0
Overseas	14	2.9

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Question Number : 8

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 496

How did you come to live in Wenhaston with Mells ?

		%
Born here	68	13.7
Work in area	91	18.3
Relatives live nearby	80	16.1
Love of village life	93	18.8
Love of country life	156	31.0
Love of town life	5	1.0
Availability of housing	53	10.7
Retired here	78	15.7
Marriage	52	10.5
Setting up home	39	7.9
Came with family	61	12.3
Other	48	9.7

Transport

Question Number : 9

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 467

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Wenhaston with Mells to other places?

		%
Often	32	6.9
Occasionally	103	22.0
Never	332	71.0

Question Number : 10

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 492

Are you a driver who has daytime access to a vehicle?

		%
Yes	421	85.0
No	71	14.4

Question Number : 11

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 450

If yes, what do you use the vehicle for?

		%
Business journeys	119	26.0
Transport to work	204	45.0
Leisure	364	80.0
Shopping	338	75.0
Transporting children to school/college	69	15.3
Other	86	19.1
Not applicable	25	5.6

Question Number : 12 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 412

If responsible for a vehicle, where do you usually park it?

		%
In a garage (on this plot)	206	50.0
In a garage elsewhere	7	1.7
Off the road	174	42.0
On the road	25	6.1

Question Number : 13 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 464

Is street parking a safety risk in Wenhaston with Mells ?

		%
Yes	233	50.0
No	141	30.0
No opinion	90	19.4

Question Number : 14 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

How do you rate the bus service for?

	good	%	reasonable	%	poor	%	no opinion	%
Route	33	5.5	78	13.0	59	9.8	188	31.0
Timetable	11	1.8	67	11.1	78	13.0	176	29.0
Reliability	30	5.0	80	13.3	20	3.3	188	31.0
Cost	10	1.7	75	12.5	40	6.7	190	31.0
Access for those with disabilities	20	3.0	17	2.8	68	11.3	221	36.0

Question Number : 15 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 437

Would you use a voluntary car service as a passenger?

		%
Weekly	6	1.4
Monthly	4	0.9
Occasionally	142	32.0
Never	285	65.0

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Question Number : 16

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 463

Which of the following services do you use?

		%
Bus	103	22.0
Train	163	35.0
Coach	57	12.3
Community Bus	3	0.6
Voluntary Car Service	21	4.5
None	235	50.0

Question Number : 17

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

How often do you use the following services?

	daily	weekly	monthly	never
Bus	14 (2.3%)	16 (2.7%)	57 (9.5%)	250 (41.0%)
Train	9 (1.5%)	6 (1.0%)	107 (17.0%)	201 (33.0%)
Coach	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	43 (7.2%)	246 (40.0%)
Community Bus	4 (0.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.2%)	276 (45.0%)

Question Number : 18

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 433

Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to?

		%
Routes	107	24.0
Timetable	133	30.0
Cost	74	17.1
Reliability	63	14.5
Bus Stop location	23	5.3
Access for those with disabilities	81	18.7
Travel to and from school/college	35	8.1
Connection with train service	109	25.0
No opinion	221	51.0

Question : 19

Does Wenhaston with Mells need a car park?

Yes 126 (27.0%) No 233 (51.4%) No Opinion 93 (20.6%)
Where?

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	60	
Middle of Village	31	51.6
Triangle Opp. Cobblers Cottage	10	16.6
Common Land	5	8.3
Church Area	4	7.0
Cemetery	4	7.0
Old Bowling Green	3	6.0
Church Common	2	3.3
Coles Hill	1	0.2

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Question Number : 20

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

448

Do you think there are any major 'danger-spots' on the roads in Wenhaston with Mells ?

		%
Yes	275	61.0
No	98	21.9
No opinion	75	16.7

If Yes Where?

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	173	
Top of Blyford Lane / Cobblers	36	20.8
Star Hill	28	16.2
The Street / Hall Road	23	13.3
Bramfield Road X Back Road	23	13.3
Mells Road Nr. Quarry	22	12.7
Nowhere House Jnctn.	12	6.9
Woottens	10	5.8
Coles Hill	10	5.8
Brook Farm Intersection	9	5.2

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

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Question Number : 21

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 240

Do you feel in danger from speeding traffic in any areas of Wenhaston with Mells ?
If yes where ?

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	154	
The Street	44	28.6
Blyford Lane (The Top)	32	20.8
Star Hill	23	14.9
Outside School	21	13.6
Back Road	14	9.1
Outside School	10	6.5
Blackheath Road	10	6.5

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Question Number : 22

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 434

In relation to paths and street lights, would you like to see any of the following in Wenhaston with Mells ?

		%
Cycle paths	88	20.3
More footpaths	109	25.0
More street lights	138	31.0
Environmentally sensitive street lights	139	32.0
More pavements	130	30.0
Dropped kerbs	52	12.0
None of the above	125	28.0

Health

Question Number : 23

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 477

Is your doctor's surgery/health centre in?

		%
Wenhaston	29	6.1
Halesworth	334	70.0
Southwold	89	18.7
Beccles	0	0.0
Bungay	3	0.6
Leiston	0	0.0
Other	22	4.6

Question Number : 24 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601
Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	often	%	occasionally	%	never	%
Hospital	14	2.3	58	9.7	333	55.0
Doctor	11	1.8	38	6.3	345	57.0
Chemist	4	0.7	16	2.7	348	57.0
Chiropodist	3	0.5	9	1.5	285	47.0
Optician	7	1.2	24	4.0	324	53.0
Dentist	9	1.5	24	4.0	341	56.0
Other medical facility	4	0.7	7	1.2	292	48.0
If so what is the difficulty?	0	0.0	1	0.2	72	12.0

Question Number : 25 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

Have you used any of the following services which cover Wenhaston with Mells in the last year?

	often	%	occasionally	%	never	%	not applicable	%
Hospital	39	6.5	150	25.0	142	23.0	41	6.8
Doctor	90	15.0	242	40.0	71	11.8	16	2.7
District nurse/Health visitor	14	2.3	32	5.3	175	29.0	94	15.6
Home help	0	0.0	3	0.5	147	24.0	152	25.0
Ambulance	5	0.8	21	3.5	202	33.0	85	14.1
Maternity care	2	0.3	4	0.7	126	21.0	167	27.0
Chiropody	13	2.2	23	3.8	173	28.0	109	18.0
Loan of medical equipment	5	0.8	20	3.3	168	28.0	119	19.0
Meals on wheels	0	0.0	1	0.2	148	24.0	153	25.0
Complementary Medicine	7	1.2	17	2.8	172	28.0	110	18.0
Counselling services	1	0.2	8	1.3	191	31.0	104	17.0
Physiotherapy	9	1.5	31	5.2	187	31.0	93	15.5

Question Number : 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

If you have used any of the following services which cover Wenhaston with Mells during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	good	%	reasonable	%	poor	%	no opinion	%	not used	
Hospital	139	23.0	41	6.8	12	2.0	8	1.3	134	22.0
Doctor	253	42.0	59	9.8	16	2.7	6	1.0	62	10.3
District Nurse/Health Visitor	37	6.2	6	1.0	1	0.2	12	2.0	208	34.0
Home help	2	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.2	13	2.2	235	39.0
Ambulance	20	3.3	4	0.7	5	0.8	9	1.5	226	37.0
Maternity care	6	1.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	11	1.8	232	38.0
Chiropody	26	4.3	6	1.0	5	0.8	12	2.0	220	36.0
Loan of medical equipment	17	2.8	4	0.7	2	0.3	9	1.5	229	38.0
Meals on wheels	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.2	10	1.7	240	39.0
Counselling services	8	1.3	2	0.3	3	0.5	9	1.5	233	38.0
Physiotherapy services	24	4.0	7	1.2	5	0.8	9	1.5	221	36.0
Complimentary Medicine	18	3.0	4	0.7	1	0.2	8	1.3	227	37.0

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Question Number : 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 468

Do you have problems in collecting medicine on prescription?

%

Yes	18	3.8
No	402	85.0
Not applicable	48	10.3

Information and Communication

Question Number : 28 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 469

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Wenhaston with Mells ?

%

Notice Board	178	38.0
Parish Magazine	200	42.0
Free paper	190	40.0
Local Newspaper	178	38.0
Post Office	215	45.0
Library	61	13.0
Other	176	37.0

Question Number : 29 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 476

Do you think the amount of information available about what's going on in Wenhaston with Mells is?

%

Good	229	48.0
Reasonable	195	41.0
Poor	28	5.9
No opinion	24	5.0

Question Number : 30 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 453

Do you think visitors need more information about Wenhaston and Mells ?

%

Yes	134	29.0
No	297	65.0
No opinion	22	4.9

Question Number : 31 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 484

Is the number of telephone boxes in Wenhaston and Mells ?

%

Satisfactory	97	20.0
Adequate	124	25.6
Inadequate	135	27.9
No Opinion	128	26.4

Question Number : 32

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

Do you have any reception difficulties with the following?

	Yes	%	No	%	No opinion	%
Radio	88	14.6	281	46.0	21	3.5
T.V.	174	29.0	229	38.0	19	3.2
Mobile Telephone	81	13.5	143	23.0	86	14.3

Question Number : 33

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 0

Do you think an easily accessible, Village Function Diary would be useful ? 0 0%

Housing

Question Number : 34

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 433

What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Wenhaston with Mells over the last 10 years?

		%
About right	216	49.0
Too much new housing	108	24.0
Too little housing	29	6.7
Too expensive	178	41.0
Too big	108	24.0
Too small	8	1.8
No opinion	1	0.2

Question Number : 35

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 417

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Wenhaston and Mells ?

		%
Private rented	41	9.8
Local authority/housing association	98	23.5
Owner occupied	38	9.1
Shared ownership	17	4.1
By virtue of employment (tied)	9	2.2
Sheltered housing	67	16.1
Adapted housing	21	5.0
Availability to local people	211	50.0
Low cost starter homes	222	53.0
Other	0	0.0
There is no need for any of these	82	19.7

Environment

Question Number : 36

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 469

What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Wenhaston and Mells ?

		%
Recycling	292	62.0
Energy saving	142	30.0
Improved public transport	184	39.0
Car sharing	80	17.1
More employment locally	185	39.0
More street lighting	127	27.0
Traffic calming measures	139	29.0
Pollarding of dangerous trees	108	23.0
Concealed entrance signs	99	21.1
Other	16	3.4
Nothing	34	7.2
Don't know	26	5.5

Question Number : 37

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 474

Which elements of the countryside around Wenhaston and Mells do you value?

		%
Local identity	190	40.0
Tranquillity	321	67.0
Sense of community	209	44.0
Village activities	153	32.0
Open space	350	73.0
Rural way of life	363	76.0

Question Number : 38

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 438

Do you feel that the countryside around Wenhaston and Mells has changed in recent years?

		%
For better	43	9.8
For worse	109	24.0
Not changed	172	39.0
Don't know	114	26.0

Question Number : 39

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 447

Do you think that any of the following landscape features in Wenhaston and Mells need to be protected ?

		%
Hedges	339	75.0
Open spaces	316	70.0
Ditches	249	55.0
Streams/Ponds	309	69.0
Commons	385	86.0
Small Woods	332	74.0
Rivers	315	70.0
Other	35	7.8

Question : 40

Are there any places where litter is a problem in Wenhaston with Mells? Indicate where.

Respondents	Total of Comments	51	%
Commons in Summer		10	20.0
Village Hall /Hall Road		6	11.8
Verges @ A12		6	11.8
Fly Dumping		6	11.8
Back Road		4	7.7
Graveyard / War Memorial		4	7.7
Star Hill		3	5.8
BMX Track		3	5.8
Mill Heath		2	3.8
Blackheath		2	3.8

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Question Number : 41

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 406

Does Wenhaston and Mells suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?

		%
Traffic noise	77	19.0
Hunting	11	2.7
Low-flying aircraft	256	63.0
Cycle scrambling	34	8.4
Vandalism	26	6.4
Light pollution	22	5.4
Dog fouling	244	60.0
Petty crime	26	6.4

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Question Number : 42

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 105

Which of the following areas of Wenhaston and Mells could be improved visually?
Please specify

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	105	
Bury Services (Elec. BT. Etc)	30	28.6
Triangle Opp. Nolloths	12	11.4
Opposite Hammonds Old Site	12	11.4
M/T Plot Next to Nolloths	10	10.0
Hall Road / Street	8	7.0
Lorry Park (Coles Hill)	4	3.8
Mells Road / Quarry	4	3.8
Back Road	4	3.8
Church Common	4	3.8
Blyford Lane	3	2.8
Blower's Common	3	2.8
New Cemetery	3	2.8
Narrow Way	2	1.8
St. Michaels Way	2	1.8
Off Road Parking	2	1.8
Removal of Dead Trees	1	1.0
Hazel's Lane	1	1.0

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Question Number : 43

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

In relation to local footpaths and bridleways, can you answer the following questions?

	Yes	%	No	%	No opinion	%
Do you know where the local paths are?	335	55.0	70	11.6	27	4.5
Are they well maintained	178	29.0	99	16.5	80	13.3
Are they well signposted?	208	34.0	93	15.5	58	9.7

Question Number : 44

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 391

Are bridleways needed in Wenhaston with Mells?
%

Yes	234	59.0
No	157	40.0

Question Number : 45

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

What do you think could be done with the local roads, lanes and paths to make the countryside more attractive?

	very important	important	worth doing	not necessary
Remove litter	168 (28.0%)	74 (12.3%)	53 (8.8%)	35 (5.8%) 8 (1.3%)
Keep roadside verges mown and tidy	118 (19.0%)	75 (12.5%)	80 (13.3%)	64 (10.6%) 7 (1.2%)
Let roadside verges grow for wildlife	68 (11.3%)	56 (9.3%)	52 (8.7%)	99 (16.5%) 22 (3.7%)
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	109 (18.0%)	64 (10.6%)	84 (14.0%)	48 (8.0%) 16 (2.7%)
Signpost paths and bridleways	99 (16.5%)	80 (13.3%)	95 (15.8%)	25 (4.2%) 11 (1.8%)
Repair gates stiles and bridges	102 (17.0%)	81 (13.5%)	94 (15.6%)	23 (3.8%) 12 (2.0%)
Close some footpaths and bridleways	17 (2.8%)	4 (0.7%)	8 (1.3%)	209 (34.0%) 26 (4.3%)
Open more footpaths and bridleways	57 (9.5%)	49 (8.2%)	61 (10.1%)	110 (18.0%) 19 (3.2%)
Remove unnecessary sign posts	48 (8.0%)	29 (4.8%)	70 (11.6%)	121 (20.0%) 21 (3.5%)
Make paths accessible to disabled	91 (15.1%)	68 (11.3%)	101 (16.0%)	27 (4.5%) 23 (3.8%)
Reduce traffic	63 (10.5%)	20 (3.3%)	49 (8.2%)	121 (20.0%) 23 (3.8%)
Pathway clearance on commons	78 (13.0%)	95 (15.8%)	96 (16.0%)	48 (8.0%) 12 (2.0%)

Question Number : 46

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 354

Do you think that Wenhasston should have a recycling bank? 354 (100 %)

If so where? Village Hall 354 (100 %)

Education, Training and Employment

Question Number : 47

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 467

How important is Wenhasston Community School school to the local community?

		%
Very important	368	78.0
Important	58	12.4
Not very important	4	0.9
No opinion	37	7.9

Question Number : 48

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 285

In relation to educational facilities, does Wenhasston and Mells need any of the following?

		%
Nursery School	149	52.0
Playgroup	182	63.0
More registered childminders	51	17.9
Full day care	40	14.0
After school clubs	177	62.0
Holiday play scheme	178	62.0
Other please specify	10	3.5

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Question Number : 49 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 242
If the following classes were provided would you attend?

		%
Computing	136	56.0
Languages	82	33.9
Crafts	110	45.0
Woodwork	42	17.4
Car Maintenance	50	20.7
Dress Making	29	12.0
Cookery	58	24.0

Question Number : 50 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 286

What is the best time of day for classes?

		%
Morning	58	20.3
Afternoon	83	29.0
Evening	215	75.0

Question Number : 51 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 484

Are you at present?		%
An employee	153	31.0
Unemployed	5	1.0
Self-employed - employing other people	39	8.1
Self employed - not employing anyone	54	11.2
In a government training scheme	1	0.2
In full-time education	14	2.9
Unwaged housewife/husband	46	9.5
Retired	167	34.0
Permanently sick/disabled	5	1.0

Question Number : 52 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 183
If you are in waged employment, what is the business of your major employer?

		%
Agriculture/Horticulture	15	8.2
Manufacturing engineering	9	4.9
Manufacturing other	14	7.7
Retail/Service industry	42	23.0
Financial Services	9	4.9
Tourism e.g. hotels - catering - B&B	17	9.3
Local Government/Public Sector	50	27.3
Construction	6	3.3
Transport/Communications	13	7.1
Food Processing	8	4.4

Question Number : 53 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 229

Where is your main place of work?		%
Within the Parish (Under 10 miles)	123	53.0
Outside the Parish (Over 10 miles)	106	46.0

Question Number : 54 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 80

If you are actively seeking work, are there any barriers that are preventing you from taking up employment, training or study opportunities

		%
Lack of alternative care for adult dependents	0	0.0
Lack of child care locally	6	7.5
Cost of child care locally	6	7.5
Lack of access to transport	5	6.3
I don't have the right type of experience	9	11.3
I don't have the right type of qualifications	11	13.8
Disability or ill health of some kind	10	12.5
Lack of information/advice	8	10.0
None of these	48	60.0

Question Number : 55 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

Should the following be encouraged in and around Wenhaston with Mells ?

	1 - strongly	2 - in favour	3 - no opinion	4 - reservations	5 - no
Tourism development/attractions	24 (4.0%)	51 (8.5%)	76 (12.6%)	96 (16.0%)	111 (18.0%)
Small business development	88 (14.6 %)	133 (22.%)	60 (10.0%)	50 (8.3%)	48 (8.0%)
Small scale industrial workshops	55 (9.2%)	93 (15.5 %)	65 (10.8%)	75 (12.5%)	65 (10.8%)

Social and Entertainment

Question Number : 56 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 260

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Wenhaston and Mells if they were provided?

		%
Line Dancing	41	15.8
Tea Dances	23	8.8
Discos	38	14.6
Wine Tasting	92	35.4
Photography	52	20.0
Bingo	23	8.8
Computer Club	76	29.2
Other	78	30.0

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Question Number : 57

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 324

If you do not take part in any leisure activities, is it because?

		%
Do not want to	125	38.9
Unsuitable hours	52	16.0
Access problems (physical)	6	1.9
No transport	9	2.8
Too expensive	15	4.6
Poor publicity	26	8.0
Too busy	131	40.0
Others	61	18.8

Question Number : 58

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

What are your views on local social facilities for?

	good	%	reasonable	%	poor	%	no opinion	%
Children up to 16	11	1.8	35	5.8	183	30.0	114	19.0
Young people 17-25	0	0.0	21	3.5	202	33.0	102	17.0
People 26-60	36	6.0	110	18.0	86	14.3	97	16.1
People over 60	114	19.0	114	19.0	12	2.0	115	19.0

Question Number : 59

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

Where do you take part in the following activities?

	in Wenhaston	%	in Area	%	elsewhere	%	do not participate	%
Football	17	2.8	7	1.2	2	0.3	204	33.0
Tennis	5	0.8	24	4.0	7	1.2	194	32.0
Swimming	7	1.2	144	24.0	24	4.0	130	21.0
Badminton	12	2.0	17	2.8	9	1.5	192	31.0
Bowls	9	1.5	10	1.7	6	1.0	198	32.0
Hockey	1	0.2	1	0.2	5	0.8	204	33.0
Golf	24	4.0	23	3.8	7	1.2	182	30.0
Cricket	1	0.2	6	1.0	7	1.2	196	32.0
Rugby	0	0.0	3	0.5	2	0.3	204	33.0

Question Number : 60

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 261

If you do not participate in any sport, what is the reason?

		%
No transport	5	1.9
No one else to go with	6	2.3
Opening times are inconvenient	6	2.3
Costs too great	5	1.9
No wheelchair access	0	0.0
Wrong age group	55	21.1
Poor quality of facilities/services	14	5.4
Not interested	170	65.0

Question Number : 61

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 432

What are your opinions of local sports facilities for people with disabilities?

		%
Good	48	11.1
Reasonable	147	34.0
Poor	104	24.0
No Opinion	64	14.8
No experience	69	16.0

Question Number : 62

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 237

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Wenhaston with Mells if they were provided?

		%
Basketball	23	9.7
Netball	24	10.1
Judo	23	9.7
Keep Fit for all	98	41.4
Aerobics	51	21.5
Skittles	14	5.9
Squash	42	17.7
Tennis	66	27.8
Volleyball	20	8.4
Yoga	51	21.5
Billiards/Snooker	63	26.6

Village Appraisal

Question Number : 63

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 436

What activities do you think the Village Hall should be used for?

		%
Family Parties	25	5.7
Quiz Nights	20	4.6
Club Meetings	21	4.8
Bingo/Whist and the like	1	0.2
Drama Productions	31	7.1
Social/Leisure activities	282	64.0
Discos	14	3.2
Socials/Dancing	11	2.5
Ceilidhs	18	4.1
Other	13	3.0

Question Number : 64

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 323

Do you think that the Village Hall meets your needs.

		%
Yes	204	63.0
No	119	36.0

Why not?

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	123	
Inappropriate Rules	20	16.3
Afraid to use it / Restrictions	19	15.4
Not Used Enough or Correctly	18	14.6
Should have Junior Disco	15	12.1
Expensive	12	9.8
Has Ceased to be a Community Centre	10	8.1
Minority Use	8	6.5
Best Village Hall in Area	6	4.9
No Weekend Activities / Entertainment	5	4.1
Bad Management	5	4.1
Not Used For Community	5	4.1

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Question Number : 65

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 291

If you cannot use the Village Hall for a function, where do you hold it?

		%
Church room	103	35.0
Own home	125	43.0
Outside the village/ please specify	63	2.0

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	140	
Holton	35	25.0
Church Room	28	20.0
Own Home	25	18.0
Bramfield	15	10.7
Golf Club	8	5.7
Southwold	4	2.9
Rifle Hall	4	2.9
Halesworth	4	2.9
Lowestoft	3	2.1
Friends' Houses	3	2.1
Halesworth	3	1.4
Carlton Manor	2	1.4
Saxmundham	2	1.4
Bungay	2	1.4
Others	2	1.4
Restuarants	1	0.0

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Retail Services and Other Facilities

Question Number : 66

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 601

How do you rate the postal service for Wenhaston and Mells ?

	good	%	reasonable	%	poor	%	no opinion	%
Location of post boxes	258	42.0	133	22.0	27	4.5	15	2.5
Number of post boxes	192	31.0	145	24.0	51	8.5	24	4.0
Number of deliveries	187	31.0	167	27.0	43	7.2	12	2.0
Delivery to the right person/address	241	40.0	127	21.0	21	3.5	10	1.7
Number of collections	180	30.0	183	30.0	21	3.5	11	1.8
Speed of service	183	30.0	149	24.0	40	6.7	10	1.7
Size of post box (take large envelopes)	84	14.0	160	26.0	110	18.0	27	4.5
Other	2	0.3	0	0.0	3	0.5	5	0.8

Village Appraisal

Question Number : 67

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 402

If you use the local Post Office, please say what for?

		%
Postal services	373	92.0
Pensions/Allowances	116	28.0
Giro bank/savings certificates etc.	47	11.7
Vehicle tax/T.V. licence/other bills	159	39.0
Information leaflets	162	40.0
Other services	119	29.6

Question Number : 68

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 458

If you usually shop out of Wenhaston and Mells , is it because?

		%
Goods are cheaper there	214	46.0
You have more choice there	286	62.0
Not available in Village	385	84.0
It is convenient to your place of work	80	17.5
Nearer local school/nursery	4	0.9
Easy to park	137	29.0
Other	24	5.2

Question Number: 69

With respect to shopping facilities and services, what improvements do you think the Village needs?

	Respondents	%
Total of Comments	165	
Well Stocked Village Shop / Bakery	140	82.2
Newsagen	7	4.2
Better Police Service	5	3.0
Doctor's Surgery	4	2.4
Coffee Shop	3	2.0
Late Evening Shop	3	2.0
Garage	2	1.2
Better Bus Service	2	1.2
Decent Restaurant / Pub	2	1.2
Competitive Farm Shop	1	0.6

N.B. Percentages are based on total number of returned comments to this question

Religion

Question Number : 70 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 419

Are you an active member of?		%
Church of England	115	27.0
Methodist Chapel	21	5.0
Roman Catholic Church	15	3.6
Society of Friends	0	0.0
United Reform Church	5	1.2
Other Religious Groups	9	2.1
None	254	60.0

Question Number : 71 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 278

If you attend places of worship outside Wenhaston with Mells is it because?

		%
Times better	11	4.0
My religion/denomination not catered for	18	6.5
Better facilities for children	5	1.8
Access problems in local place	4	1.4
Poor local information	5	1.8
Not applicable	241	86.0

Question Number : 72 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 433

Do you think the local religious groups contribute to community life?

		%
Yes	253	58.0
No	42	9.7
No opinion	138	31.0

Question Number : 73 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 474

Which of the following activities do you do on Sunday?

		%
Go to a place of worship	104	21.0
Family outings	215	45.0-
Visiting relatives	218	46.0
Shopping	120	25.0
Gardening	287	60.0
Catching up with work	171	36.0
Attend events in / outside the village	180	38.0
Sport activities	106	22.0
Cinema/other entertainment	94	19.8
Attending concerts/theatre/other	105	22.0
Rest	230	48.0
Other	120	25.0

End Piece

More Comments from Questionnaires

"Wenhaston is a divided village with no community spirit."

"Maybe we need to work together in becoming a more cohesive community for the future."

"We have been very fortunate since our time here and everyone has been very supportive and friendly."

"Total failure to understand function of a Village Hall and the role it should play in the community."

"Villages naturally evolve and this sort of questionnaire is useless and a complete waste of time and money"

"... We have very few young families in the village ... This is getting an old village which is such a shame when we have such a lovely school."

"The bus service times to Lowestoft are ridiculous. ... College students end up using the trains. The bus is also very expensive."

"The most important thing needed is a shop, not only for shopping but to provide a focus." "I view with dismay the number of large vehicles which use the narrow roads in Wenhaston with little regard to the speed limit."

"We have a splendid village hall."

"We would like to see the Junior Disco reinstated at the Hall."

"I'm sure lots of people who work for the village do it with good intentions, but progress and rapid changes don't seem to have helped me so far."

"Put a stop to all holiday houses so that young people can stay in the Village and buy starter homes within their price range."

"I am sick to death of people moving into the village and trying to run and change it."

"Where the train service is concerned the cost can be too high, especially for those on lower incomes."



