Appendix 3: Issues raised as free-form answers in the questionnaires

This appendix lists all the answers given to those questions in the questionnaire that allowed respondents free expression. The issues below appear as they were written down in the completed questionnaires.

The questions appear in the same order as in the questionnaire. Within each question, the answers are listed in alphabetical order.

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Introduction

1. If you could change ONE thing about Wheathampstead, what would it be?

(Maltings Drive) Park e.g.. Skateboards / basket ball / real park?

20mph speed limit on single track country lanes.

A better local grocery shop.

A crossing on lower Luton Road is needed.

A good supermarket

A greater number of shops in the village and a choice of local produce / goods and services.

A path along the River Lea through the village.

A thriving and vibrant High Street/Village centre with mix of shops, restaurants and wine bars.

A thriving 'in character' High St

A very attractive village shop which attracts customers from within and beyond the village.

Admittance procedures for children applying to senior school - stop messing it all up.

affordable housing

All High Street premises occupied and thriving with maximum local shopping by local people.

All shops occupied and open for business.

All the shops would have viable, profitable and useful occupants.

Amount of traffic

Amount of traffic especially heav traffic and lorries going through the village.

Appoint a council that will listen

As good a High St as Southdown

bank

Better bus service

Better bus service to Harpenden Rail station.

Better busses

Better christmas lights

Better High St shops

Better quality of shops - grocery store.

Better range of shopping

Better shops

Better shops.

Better street cleaning

Better walking access between Village and Southdown/Harpenden.

Bring back a decent sized employer.

Bring shops back

Build leisure centre

Bus times. There are 2 busses (one goes via The Hill and one that goes up Hilldyke Road) that arrive at the same time. One half hourly would better.

By-pass to divert St. Albans- Lower Luton Rd traffic out of village. Second choice, use edge of football ground area to river for adventure play area

Change the One Stop to a fantastic local convenience store.

cleaner environment

Close the Fish and Chip Shop to avoid all the extra litter it creates.

Congestion at bottom of Brewhouse Hill every morning & evening. Double yellow lines would ease this problem,

Create a vibrant High Street.

Cure the chronic flooding on the road between the village and Lower Gustard Wood.

cycle path to harpenden (top road) & st albans

Decent supermarket

Discourage lorries / coaches etc. not to use the High Street.

East Lane is dangerous. Should be One way

Eliminate the empty buildings in the High Street. - convert buildings to new usage eg. Imporve (One Stop to Tesco) or make residential.

Empty business unita occupied + trading well. There are currently several business units empty.

Empty/boarded up buildings need to be used so that they don't make the village centre look tatty and run down.

encourage large employers into village

encourage more businesses

Encourage retail businesses

Enforce existing regulations for large vehicles.

Enforcement of speed limits and lorry bans in village & Lower Luton Rd.

Ensure One Stop changes to Tesco.

Entrance to East lane

Expand pavement along Harpenden Road beyond the house 'High Pastures'.

Fill empty shops

Fill empty shops

fill empty shops

Fill High St shops

Fill the vacant shops

flower shop

Foot & Cyle paths to and from Harpenden

Get rid of ghastly plastic seats

Get rid of speed bumps

Get Tesco Express & improve on awful One Stop (lazy assistants, poor paper delivery, out of date food...)

Good reasonably priced, suitably sized supermarket. Encourage shops we need for a small community.

Other villages manage it + supermarkerts nearby.

Good small supermarket

Have the secondary school back.

Have thriving small shops in the village selling locally grown produce, eg. fruit and veg, meat.

Heritage / Historic Information signs.

High St - full occupancy

High St shops filled

High Street - lots of vibrant, busy shops

High Street regeneration.

I feel that this form is far too complicated to fill in, and is not needed to be so long.

I ould like to see village becoming more vibrant. Additional of Tesco would certainly help.

Imporve roads as all drive too fast and not enough safe crossings for all.

Imporved bus service.

Imporved signage that reflects a village not a town.

Impose lorry ban

Improve high st

Improve High Street

Improve High Street.

Improve leisure facilities (restaurants & shops)

Improve roads

Improve shops and businesses

Improve shops in High Street

 $Improve \ the \ High \ Street \ with \ more \ / \ better \ shops \ that \ benefit \ the \ local \ community \ and \ attract \ people$

from surrounding areas.

Improve the Sunday bus service

Improve village centre

Increase police presence.

Increase shopping facilities

Keeping it a village. Not trying to make it something elsse ie upmarket.

lack of shops

less traffic

less traffic

Less traffic e.g. busy lorries.

Less traffic through village

Less traffic.

Less traffic.

Let empty shops in High Street. Repair shop front to the old Vinters. It is an eysore.

Local seconday school situation

Lower High Street needs to encourage local shops and businesses.

Make High St look better

Make the Centre like Welwyn Old Town - vibrant + full of interesting shops.

Make the One Stop conveninece store a Tesco.

Members of the Parish Council

Minimise traffic through village, reduce speed

More affordable housing.

More buses

More car parking spaces & better access to them, thus reducing High Street traffic.

More facilities for housebound to socialise.

More facilities for teenagers

More life to village centre

More lively abd vibrant High Street, similar to Welwyn

More open shops

More people using High Street Shops leading to more established retailing / centre of village life.

More policing for all areas, including rroad parking.

More shops

More shops

More shops

More shops

More shops in High Street

More Shops so the High Street looks more alive.

More sporting facilities.

More variety of shops. The proposed TesoMetro will be the deathknell of shops left in the village, ie. the butchers, offlicence, bakers.

More village interaction.

More visible parking

Need thriving village centre

Needs a commercial incentive to avoid its degeneration into a dormitory suburb

Negative attitude of some youths

No lorries parking on pavement - enforce lorry ban.

No more development

Nothing it is lovely here: (no over developments, no change to flight paths, not too many people to cause strain on services.)

One stop

One Stop

One Stop - Tesco & discourage loiterers

One stop appearance

Open secondary school

Parish councillors

Pedestrianise the High St

People parking dangerously.

Permanent, proper police presence

Pot holes

Proper supermarket

Protect greenbelt

Provision of local secondary education.

Put crossing on Brewhouse Hill & get all the cars that obstruct the view of crossing children on Wick

Avenue & Lattimore Road ticketed!

quality retail outlets

Railway station

reduce road and air traffic

Reduce speeding on Lower Luton Road.

reduce traffic

Reduce traffic through High Street.

Reduce traffic through the villlage

Reduce unneccessary lorry traffic.

Reduction in passing air traffic

regenerate high st

Regenerate the High Street - too many shops have disappeared.

Regenerate village centre

Reinstate road sweeper to clear litter

re-introduce businesses into village centre

Removal of gypsies on riverbank stables.

Removal/ screening of ugly intrusive elements in village centre (ie. buildings that are not of character, unnecessary signs etc.) & open river vista.

remove 60s buildings in High St

Remove empty shops and have a thriving High Street.

Remove speed bumps. They do not slow traffic - only congestion & busses do!

Remove the high kerbs.

Remove the humps in the High Street.

Removes speed humps in High Street, especially at Station Road roundabout

Re-open the Secondary School to deal with annual problem of finding places for children.

Revitalise village centre.

Rowdy teenagers hanging around One Stop.

Safe cycle / walkway to Harpenden on Wheathampstead Road.

School places for all age groups to attend firstly the village school, secondly secondary school in 1st of 3 choices - right.& adequate places given.

schooling choice

Secondary School access being READILY available to village children.

Secondary school provision

Secondary schooling situation.

Shops

Shops + Businesses

Slow traffic on Brewhouse Hill and The Hill.

Slower traffic on The Hill & Brewhouse Hill

Speed of traffic down Brewhouse Hill.

Speeding on Brewhouse Hill

Speeding on Lower Luton Rd

Stop house building

Stop it from growing too big

Stop lorries on Lower Luton Rd

stop promoting the village

Stop teenagers hanging round village centre

Stop the rat run through Lower Luton Road & slow down the traffic.

Supermarket

sustainable businesses to underpin village economy

Tesco for One stop

Tesco for One stop

The amount and spread of traffic through the village High Street, The Hill and Brewhouse Hill

The District Council

The Environment.

The functionality of the Council.

The High St

The intimidation of young teenagers hanging around outside shops etc.

The large amounts of rubbish, broken glass and dog dirt on the footpaths + alleyways!

The One stop

The right (without a fight) to a local school! Applies to junior and senior age groups.

The shops, they look old and decayed.

The villag needs a good secondary school.

Thriving shops.

Tighter planning restrictions on new houses.

To have a good sized Supermarket

To slow traffic on Brewhouse Hill before someone gets killed.

Too few shops in high street

too many closed shops

Too much infill housing

Too much traffic at The Swan area.

total disregard for weight restrictions

Traffic and transport

Traffic and transport

Traffic calming measures

Traffic claming / enhancement on Marford Road to unite physically & socially N & S of village and enchance the "estate".

Traffic through village

Transport to be improved.

Use speed cameras on Lower Luton road to enforce speed limit

Useful shops in the High Street to attract people.

Volume of traffic

Volume of traffic along Lower Luton Road - probably impossible without a by-pass.

We need a proper small supermarket in the village centre.

Wheathampstead should have its own Police Officer and not half a PCSO.

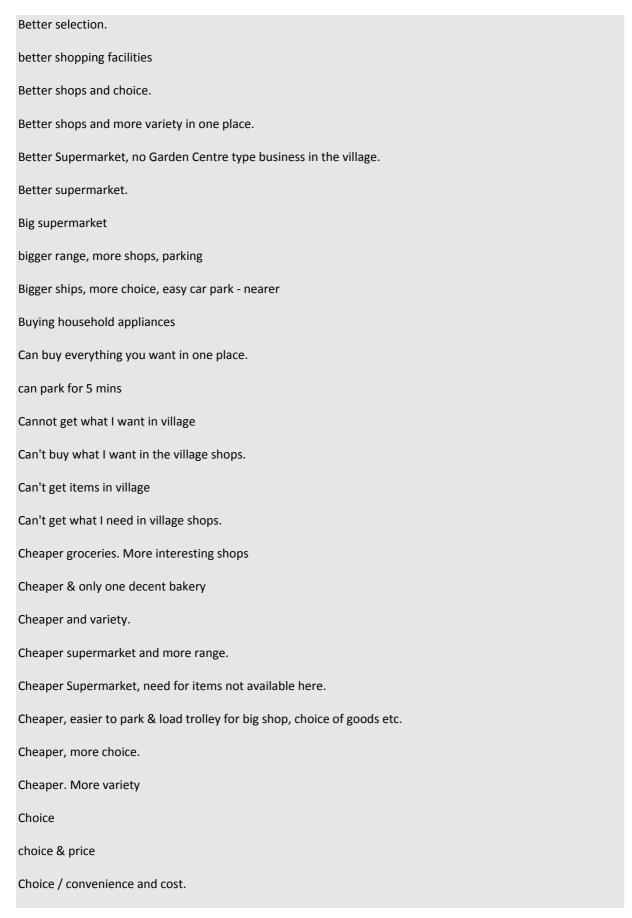
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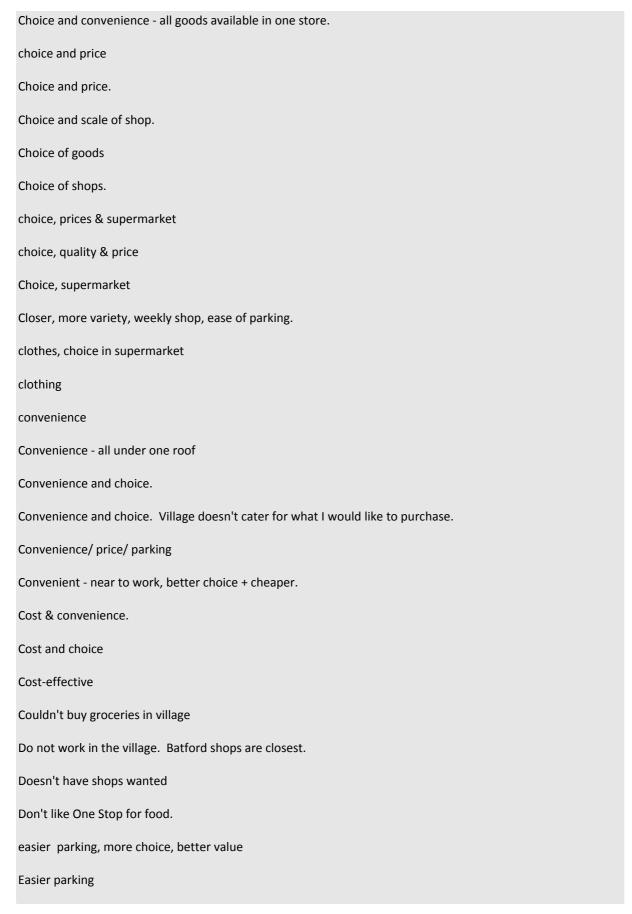
Zebra crossing near The Swan is in the wrong place - needs to be outside Doctor's Surgery.

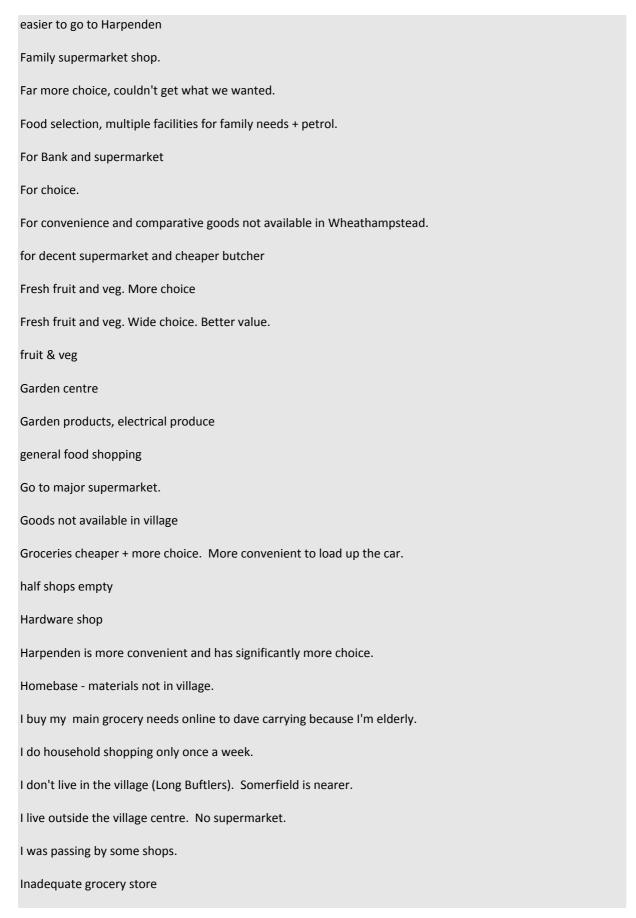
Shops and Businesses

2. Why do you shop outside the village?

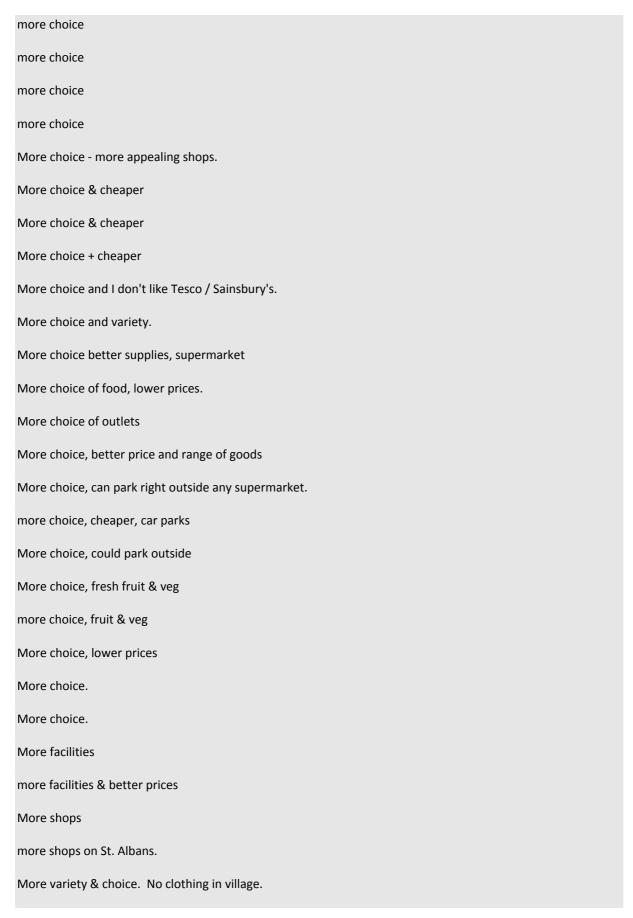
Access to other stores, ease of parking to load goods/choice/quality of goods.
All shopping in one place
Asda Hatfield.
Availability of goods of a wider variety + cost.
Availability of products I wish to buy.
Available & open stores
await arrival of new store
Because I can get everything I need in Harpenden.
Because I cannot buy what I want in the village.
Because I can't find what I want inside the village.
Because I live within easy distance of Harpenden with a wider range of shops.
Because of the lack of quality shops and services in the village.
Because one cannot get what one wants here.
Because One Stop shopping is expensive.
Because the shops are small (One Stop) and they don't have great choice. A better supermarket,
Because there is not much choice and access to the car park is difficult in the village.
Better choice
better choice
Better choice / quality / freshness. No PC stuff here.
Better facilities
Better quality facilities.
Better range of shops and more affordable. Better friendlier chemist who can get my -prescriptions on time.
Better retail facilities outside village.
Better selection of shops

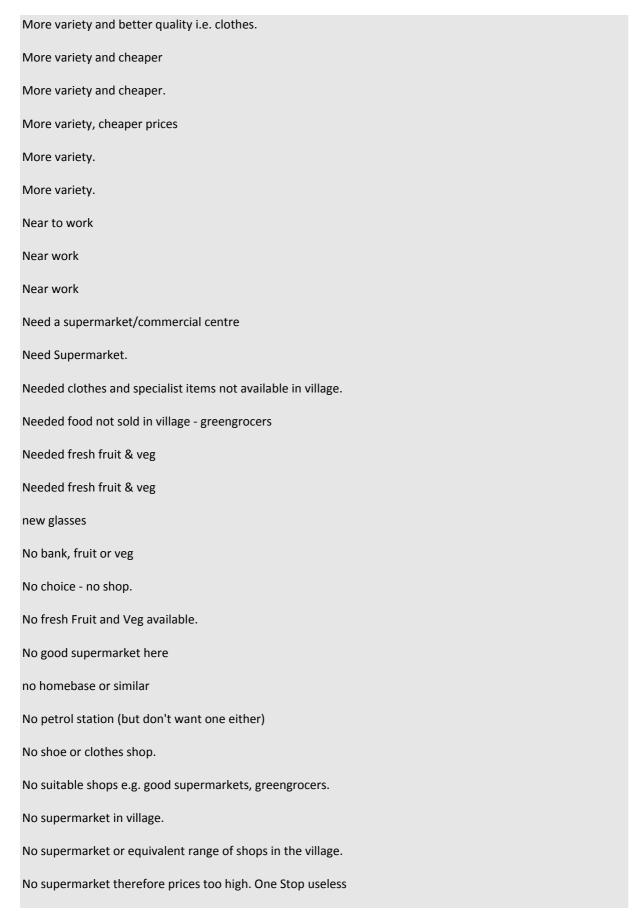


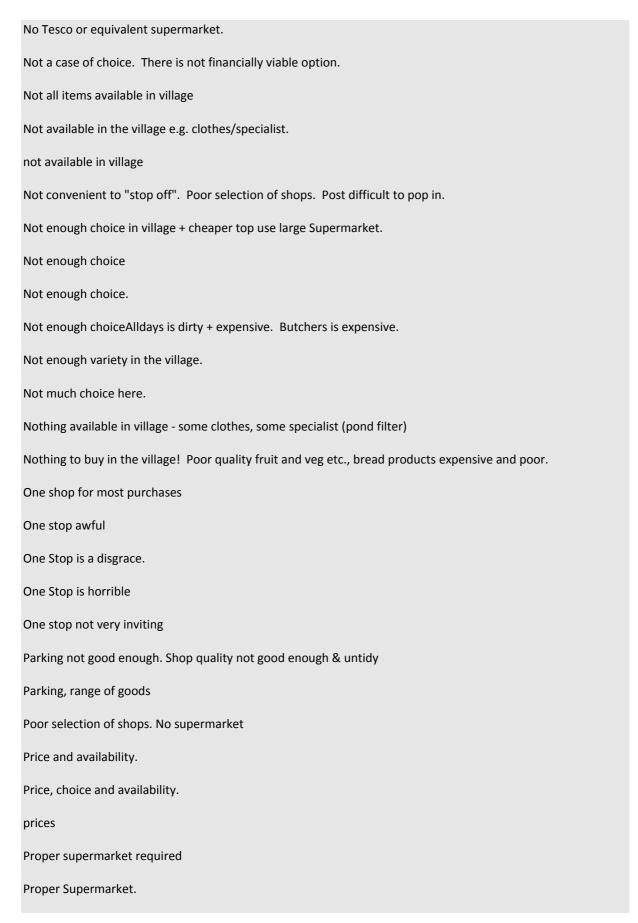




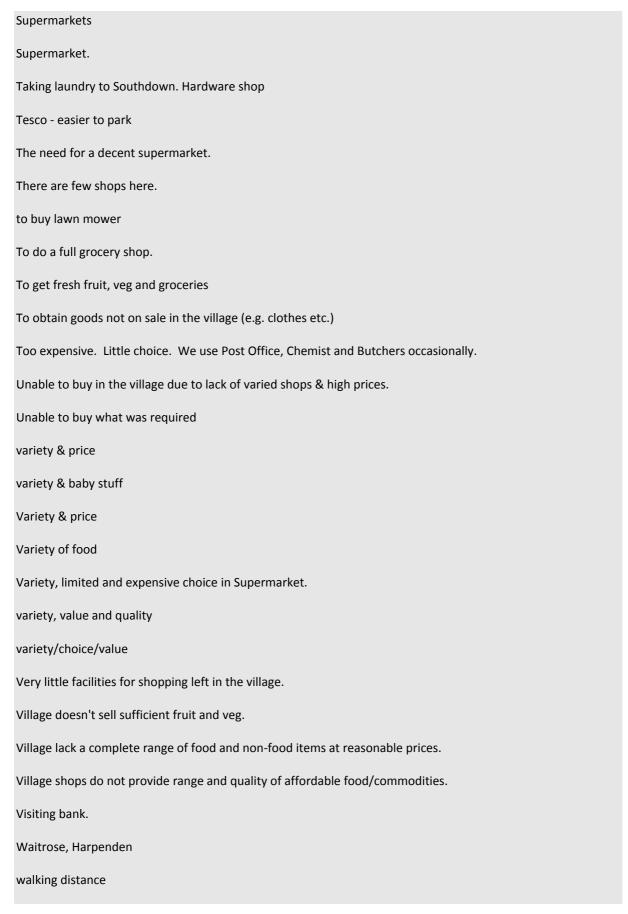
Insufficient shops at present in village, i.e. no clothing / Hardware / Greengrocers
Items required not available
Lack of choice.
Lack of local vendors.
Lack of suitable shops in the village.
Lack of variety of shops.
Larger choice of products.
Larger supermarket
limited choice
Limited types of shops and selection.
Main shop + others.
Main shopping expensive & restricted in village. Tesco Express urgently needed and watch kept on price in comparison with other stores.
More choice.
more choice, better shops
MORE CHOICE







Purchased paint in Harpenden.
Quality in the village is not good.
Quantity of good produce and variety not available.
Range of groceries available/variety of shops/prices
range of products and services
Shops are poor.
Somerfield
Somerfield (Supermarket)
supermarket
supermarket & value
Supermarket and petrol
Supermarket bigger.
Supermarket near other shops
Supermarket, Bank,
Supermarket, choice of products and clothing not available in village.
Supermarket, DIY, Banks - it is the norm.
Supermarket, more choice
Supermarket.



Weekly shop
Weekly shop.
What I wanted was not on sale - shops closed / product not stocked.
Wider choice and no Supermarket in village.
Wider choice of shops & cost
wider range of food shops
Work location. Poor selection in village
Would not use One stop

3. Which shops would you like to see?

1) Tesco Express is ideal! 2) Modern Coffee Shop with healthy snacks 3) Clothing boutique.

A better Supermarket

A Chinese Restaurant.

A good Supermarket (e.g. Tesco), A good Hardware (DIY)

A good Supermarket, Greengrocer,

A proper Supermarket and Petrol station.

A reasonable sized Supermarket.

A small Supermarket, but not to the detriment of existing businesses, Hardware Shop

A Supermarket. DIY and Hardware.

antique shop, quality general store

Any - to fill the spaces!

Any meeting daily consumer needs - Health Food etc. (e.g. Like Butcher/Chemist/Baker do already. Not like heating supplier).

Arts / Craft Shop, Florist

bakers, bank, charity shop

Bakers, Butchers, Florist, Hardware, General,

Bank, beginning to be concerned about petrol stations.

Bank, Halifax, Shoes, DIY,

Bank, more Restaurants - attract people in and cater for locals.

Bank, Newsagent, decent food shop, Dry Cleaners / Shoe Repairs

Bank, Supermarket, Greengrocer, Deli, Fishmonger, Household Goods / Irornmongers. No more take away or estate agents.

Better quality Supermarket.

Better Supermarket, Charity Shops

better supermarket

Better Supermarket, Café, Delicatessen, Florist,

better supermarket, fruit & veg

better supermarket, greengrocer, cafe for breakfast, Italian restaurant

Bigger, better Supermarket, Grocers, Petrol

Bigger, but small Supermarket, Spa, Coop etc.

Butcher, Tesco, cafes, hardware, bookshop, charity shop

Card Shop, Italian Restaurant, Fishmongers,

Charity / 2nd hand, Local Fruit and Veg / Florist, Local AND affordable butcher, Card / Gift, Delicatessen.

Charity shop, books, dry cleaners, organic green grocer

charity shop. Make W'stead charity capital of herts

Charity Shops, Decent Grocers / Small Supermarket, Gift Shop, Florist (ideally small specialist shops).

Chiropodist, florist

Choice of after school club. Not sufficient space at current WASPS.

Cycle shop, Florist,, promote tourism to get some Antique Shops back.)

Decent food shop, greengrocer, hardware & health food shop

Decent Small Supermarket, Florist,

decent supermarket

Decent supermarket offering non-junk food.

Decent Supermarket, Florist, Delicatessen, Café / Restaurant (family friendly)

Decent Supermarket. Keep bakers + Post Office. A gift shop with Cards - but upmarket ones.

Deli

deli, antiques, mini supermarket

Deli, bank, good convenience store

Deli, veg, village & boutique shops

Delicatessen, Gift / Card Shop, Charity Shops, Electrical Shops, Pizza Italia Restaurant, Florist, Wine Bar

Delicatessen, Pizzeria, Florist, normally priced Butcher

Delicatessen.

Dry Cleaners / Laundrette, Café (Street), better Supermarket with Fruit / Vegetables

Dry cleaners, Florists

Eateries, Quality Gifts, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Clothing, DIY, Charity, Children's Wear, Shoes, Health Foods, Leather Goods. China, Glassware.

Fishmonger, Laundrette, Greengrocer, Florist, DIY

Fishmongers, Florist, Hardware.

Fishmongers.

Florist, Charity Shop, Fishmonger, Holland & Barret (Health Food),

Florist, Fresh Fruit and Veg

Florist, greengrocer, baker, hardware, chemist

Florist, Greengrocer, Stationary incl. Books, Cards etc. Good Small Supermarket, Bank.

Florist,, Delicatessen / Fruit & Veg, Hardware Shop, Recreation Centre (like Redbourn).

florists, deli, restaurant, hardware

florists, garden centre, greengrocer, better supermarket

Food, Clothes, Craft, Sport,

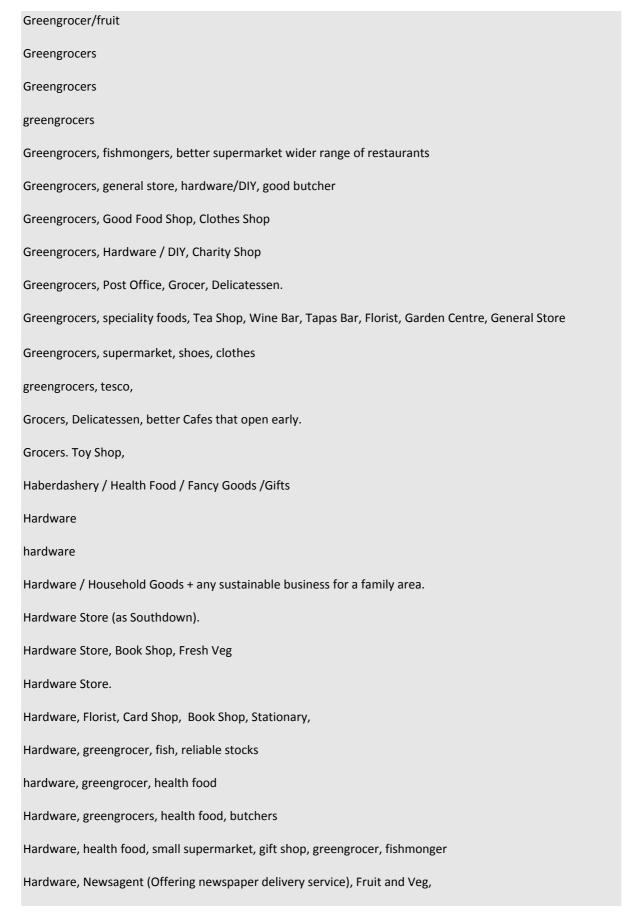
Fresh bakery, greengrocer, fishmonger, affordable butcher

fresh fruit and veg

Fresh Fruit and Veg shop, Delicatessen.

Fruit & veg Fruit & veg fruit & veg, florist, deli Fruit & veg, florist, restaurant fruit & veg, iron mongers Fruit & Veg/Deli Fruit and Veg Fruit and Veg / Greengrocers Good Quality Gifts / Cards, Wrapping Paper Fruit and Veg shop Fruit and Veg Shop, Hardware, Fruit and Veg shop, new Supermarket, more Restaurants. Fruit and Veg shop. Garden Centre, Chinese Restaurant, Wine Bar, Boutique, Shoe Shop, Riding School, Internet Café General Store like Tesco, at least one Café, a Bookshop (linked to a café?), shop to attract walkers & tourists, Fishmonger, Garden Centre, Restaurants General Stores, ie. DIY, Greengrocers gift shop, family butcher, hardware Good greengrocer Good Greengrocer / Fruit Good quality Tesco Express or similar, Health Food Shop / Delicatessen / Café / Gift / Card Shop Good Suoermarket, Cycle Shop, fast food - kids food, new Secondary School. Good supermarket Good Supermarket (Greengrocers + Grocery etc.) Health Food Shop good supermarket, greengrocers, video shop, bank Green Grocer, Family butcher, decent supermarket green grocers, hardware Green Grocers, Supermarket sensitive to other businesses

Greengorcers, another Restaurant, Tourist/Village retail and services Greengorcers, Health Food Shop greengrocer Greengrocer greengrocer - local produce, better supermarket Greengrocer - local produce, Charity shop Greengrocer & hardware Greengrocer, Better Supermarket, Return of Newsagent. greengrocer, cafe, DVDs, dry cleaners Greengrocer, clorist, books&stationary, hardware Greengrocer, deli, florist, dry cleaners, hardware, gift shop greengrocer, deli, fresh fish Greengrocer, Delicatessen, Health Food, an unsual store to tempt people to the village, open T Potts again as it was cheaper than Brewhouse Gallery. greengrocer, florist, hardware Greengrocer, Florist, Health Food Shop. Greengrocer, Hardware Greengrocer, Hardware, Deli Greengrocer, Hardware? Greengrocer, improved supermarket Greengrocer, larger/better bakery, hardware, pet shop Greengrocer, Laundrette, Petrol, Garage, DIY, Charity Shop, Greengrocer, small supermarket, florist, hardware Greengrocer, specialist cheese shop, museum, fishmonger greengrocer, tesco, fishmonger, florists Greengrocer, Video hire, florist Greengrocer, Wool / Clothes Shop. Hardware



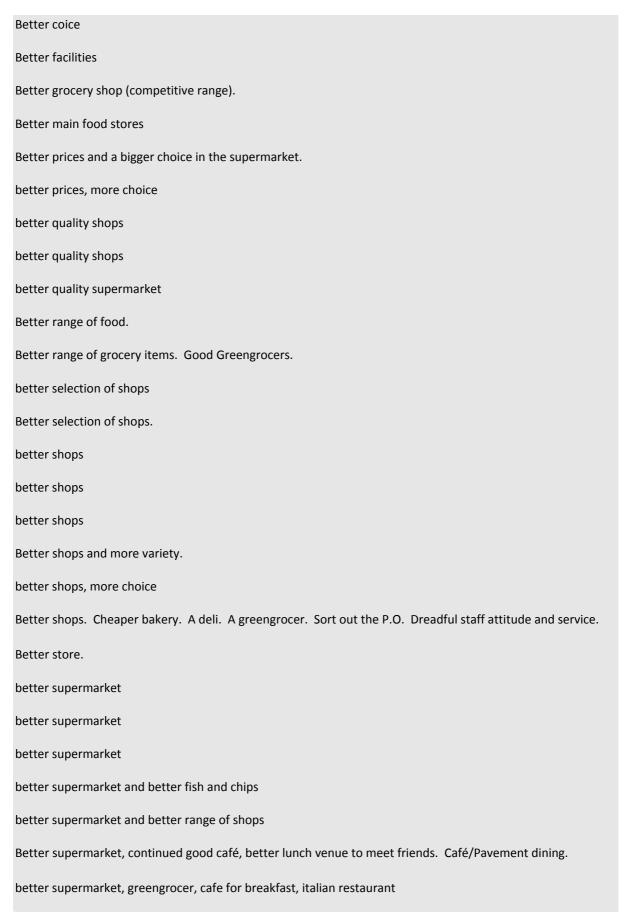
Hardware, quality fish & chips, fishmonger hardware, vegetables, fish Hardware/DIY, grocers hardware/general store, greengrocer, deli health food shop, florist Health food shop, nicer general store Health food, florist, clothes boutique, bookshop I shop outside the village for milk, fruit & veg, bread and the St. Albans Market. I think it will be improved greatly once Tesco opens. Although I think there are enough shops. Improved General Store, Delicatessen, Florist, Ironmongary local produce shop, collection point for veg boxes locally produced foods Love to see "Down to Earth" open again + Health Food / Cards / Gifts as before. Good quality fresh Fruit and Veg. Mainstream supermarket Maintain those already there modest supermarket. Keep PO. Craft/knitting More and better Convenience Goods Shopping, Hardware / Ironmongery / DIY. More range, Children's Clothing Shop, Toy Shop. Much better Grocery Shop, Coffee Shop. Not a Porn shop, not a Radiator Shop, less Hairdressers (ladies), a Florist. Not interested. One Stop Shop / Newsagent, Post Office, Butchers, Bakers, Coffee Shop. Ones that don't rely on village itself to support them Open ones Plants, books, greengrocers, charity shop

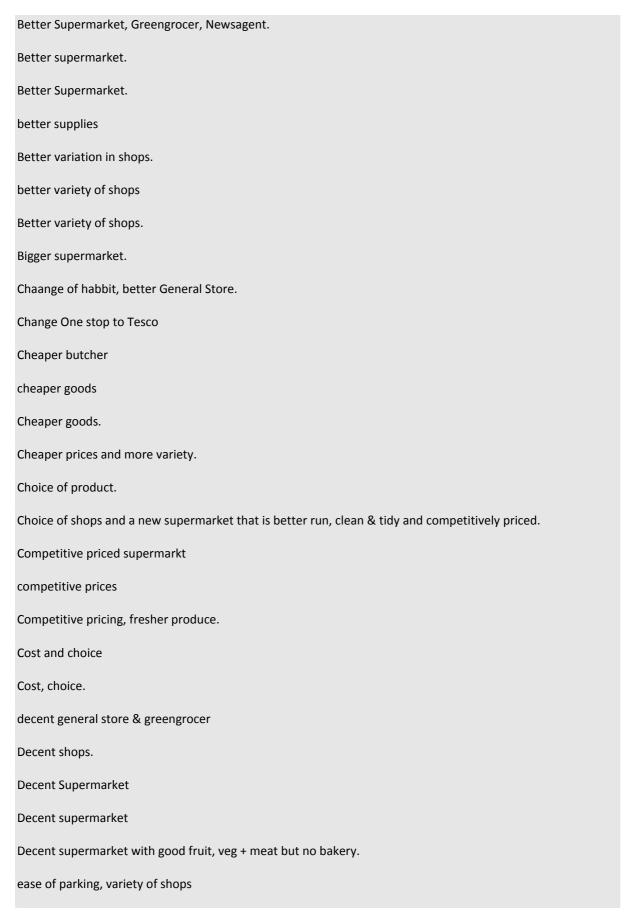
proper groceries, greengrocer, stationary, florists proper supermarket proper supermarket, specialist shops, deli quality supermarket Reasonably sized supermarket. Any medium sized business, e.g. Electronics, Scienetific or other. restaurant, greengrocer, dry cleaners Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Wine Bars. restaurants, florist, jewelry, nice takeaway restaurants, florists, supermarket, Restaurants, Greengrocer, florist, gift shop Restaurants/cafe, better supermarket Small Independent shops - Hardware Store, Dry Cleaners, Florist, Small Supermarket, Baker, Butcher, Florist, Fruilt, Café, Health Foods & Gifts Small Supermarket, Greengrocer. Solicitor, Florist, Hardware. Specialist Delicatessen, Wet Fish Shop, Grocery Store, Italian Restaurant, Bank (possibly mobile 2 x 1/2 hours per week) Superkarket, Greengrocers. Supermarket - but not enormous lorries driving through village to service it. Supermarket (Mini: Tesco or Sainsburys; Dry Cleaners. supermarket or similar Supermarket with fresh fish supermarket with quicker service Supermarket, , Butcher - not organic as it is too expensive, Fuit and Veg shop. Supermarket, Delicatessen, Florist, Toys / Gift / Books/ Cards / Newsagent,/ Stationary supermarket, DIY, charity shop, Chinese restaurant, Italian, bank, books Supermarket, florist, newsagents, fruit & veg

Supermarket, Greengrocer
Supermarket, Greengrocer, Delicatessen
Supermarket, Greengrocers, Florist, Clothes, Bank
supermarket, health food shop, deli
Supermarket, ordinary Butcher, Greengrocer, Delicatessen
Supermarket.
Supermarket.
Supermarket.
Tea shop. Deli
Tea/coffee shop, good small supermarket, family butcher, greengrocer
Tesco
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Tesco (instead of One Stop). A good Café is critical to village life - Brewhouse or Starbucks type. Organic /
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Tesco, Book Shop, Stationary,
Tesco, craft/art, restaurants/tea shops, florist
Tesco, general e.g. Haberdashers
Tesco, Gourmet Restaurant, Wine Bar.
tesco, greengrocer
Tesco, Petrol Sation, better Recycling Station.
Tesco.
Tesco.
Tesco.
Those available 30 years ago
Video shop, Chinese Take Away, larger choice in One Stop.
Wet Fish Shop, Grocery Shop,
what people want
WPC could have influence. Cleaners, Girfts, Crafts, Florist, Opticioan, Greengrocer, Cleaners, Gardening, Small Supermarket, Health Food, Deli.
4. What would make you increase the percentage of your shopping you do in Wheathampstead?
Large supermarket, Petrol Station.
A better general store
A better Small Supermarket and other more useful shops,
A better variety of shops and a better stocked supermarket.
A decent sized supermarket
A good general store and cheaper butcher.
A good Greengrocers.
A good supermarket
A good supermarket, Ironmongers
A good supermarket.

A proper supermarket - we always used Finefare when it was there!
A small supermarket
A store such as Tesco for top up shopping.
A Supermarket like Tesco, with adequate parking.
A supermarket.
A supermarket.
A wider variety and choice of groceries at Sainsbury/Texco prices and locally produced fruit and veg.
Ability to park, buy and drive off. Shops need passing trade to achieve an adequate turnover and stay in business to the benefit of all.
above
above + supermarket
above shops & bank
Adequate shops.
An increase in the number of shops in the village
as above
As above, ie a supermarket. Not living in the village centre there needs to be a good reason for me to shop there rather than Harpenden.
Availability at reasonable prices.
Availability of things I need cleaners, supermarket (small), Florist, Health Food, Optician
Be able to do weekly shop.
Being able to buy my weekly shopping. What shops there are too expensive and don't have what I need.
Being retired.
Better access to car parks, more shops
Better and more variety of shops.
better choice
better choice of food shopping
better choice, quality & price
Better choice. Miss florist and Health food shop

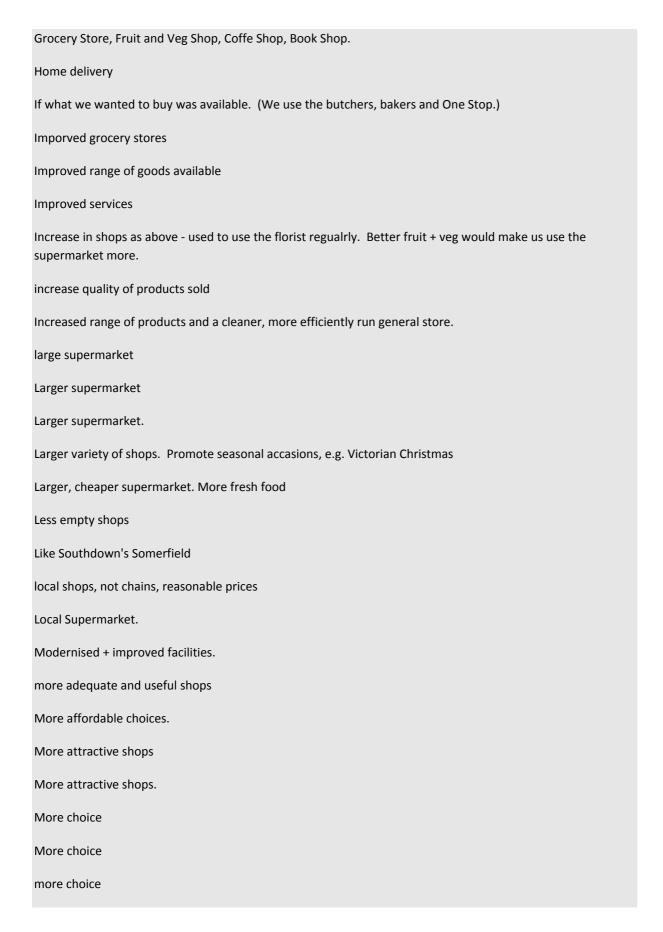




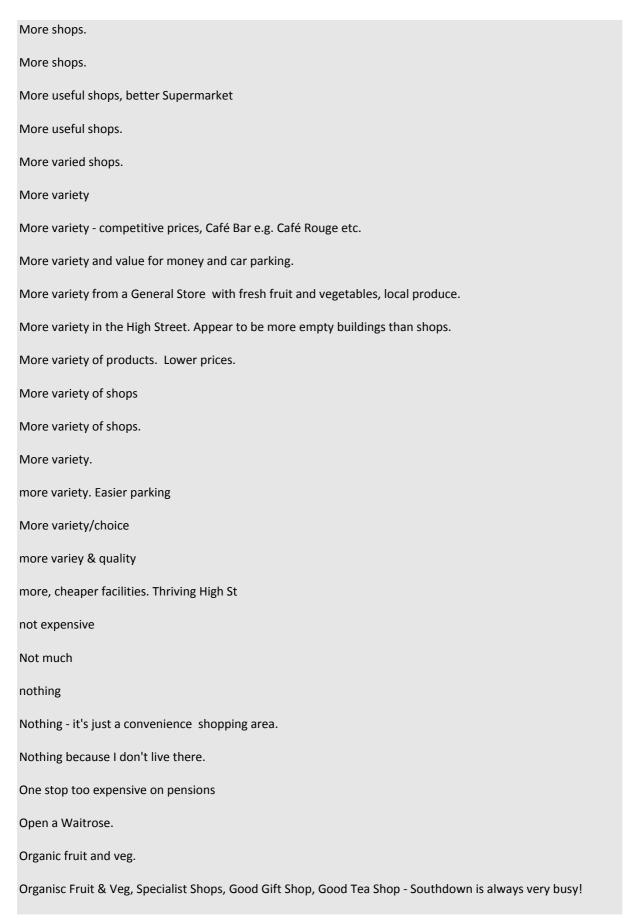
Easier parking Easier to stop / pop in. Wider selection of shops. Less traffic. More space to sit and chat. Fairly comprehensive (small) supermarket on outskirts (Marford Rd., eg.) not in centre. florist, fruit & veg, regular off-licence opening times Florist, supermarket, pizza hut Food shopping, Gifts / Cards Fresh food, hardware Fresh fruit + Veg, Cash machine that doesn't run out so often, cheaper Butcher General Store offering decent food / non-junk food, with adequate parking. Get more live (as opposed to dead) shops. getting what we need Good greengover and supermarket good grocery shop, florist Good Quality Food Shops especially Fruit and Veg, Florist, Gifts good shops Good shops at reasonable prices - accept can't nbeat big supermarket. Good supermarket Greater choice of quality products. Greater choice, competitive costs. Greater selection at an affordable price combined with availability. Greeengrocer, Wool / Clothes Shop, Hardware, Safer cycle / footpath along Lower Luton Road. Green Grocer & supermarket greengrocer & deli Greengrocer, Video hire, florist Greengrocer/Florist. Fresh fish supplier.

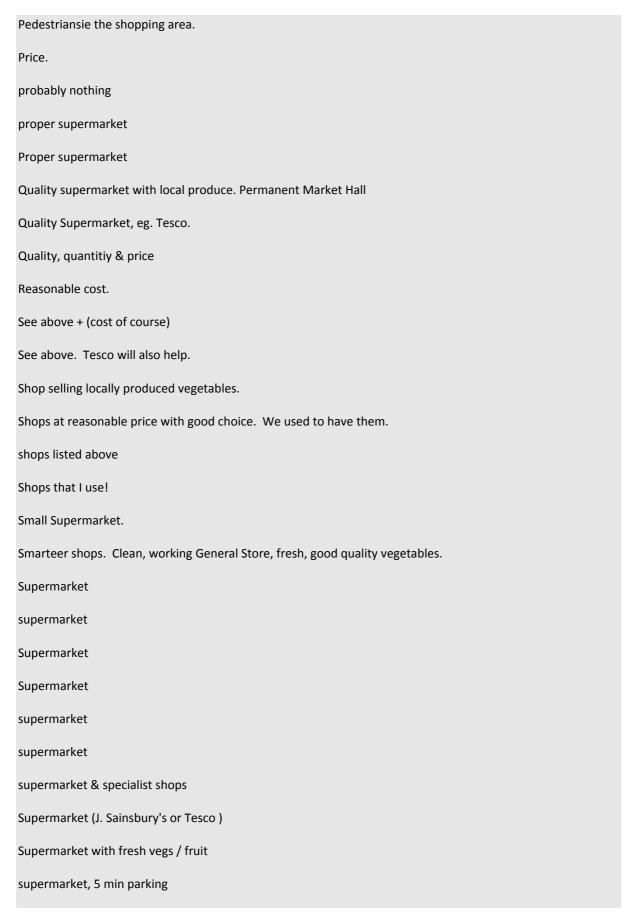
Greengrocers + butchers or small supermarket

Greengrocers, Good Food Shop, Clothes Shop, more shops.



more choice
More choice
more choice
More choice and easy parking.
More choice as above
More choice in One Stop, Cheaper Butchers
More choice of shops.
More choice shops
More choice, better quality
more choice, better shops
More choice.
more competetive prices bigger convenience store
More food shops.
More or decent everyday shops. Not fancy over the top shops. Affordable shops for everday use.
More parking facilities, more variety of interesting shops.
More selection at reasonable prices
More service-orientated shops like the ones noted above.
More shops
More shops
More shops
More shops - like Southdown
More shops and facilities
More shops, better choice
More shops, computers/training
More shops, diversity
More shops, Taxi service.
More shops, wider variety





Supermarket/equivalent range of shops. Only Posst Office, Baker & Chemist sell anything I want. The price is also a factor.
Tesco
Tesco & any of above
Tesco express
Tesco Express or similar, Health Food; Craft/Gift/Card Shop (all good quality)
tesco express, Italian, Iadies fashion
Tesco in the High Street.
Tesco or equivalent supermarket.
tesco, florist, restaurants/bistro
tescos
The availability of reasonably priced shops/services
To establish local businesses as outlined above.
Updated supermarket with variety of goods at reasonable prices, Greengrocers,
Useful shops
Value and variety. Used to use supermarket years ago on a regular basis.
Variety of cheaper foods.
Variety of goods at reasonable cost when I need them.
Variety of shops to choose from
variety, value, quality supermarket
Viable supermarket/commercial centre whould reduce environmental impact of going elsewhere

waitrose

Waitrose, Petrol station

When One Stop becomes Tesco.

Wider choice and more destination shops.

Wider choice of retail outlets.

wider range of good & services

wider range of goods, better managed store

Wider range of shops

Wider variety of goods.

5. Why would the loss of a Post Office affect your household?

[As of time of writing] Use corner shop on Station Road, has small close car park.

87 years of age. Would have to take a bus other post Offices. Have to climb a hill to get home.

A large part of my business requires posting goods.

A rural community needs a post office. It serves the public and I would have tp go by car to send parcels, etc.

Age.

Alliance and Leicester account.

already lost one in castle rise

alternative too far away

As above. Try to avoid it due to staff attitude and little usage. Don't offer full P.O. services as larger ones do, eg. Passport forms.

As our 2 banks left us - Post Office is only financial facility left.

banking

banking services, car tax, postal services.

banking, free cash withdrwals, parcels, postage, papers, cards, stationary, sweets,

Banking, parcels, benefits/pensions, cashing cheques

Because I post letters and parcels and pay the bills there.

Because I use it.

british institution

business post

Buy stamps, post parcels there.

Caters to all my needs quickly. No problem parking.

Collect mother's pension (with her), Car Tax, buy Cards, Stamps etc.

contributes to village amenities & good for older people

convenience

convenience & community spirit

Convenience for car tax, etc.

Convenient

convenient at weekends

convenient for elderly lady

Convenient for many transactions.

Convenient for paying in chequeues, posting airmail & parcels, community meeting point when collecting newspapers.

Convenient for stamps, posting and currency.

convenient to have in village

Convenient.

Convenient.

Cost of travel to/from other Pos

could get much of the stuff elsewhere

Do a lot of selling on ebay + it needs to go recorded delivery.

Do all our Post Office transactions and Alliance & Leicester in the village.

Do not want to travel to Harpenden for this facility.

Don't need to use it.

don't use it but good for older people

don't use it due to lack of parking

Don't use much

Easier and closer to use Southdown

Easy parking.

essential for those without transport

Every village needs a Post Office!

Extremely convenient for passport / photos / photocopying and posting.

Facilities for pensioners and people without cars

Friendly, very helpful, non-car user so closest.

Good, well-run service. Would have to go to Harpenden

Have a post office account

Heart of the village. Necessity for financial transactions & communication needs. OAPs need them.

Hub of any community.

Hub of village good for odds and ends

I am nearer to Southdown Post Office.

I barely use it.

I can access main offices. However, never a queue in the village.

I can access others, but I do believe it is vital for those less mobile.

I cannot buy stamps / post parcels, pay in cheques anywhere else in the village and I do not drive.

I don't use it.

I need to use the Post Office several times a week (and it is the shop I most frequently visit).

I only use the Post Office occasionally.

I shop by mail order a lot and posting returns would be difficult. I also buy stationary and stamps.

I use Harpenden Shops.

I use it for business post and car tax.

I use it regularly

I use it regularly and enjoy walking down to village with my children.

I use Southdown Post Office.

I use the Post Office regularly. Al is brilliant!

I work from home and use the Post Office regualrly to send post / files out.

I work in Welwyn Garden City so I sue the main Post Office there mostly.

I would have to make special longer journey elsewhere.

indispensible for postal services and car tax

Infrequency of public transport to another Post Office.

Integral to village community.

It is convenient. I support my local Post Office.

It is my local Post Office. Queues are short (unlike Harpenden). Meeting place for the lederly. Part of community / local shops.

It is the hub of the village.

It is the only Post Office I use.

It would be missed and is very important to people. The Post Master is always so helpful.

It's the closest one and not everybody drives.

It's very handy.

key service provider. No queues

last icon of village life

Letters and parcels, contact with officialdom, stationary, bits and pieces.

lifeline.

Like being able to walk to it

Limited time to go to St. Albans.

Living between the village and Harpenden, we use the facilities there when needed.

livlihood of village

Local availability of stamps, parcel weighing, foreign currrency, Car Tax etc.

Local convenience.

Long queues/poor service but long distance to main PO

loss of banking and postal services

Lost opportunity should be clean, tidy and better stocked

Main use of the village, would have to drive elsewhere.

meeting point

My business and office are based at home which is in Wheathampstead so the Post Office is very good for postage stamps, parcels etc.

My husband is self-employed and relies on the Post Office for work. If he had to travel to reach a Post Office it would waste time & cost in petrol.

My wife banks with the Post Office. Therefore she would have to travel outside of the village.

My wife ustilitises it for her business.

Need postal services

Nightmare.

No bank, get pension there

No car so where can I go?

offers variety of unique services

Often use it on Saturdays

One of the few shops visited on a regular basis.

Only use it for stamps

Only use it occasionally

Only use it to post parcels

other businesses would suffer

Out of village for Stamps, currency and photocopying

Packages undeliverable, would have to be collected from St. Albans - not convenient.

Pay bills, foreign currency, post letter & parcels, child benefit

Pensioners have difficulty to go to town Post Offices.

people would have to travel

PO one of few reasons for going into village

PO provides vital services for payment of bills - postal & banking activities.

Post Office Account, postage costs, foreign currency and forms e.g. passport, insurance.

Post stamps, currency, would involve travelling by car.

Postage abroad, car tax, T.V. Licence - convenience.

Postage reasons.

postal serives

postal services

postal services

postal services

postal services

postal services & pick up leaflets

postal services, car tax, photocopying

postal services, car tax, stamps etc

postal services, dry cleaning, stationary

postal services, savings

Posting packets and foreign letters.

Purchase of postal items/stamps, purchase of bonds etc.

queues too long in Harpenden

Rarely has long queues. Used to quikly bank cheques and cash and postal services.

rarely use it

Rather walk than drive

reduce visits to Harpenden & St Albasn

Reguarly used as (nearest) shop and Post Office.

Regularly use Post Office and would need to travel 5 miles to nearest one

Restricted mobility

Road tax, parcel post, bank & stamps

Saves having to go out of the village for Post Office items.

sell items on ebay and would have to travel further to post them

Send parcels 1/2 times a month.

Services - car tax/stamps/parcel posts/banking facility

shame to lose another business

shame to lose local facility

should be heart of village

should be hub of village

should be in village

Social centre.

Social community V.I.P.

stamps etc

stamps, car tax, cards

The facility to post letters and parcels is vital and the queuing is of manageable proportion, unlike larger Post Offices.

The postmaster seems very uninterested in what you need. It is more of a junk/ uninviting shop.

The services it provides are very important to all.

The time wasted and expense of going elsewhere.

The village centre would be very dead.

Thisnis an important service: Stamps, cards, posting parcels etc.

Travel requirement to busy alternatives

Unable to send parcels any other way.

Use a little.

use as bank & postal services

Use at least once a week for various services. Very handy, don't have to drive.

use for banking

use for banking

use for banking services

use for business post

Use for postal services regularly.

Use for posting parcels

Use for stamps, council tax, sending parcels.

use harpenden

Use Harpenden.

Use infrequently for stamps / parcels.

use it almost daily

Use it daily

use it extensively

Use it for Car Tax, Savings, Stamps, Cards etc.

Use it for parcels + holiday insurance + currency.

Use it for parcels, stamps and cards

Use it often

Use it once a week on average.

use it regularly

Use mainly for posting parcels.

Use many of its services

Use P.O. for pension, paying bills, posting stamps and buying stamps.

Use PO nearer work

Use Post Office in Harpenden for parcels only.

Use postal service

Use postal services to send abroard

Use postal services, car tax, passport photos, banking

Use regularly as self-employed.

Use services at least once a week. No feasable alternative.

Use Southdown & Harpenden

use to send letters abroad

use very often for postal services and paying bills

Used for business purposes.

Used for work & perosnal banking / postage / foreign currency etc.

Useful for Road Tax, Parcels, Stamps, Cards

Usually use Kimpton PO

V convenient

valuable asset

Valuable community asset for people who are old, inform and not able to travel / no car.

Very convenient for items such as Road Tax.

Very Good service

village needs PO

villages should have Pos

Vital for older people and people without cars.

vital service

Vital service in a small village

Walking distance - variety of uses/sources.

We have a local business and use post Office every day.

We like to walk to the Post Office.

We only use it to support Al - otherwise we'd use other facilities.

We prefer to use it than queue in a town Post Office.

We run a mail order business and use it regularly.

We use another one

We use it for our business

We use Post Office for postal services, banking facilities, paying bills.

We use the Post Office for Bills and other services.

We use the Post Office several times per week.

Work involves posting Parcels

would go to Harpenden

Would have to drive to do basic things + community.

Would have to drive to PO

would have to get bus to Harpenden

Would have to go out of village for stamps, foreign currency and photocopying

Would have to go st albans or wgc

Would have to go to Harpenden

Would have to go to Harpenden or St Albans

Would have to go to Harpenden or St Albans

Would have to travel to Batford or Southdown.

Would have to travel to St. Albans for posting items etc.

would have to use car

Would mean we would have to travel into St. Albans.

Would need to use car to get to Harpenden Post Office.

Traffic and Transport

6. If you do not consider the road surfaces are adequate in terms of road safety and quality for both drivers and cyclists, which areas do you consider would benefit from resurfacing or repairing?

(Relates to cyclists). All over

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All around the village.

All in a poor state.

All of them & the pavements. Especially the road to St. Albans!

All of them.

All roads

All surrounding roads

All.

Almost all

Anywhere with potholes can be lethal to cyclists & motoryclists.

At the top of The Hill

Better cycle facilities to St. Albans, Harpenden.

Brewhouse Hill

Brewhouse Hill & The Hill

Brewhouse Hill, Butterfield Road.

Brewhouse Hill, Lower Luton Road, The Hill

Butterfield

Butterfield

Butterfield Rd

Butterfield Rd

Butterfield Rd & Brewhouse hill

Butterfield Road

Butterfield Road

Butterfield Road, Lamer lane

Butterfield Road.

Butterfield Road/edges of lanes.

Caesars rd/hilldyke rd

Cherry tree lane & mead lane

Cherry tree Lane, Leasey Bridge lane

Church Streeet, The Hill, Butterfield Road.

Cycle lanes

Dyke Lane and Marford Road

Dyke Lane, Codicote Rd

Dyke Lane.

East Lane drainage

Edge of roads

Edges of road/lanes for cyclist particularly.

Everywhere in village

Everywhere.

Folly Field / Lower Luton Road.

Folly fields

Garden Court

Gustard Wood at The Slype.

Harpenden Rd Harpenden Rd Harpenden Rd Harpenden Road, Butterfield Road, High St & Brewhouse Hill High St & Sandridge High St High St, The Hill, most roads **High Street** High Street, The Hill hilldyke estate esp cul de sacs Hilldyke Road Junction Buttefield Road & The Hill. just keep up with repairs Lamer lane Lanes - The Slype to Common Lane lattimore rd Local roads off The Slype in Gustard Wood. Lowe Luton Road, opposite Post Office. Lower Luton Rd lower luton rd lower luton rd Lower Luton Rd & The Hill Lower Luton Road Lower Luton Road Lower Luton Road Lower Luton Road, Manor Road, Lower Luton Road. Lower Luton Road. Most of St. Alban's Road to Sandridge. Main roads in + out of Leasy Bridge Lane. Manor Road and parts of the Lower luton Road, but generally in poor condition. many roads need repair Marford Rd Marford Rd marford rd Marford Road Marford Road Marford Road Marshall's Heath /The Slype Mead Lane Meads Lane Most areas. Most main roads. Most need this. Most of it. Most of the area! Most of the country lanes. Most of them Motorcyclist + cyclists in family say all pot holes need repairing before the autumn.

Nearly all the main roads around I.e. The Hill / Brewhouse Hill/Butterfield Rd/Harpenden Rd etc.

No opinion Nurseries Rd

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Nurseries Road.
Offas Way.
Old Waddling Lane & Cory wright way
Paths
Pipers Lane
pot holes everywhere
Pot holes on Marford Road
Pot holes!
Potholes at edges for cyclists.
Road to Sandridge
Side roads.
Single track lane verges restored ans proper passing places with kerbs made.
small roads round Gustard wood
Station Road
Station Road, The Hill
surrounding lanes
The bend opposite The Swan going from the High Strett to Marofrd Road.
the High Street / Station Road.
The Hill
The Hill & Butterfield Rd
The Hill & Lamer Lane
The Hill & road to St Albans
The Hill (Hilldyke Estate)
The Hill (including pavements)
The Hill and Marford Road.
The Hill at Butterfield rd
The Hill to Sandridge.
The Hill, Brewhouse Hill
The Hill, Butterfield Rd
The Hill, Butterfield Road
The Hill, Butterfield Road - especially Brewhouse Hill to Development Centre.
The Hill, Lower Luton Road.
The Hill, Necton Rd
The Hill, Nurseries Road
The Hill, Sandridge Road
The Hill, Sandridge Road.
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The Hill.

The Hill.

The Hill/St albans rd

The main road coming into Wheathampstead is still potholed.

The main road.

The ones that obviously need it.

The Slype, The Broadway, Dale Avenue

Too numerous to mention.

Top of The Hill

Top of The Hill

Top of The Hill at Butterfield Road junction.

Top of The Hill resurfaced to Butterfield Rd. + cycle paths through Common to Sandridge and by-pass!

Wheathampstead / Harpenden Road

Wheathampstead Hill

Where necessary.

where trenches have been dug

7. Are there any areas where you consider parking to be a problem? Please give details.

Access to & from the main car park is dangerous as it is by a blind corner when leaving the car park.

Access along the side of The Bull is too narrow

Access to Mead Lane. On street parking Brewhouse Hill, Marford Rd & The hill

All areas where vehicles are parked on the road.

Almost everywhere! The Hill, Necton Road, etc.

Apart from parking off Marford Rd & behind The Bull there's nowhere to park! The parking at the P.O. & on High St. is always taken.

Around St Helens at School drop off. High St near PO

At side of and in front of the bakers.

At the Post Office.

At the top end of The Hill

At the top of The Hill - awfully narrow.

Between Meads Lane. lArge van outside blocks road view when pulling out from Necton Rd to turn right onto Marford Rd. I have had many near misses.

Between the two Necton Roads, because of site lines.

Bottom of Brewhouse Hill

Bottom of Brewhouse Hill, causing bottle neck of traffic.

Brewhouse Hill

Brewhouse Hill

Brewhouse Hill & Marford Rd

Brewhouse Hill and top of The Hill.

Brewhouse Hill, Church St

Brewhouse Hill, The Hill

Brewhouse Hill, The Hill, The High Street,

Brewhouse Hill.

Bury Green/Church St

Butterfield & lattimore

Butterfield Rd

By St Helens & Church Street

Car Park behind The Bull. Difficult to find a space at times.

Cars on Marford Road at top of Necton Road.

Cars on pavement top of The Hill

Cars parking on pavements at One Stop.

centre of village

Change parking in High Street to 2 hours. Remove rarely used special parking places in car park.

church st

Church St

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church st

Church St - less wide footpath

Church St - on path

Church St, Bury green

Church St, Top of The Hill, Brewhouse Hill

Church Street (opposite the Church).

Church Street, Brewhouse Hill, Station Road. All restrict traffic flow.

Church Street, Brewhouse Hill, Village Centre, Post Office.

Churhc Street, Parking on pavement by cash machine and also in front of One Stop.

Corner of Bury Green/Church St for St Helens school vehicles

Corner of Church Street

Delivery lorries in High Street.

Do not consider there to be any problems.

East Lane & Car Park always full at certain times.

East Lane car park. Entrance to East Lane a nightmare - opne up Brocket View Road.

East lane full sometimes

Granary close

High St

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High st restrictions ignored

High st/Church St jn. Outside shops

High Streeet, Brewhouse Hill, The Hill,

High Street

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High Street - blocked by lorries

High Street - more short term parking

High Street - need some 15 minute spaces.

High Street when delivery lorries

High Street, Church Street, Brewhouse Hill,

High Street, Marford Road, Necton Road,

High Street. Should be just 1 diabled parking then very short term for others

Hilldyke Road, Butterfield Road.

Hilldyke Road, Marford Road, Caesars Road, Conquerors Hill.

Hogh Street - but can park behind The Bull in public car park.

I would usually paarkin in car park but a times the car park is full these days.

Illegal & indiscriminate parking in Disabled bays and by Bakers. Footpath often blocked & unusable.

Disabled spaces are dangerous to reverse out of.

Illegal parking in High St

Illegal parking on corners,

illegally outside One stop

In the shopping area, especially big delivery lorries etc.

jarvis btw ushers & king edward place

Marford Rd btw Necton rds, The Hill

Marford Rd for traffic emerging from Necton Rd. Brewhous Hill, Church St., The Hill.

Marford Rd/Necton Rd junction. Visibility a problem

Marford Road - Horse Box. Marford Road at the top of Necton Road. Marford Road on Sunday mornings (Catholic Church), Brewhoouse Hill . Church Street. Marford Road, Brewhouse Hill, The Hill, Church Street. Commercial vehicles on residential roads. Marford Road, Brewhouse Hill. Misue of disabled parking outside Chemist N/A Near St. Helen's walkers seem to meet, park and take up all the room. Marford Rd bus stop always seems blocked by a horse box & car. Necton Rd & Marford Rd Necton Rd, Marford Rd Necton Rd/Marford Rd Necton Road - too many cars. Necton Road / Marford Road junction - impossible visibility. Beech Hyde School / Nurseries Road. Need more on High Street.. next to Bakers Next to the Church. No No No no no no no nο No - parking available but people too lazy to use it No problem areas No problem areas. No we have a free car park No, nut there are too many disabled parking spaces. No. No. Nο No. No. No. No. No. Non-disable using parking outside Ushers none none Not enough. Nothing outstanding. Now disabled drivers tend to use Baker/Chemist facilities. Old school house at end of school day. Lorries on pavement On The Hill cars park on the pavements blocking them for pedestrians. on the housing estates Outside houses on Brewhouse Hill by Church, causing traffic congestion. **Outside One Stop** outside one stop

Outside One Stop.

Outside One Stop.

Outside PO

Outside PO

Outside PO

outside PO

outside PO & chemist

Outside St Helens bays are too narrow

Outside St Helens school

Outside the Post Office - difficult to park. The Hill / Brewhouse Hill - too may parked cars.

Outside Ushers

Outside village shop when new shop is completed.

Pavement parking at village centre.

Pavement parking on Brewhouse Hill. Cannot get pram past safely.

Place Farm leading to Mount Road.

Post office, reversing onto main rd

Post Office, St. Helen's School + Beech Hyde School, High Street.

Private parking for Mill Walk shops & residents

security at car parks

Th Hill - people park all over the pavement making it a nightmare for pedestrians.

The approach to the village down The Hill is made dangerous by parked cars.

The Bull car park is far too large for pub users and should be availbale as parking for village to help access the village centre.

The Bull car park, no longer available other car park. Needs barrier removing / height restriction.

The High Street

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The High Street - more should be done to direct traffic to car parks

The High Street, since the last set of changes.

The High Street.

The High Street.

The Hill

The Hill

The Hill

The Hill - cars parked both sides. The same issue on Brewhouse Hill.

The Hill, Marford Rd

The Hill, Public Car Park which is a meeting place for keep fit and walkers, not for shoppers. Entrance to Butterfield Road by cars from cottages.

Top of The Hill

Top of The Hill

Top of The Hill

Top of The Hill, entry / exit to East Lane.

Usually no problems

Vehicles parked on The Hill both on road and on the pavement.

Village Centre

Village centre

Village centre at certain times.

Village centre.

Village High Street. Not enough parking. Create more on-street parking by reducing footpath width + creating parking layby outside One Stop.

We have a good free car park - people need to use it.

Wed in Car Park due to walkers

Wheathampstead High Street.

Where I live! (Kingfisher Close).

Whole Village.

Wick Avenue / Lattimore Road end - parking near St. Helen's.

Yes - for supermarket deliveries and shoppers.

Yes, Marford Road, Butterfield Road, Brewhouse Hill

Yes. There should be no parking in Church Street.

8. Do you have any further comments on Traffic and Transport in Wheathampstead?

20mph not visible from church st

A mini roundabout might help safety at King Edward Place.

A safer footpath / cycle lane along Lower Luton Road

Access to East Lane Car Park from High Street is dangerous.

awful road quality

Ban all vehicles except residents and deliveries from 7am to 6pm

Ban heavy lorries from Village Centre & roads down Hills.

Better signposting to main car park.

Brewhouse and Butterfield are rat runs and need to be made unattractive for that purpose

Brewhouse Hill v dangerous.

bring back filter lanes

Brocket Way should be "opened up".

Buses to run later p.m. and more frequently on Saturday and Sunday...

bushes blocking right hand view of traffic coming from Marford Rd

Cory Wright Way at Waddling Lane now v dangerous

Dedicated cycle route to Harpenden.

Diagonal slot parking on a selection of verges, eg. School-run areas.

Difficult and dangerous to reverse out of parking at Chemist and outside Post Office.

Difficult balance to ease congestion and improve parking.

Disabled parking outside Ushers not monitored and therefore abused

Do not known where King Edward Place is.

East Lane / High St. junction. Exit from village to Lower Luton Rd should be reinstated to allow 2 vehicles out at a time thus avoiding tailbacks.

East Lane entrance too narrow

East Lane to gain access to Scout Hut. Due to building work.

East Lane v dangerous. Move crossings

encourage people to walk

Entrance to East Lane is dangerous

Entry to car park beyond The Bull should be one way, exiting on to Marfor Road eg. Memorial Hall.

Esat Lane approach dangerous. Zebra crossing near The Swan

exacerbated by excessive promotion

flow of traffic outside Collins antiques

Foliage on station rd roundabout is a hazard particuarly on approach from Lamer Lane. View of Station Road is obscured

For Harpenden Rd., extend pavement to edge of village I.e. where sign announces the village, or at least to the house known as 'High Pastures'.

Get rid of fencing off in Brocket View. Make East Lane one way past The Bull to ensure more traffic use by-pass for access to car park/East Lane.

getting in & out of Car Park

Grass verge parking. Widen Rd or plant trees to prevent

High School buses should not go through centre, should use Marford Rd and Cory Wright Way

High St better. East Lane high traffic and poor visibility

Horse box on Marford Road blocks bus stop and is dangerous outside alongside parked cars outside.

Illegal parking at the Old School House

It is fine - if people behaved with respect.

It is only difficult to park in King Edward Place because people park there who shouldn't.

It is only easy to park because I live in the village. The junction of Church St. with the High St. is difficult to pull out from.

KEP should have alternative access from Bury Green

King Edward Place car parking is dangerous at peak hours.

King Edward Place exit should be left turn only (maybe)?

Lack of parking main reason for failure of shops in High St

Lamer Lane at Kimpton Rd. should be controlled 30mph limit. Outlying junct.should be cleared of overhanging foliage to give allow better vision.

Loading Bay outside One Stop

Lorries park all over the place. East Lane a big problem with builders (short term we hope.)

Lorrys in East Lane dangerous

lower luton rd dangerous

Lower Luton Road has become M1 By-pass, affecting house sales & prices! Adversely! Not safe for families! Noise pollution!

Main problem big lorries not lonely during the day, but also at night.

Main problem in the High Street is that there is onlyy one official crossing and most cars don't stop for it.

Marford Road by Dyke Lane is dangerous. Cars speed by a junction that is used by children, ramblers etc.

Marford Road into village traffic in excess of 30 mph.

memorial hall car park is v useful

Mini Roundabout/traffic light at Church juntion with Brewhouse Hill.

More crossing on Lower Luton Road - Marshall's Way to Leasy Bridge Road.

N/A

National Express Coaches not constantly travelling at high speeds on the Lower Luton Road.

National Express coaches should not use Lower Luton Rd. They are too fast & too wide

Need pedestrian crossings.

Need to improve links with main High St. car park + pedestrian access. + Marford Rd crossing ppoint / traffic calming.

Need to put double yellow lines at Brewhouse Hill/High St. junction as the cars parked on the road cause a lot of congestion.

No

No

No comment on King Edward Place junction, because I do not know where it is.

No humps / pinch points / chicanes for speed control. I have no objection to cameras.

No lorries! One Stop lorries causing problems with deliveries.

No, I have my own car + bus pass it's parking everywhere that's the problem!

No.

No.

not enough parking in High st. Short term outside One stop

Parking difficult behind The Bull sometimes no space

Parking fine if use Car Park

Parking is well provided for - the free car park is excellent, I find it easy to park and get cross when people park badly nd get away with it.

People too lazy to park in East Lane Car Park

Positive to have Free Car Park.

Potholes are a safety problem.

Proximity of crossing to this [King Edward Place] junction& also East Lane is a hazard for pedestrians.

Pulling out of East Lane v dangerous

Questionnaire is written from the starting point that more restrictions are necessary and they are not.

Remove the humps

Remove the traffic humps - they are useless and cost too much!

Road blocking by drivers too lazy to use the car park.

Safety 6 - if King Edward Place is by The Bull?

School buses to Harpendedn should be used per school, I.e. one to each secondary school. This would stop transport problems for these schools.

Shops losing business due to lack of easy parking.

Slow it down but do not discourage village centre use or visitors.

Slow traffic down approaching the High School from Welwyn Garden City.

Some control of speeding heavy lorries at off-peak times.

Someone will be killed soon if the parking on Marford Road at the top of Necton Road is not stopped. The traffic drives through too fast.

Speed cameras needed on Marford Rd

Speed restriction needed in East Lane. Stop sign at junction with High St

speed restriction on Cory Wright Way

Stop deliver lorries outside One Stop and Fish & Chip shop. Use rear access or smaller vehicle.

The biggest problem is "crossroads" between High St., East Lane and King Edward Pl. Dangerous where traffic pulls out from P.O. parking area.

The junction between Brewhouse Hill & the High Street is awful every morning and evening!

The problem is East Lane, rather than King Edward Place. With opening of Tesco Express, Brocket View should be opened up to through traffic.

The village is very congested in the morning - perhaps a by-pass is needed! (to the south) Cory Wright Way is not a help from where I live.

The village must be bypassed. The traffic oppidum is not that important.

There is too much traffic altogether.

Too many school coaches

Too much at rush hour.

too much cross traffic btw harpenden and wgc

Too much traffic on East Lane already so more parking at The Meads not good idea.

Traffic Lights at the junction of Church Street on the High Street.

Traffic on Lower Luton Rd too fast

Traffic regs currently ignored

Traffic ruins beautiful village

Turning left into East Lane (by The Bull) when cars at junction coming out can be difficult.

V busy at rush hour along Lame Lane, & Lower Luton Rd

village being killed by transport

volume too high, too many lorries, too fast, ruins village feel

What public access? (At King Edward Place.)

Wider pavement along Lower Luton Road - dangerous to walk with double buggy from Cherry Trees to village.

Yellow lines needed at corner of Church St/High Street

Crime and Disorder

9. Are there any areas/times that you consider anti-social behaviour to be an issue? Please give details and any evidence you have personally experienced.

2 break ins in Mill Walk, dark at night no cameras

After dark. Near the river and Marford Fields.

After football match.

After school/Early evening outside shops & playground

Allen Cl. 6pm onwards. Groups of youths hanging around, drinking, shouting, fighting, cars speeding in & out of Cl. Playing football & hitting cars.

around One Stop

At night (11pm) High St, churchyard noisy

At night in village feels threatening when groups of youngsters hang around

At pub trun out

At St. Helen's we have had to tidy upthe porch after people have spat all over it. Also windows have been broken.

Ban ball games in the road

Better since PCSO around

Bike shed on Hilldyke/smallwood used

Burnt out cars by the river

Bus stops on High St

By One Stop store.

Certain crowds hanging outside shops. Bad language / shouting etc.

Church st, churchyard

Churchyard - vandalism

Churchyard & church park

Churchyard & porch

CIU late night events

Damage to car at night and stones stolen from wall

Drunks singing in the early hours in High Street.

Early hours of the morning, in communal area of flats during cold weather.

Early evenig outside Chip Shop & supermarket.

Early evening outside One Stop

Early summer to Christmas - Mount Rd / Station Rd corner plot of District owned land.

eveings - church porch

Evenings - abuse from estate teens experienced.

evenings - particularly summer

Evenings - teenagers hanging around village centre and churchyard.

Evenings and weekends and summertime. A select few who should be clamped down on & their parents.

Recommend a Tesco type operation + secuirty guard.

Evenings in High St - groups of teenagers

Evenings in village centre with groups of youths

Evenings outside One Stop.

Evenings outside One Stop. Rubbish left in parks dangerous to young children

Evenings, particularly in summer. Marford Playing Fields / River Meads.

Evenings.

Fish and Chip Shop and One Stop after dark. Occasional shouting and misbehaviour in Churchyard at night.

Fre & sat nights - churchyard 7 high st

Friday evenings.

gangs outside One Stop

Groups of young people standing outside One Stop.

Have not experienced any anti-social behaviour.

Haven't experienced any

High st 9-11pm

High St in evening outside shops

High St. Youths drinking and hanging around

Hilldyke Road - Early hours of Saturday/Sunday morning, occassionally an issue of cars revving + people shouting.

Hilldyke, anytime.

I didn't notice any.

I see lots of groups hanging around when I drive through.

In Valley Rise (apart from being burgled twice before having an alarm system) we are lucky + few signs of A.S.B. Speeding on Lower Luton Rd is awful.

Intimidation by youths especially evenings outside One Stop.

It's sad to see some effects of vandalism but generally behaviour seems good. Hope things stay that way!

Kids hanging around the shops in the evenings.

Late at night & weekends on Playing fields. High St in evening

Late at night. Noisy neighbours who give little consideration to others. [(Lists road lived in as Brewhouse Hill.)]

Late in the evening. Squealing car tyres.

Late nights & weekends

Litter and dog fowling on footpaths and Marford Playing Fields.

litter on country rds & bus stop windows

Maintain full time PCSO

Marford Playing fields - summer evenings

Marford Playing fields. Damage to fence, graffitti

Marford Road, Youth drinking by Scout Hut leave litter + are intimidating.

Memorial Hall car park & Marford Playing Fields, Hilldyke Estate.

Mid-late evening groups of youths gathering in village centre.

N/A

night

Night Time

nightime - gardens vandalised

No

No

no

no

no no

no

No comment

No experience

no experience

No experience of this.

No experience of this.

No I have had no problems of this kind.

No knowledge

No problems personally. - (Marford Road)

No recent experience, but probably village centre particularly in evening is a problem area.

No, but aware that people gather outside One Stop & Fish and Chip Shop (and suggestion from some shopkeepers that there have been problems).

No, not really.

No.

No.

Noisy cars / motorbikes using country lanes as race tracks.

none

None except teenagers around the Church - drinking & smoking.

Not really.

Not very pleasant being in the village centre in the evenings / night as often gangs of youths around.

Occasionally outside Chip Shop and in Churchyard.

OK

On top of the Memoiral Hall Roof. Public Toilets.

One Stop & Churchyard

One Stop & churchyard

Only when the fare/circus comes to the village.

Oustide One stop in evening

Outside One Stop

Outside One Stop

Outside One Stop - intimidating

Outside One Stop - it intimidates, lack of respect.

Outside One Stop / Fish and Chip Shop

Outside One Stop and East Lane Car Park

outside One stop in evening

Outside One Stop shop.

Outside One Stop Supermarket

Outside One Stop youths intimidating

Outside One Stop, Fish and Chip Shop, during evening. Marford Fields - particularly during summer holidays.

outside shops at weekends

Outside the 'One Stop' Shop

People not clearing up dog mess

Personal experience: Statue (which was cemented in place) and a plant pot have been stolen from our front garden which is easily accessible.

Playing fields

Police shift change-over time!

Rubbish at river bank

Sat eves in street

Sometimes problems in centre of village at night.

Sometimes.

St Helens churchyard

Summer - Marford Playing Fields: Noise at night, occaisional "quad" bikes.

The Chip Shop

The High Street.

Top of Folly Fields, car theft & drug taking

Unable to say because I live outside 'the village'.

 $\label{thm:comfortable} \mbox{ In the High Street after 7pm especially outside One Stop.}$

Vandalism & arson

Vandalism of fences around Caesars, The Hill & hilldyke

Village centre

Village Centre

Vulnerable walking to the village at dusk/after dark. Groups of youths with beer cans behaving rowdily on Cannon's Field/High Street.

When the fair is in the park.

Window broken at Mead Hall after 11 pm on Saturday night.

Winter evenings in High Street, around One Stop youths congregate and can prove intimidating. Also by quay.

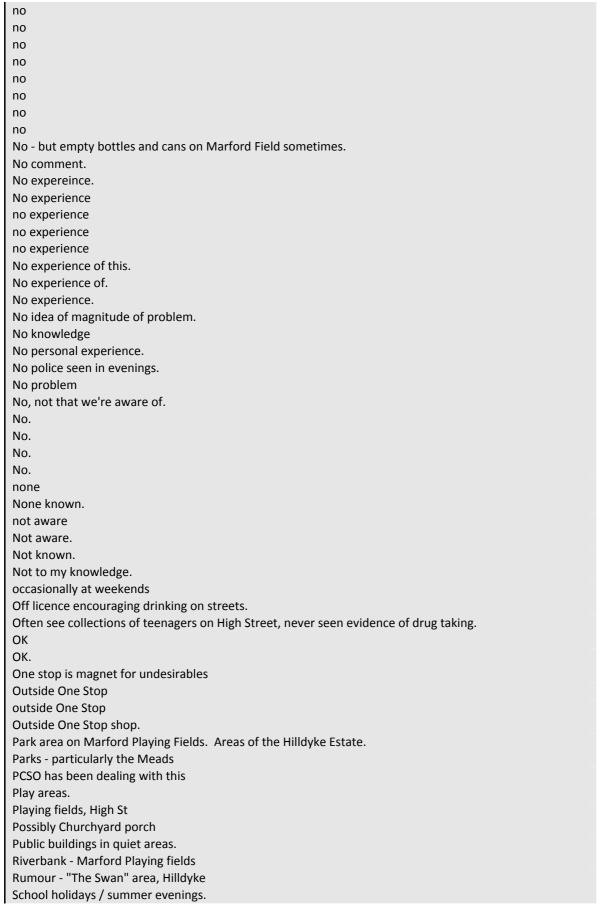
Yes outside One Stop & High Street.

Young mum had tyres slashed 3 times in Davs Close.

Youths hanging out in Churchyard.

10. Are there any areas/times that you consider drug taking/dealing/ underage drinking to be a problem? Please give details.

all times Allen Close. Around St. Helen's Church. Believe it goes on in The Nelson Bluebell woods, Lamer Lane, Gustard Wood Car park at top of Folly Fields. Church field, Church churchyard churchyard Didn't observe any. Do not know of any specific areas, could be that alcohol is part of eating and drinking in the churchyard & porch. Due to lack of nice drinking places in the High Street, I rarely go for an evening out in Wheathampstead. estate evenings - particularly summer evenings high st & open spaces Evenings Hilldyke Flats. evenings particularly weekends Evenings play area in Caesars rd & churchyard Evenings. Folly fields Folly Fields top car park. fri 7 sat churchyard & hilldyke High Street / Park Hilldyke estate Hilldyke Estate - not enough for youngsters to do. I have never witnessed any of the above going on. In the churchyard: Not so much now. In the High Street. Late night weekendsa possibly. local parks Marford Fields - during the evening. Marford Fields play area. N/A N/A N/A No No No no no



some

St. Helen's Church in the summer evenings can be an issue.

Summer evenings.

Swan pub & High St

The Hilldyke Estate & outside One Stop

Unable to say.

Under bypass on Sheepcote Lane

Underage drinking can be a problem - do not let those with alcohol licences sell to the underage. Fine those adults who buy goods for those underage.

Underage drinking on Canon's Field - late evening.

village centre - evenings

Village centre by One Stop.

We are not aware of any of these things here.

We have little signs of drugs here.

Yes everywhere.

zero tolerance to drinking in public

11. Are there any areas where you consider vandalism to be a problem? Please give details.

Anywhere vandalism sh[ows]

arson - tennis and cricket pavilions

Arson attacks on Cricket Club & Tennis Club (need to consider protection of facilities).

Better than it used to be.

Broken windows at church

bus shelters

bus shelters

Car Park - anytime

Car Parks

Car Parks and paths

Cases of arson - Tennis Club, Cricket Club House.

Church doorway.

Church windows

churchyar, high st & hilldyke

Churchyard

churchyard

Churchyard

Churchyard - windows broken last year. Mead Hall - objects thrown at windows.

churchyard & church park

Churchyard & High St

Churchyard, Playing Fields.

Churchyard.

Churchyard. Benches do not survive.

Cricket pavillion

Destroying benches on Ayot Grenway/Mill Quay/Chruchyard.

Devils Dyke

Don't know

East lane & meadow

East Lane Car Park

East Lane Car Park

Estate teens vandalising local property.

Everywhere around village

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Football changing rooms, Marford fields
General niggling problem.
Graffiti on the Walls of Council Depot in East Meads. Could it be cleaned and/or treated to avoid further
vandalism?
graveyard
High St
High St. Churchyard & church porch
High Street - windows smashed
High Street, broken windows
Hilldyke Bus shelter.
Hilldyke Estate / Village centre.
Hilldyke Estate, Football Pavillion, Tennis Club, Cricket Pavillion.
Litter is everywhere, spoiling the village.
Marford playing fields
Marford Playing Fields - litter.
Marford Playing Fieldshas suffered and the Tennis Club, could we believe also the Church.
Moderate problesm over the village.
N/A
Necton Road - scratched cars; Tennis & Cricket Club - arson.
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no experience
no experience
no experience
No experience of this.
No experience of.
No experience.
No idea of areas posing problem at present.
No problem
No.
No.
No.
No.
None in particular - Gustard Wood area.
not aware
Not aware.
Not known
Not personally aware but zero tolerance would maintain current low incidence.
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Nothing specific.

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OK.

only occasional

Only Playing Fields - around children's play areas, Tennis Club, Scout Hut etc.

Our car was vandalised outside Post Office (and Police didn't care.)

phone boxes

Phone boxes.

Public alleyways.

recreational facilities

Residential areas

Riverside area

Seat in the Churchyard.

Signs.

Sports Fields.

Sports pavilions (tennis & cricket)

St. Helen's Church

St. Helen's Church.

Station Road

Tennis / Cricket clubs - arson.

Tennis Club + Cricket Club - more exposed.

Tennis club, Cricket club

The Church porch and smashed windows.

The High Street

The Tennis Courts, The Fire Station.

The Wicked Lady field, Sandridge Road - arson attack - very dark.

Unable to say.

Under the Cory Wright road.

Used to be bad at Rainbow House

Used to be churchyard. Not a problem currently

Variable

We have little signs of vandalism here.

Yes everywhere.

12. Are there any areas of Wheathampstead where you feel unsafe? Please give details.

Alleyways from The Hill & Devils Dyke

Alleyways onto The Hill

Anywhere where there are groups of teenagers.

around the village

Beech Hyde Estate & areas around Conqueror's Hill/Offas Way, Marford Fields + river sometimes.

caesars rd not adequately lit

Centre of village in the evening.

Church walk through in the evening. Hilldyke Estate.

churchyard

Churchyard after dark.

Devil's dyke

don't go out after dark

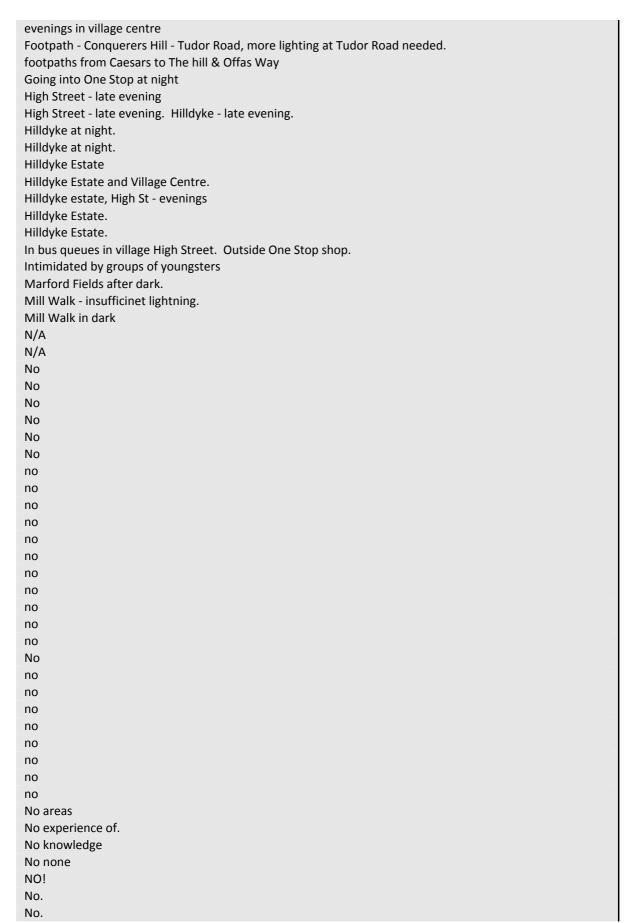
Don't go out at night

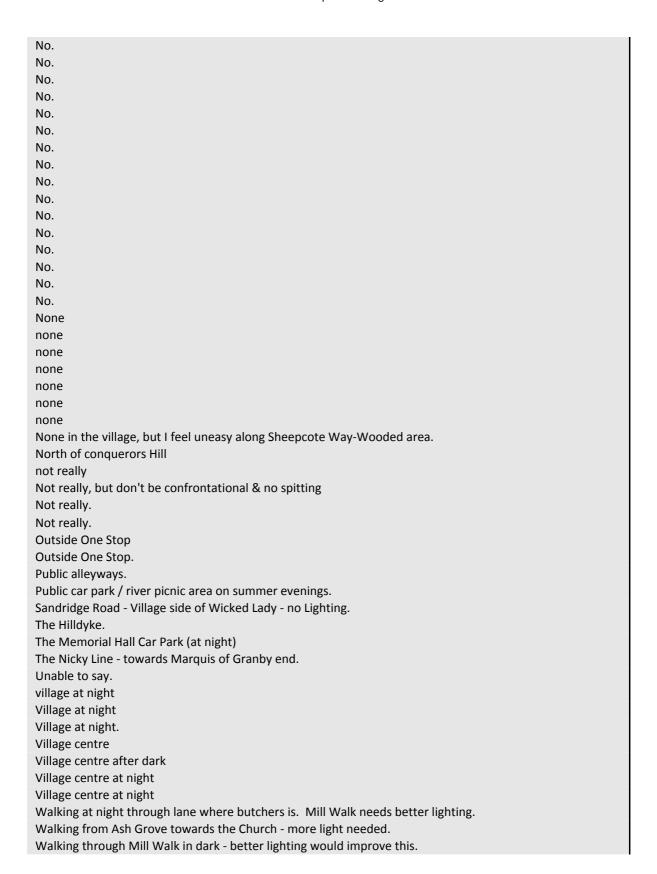
early evening village center

Early evening when the young gather in village centre.

Estate

Estate.





13. Do you have any further comments on crime and policing in Wheathampstead?

A bit more community is needed.

Appears less instances of serious crime over last couple of years.

Are we still paying for police to live in the police houses in Marford Road?

Better advertising of PCSO meetings.

Bring back police

Clamp down on it now before it becomes bigger.

Comparatively new to the village, but have experienced little disturbing behaviour to West of village.

Crime worse in the village

Do not worry about personal safety, e.g when out for walk. Most distrubing crime are arson attacks on local buildings. I worry about being burgled.

ease of drug availablility

Enforcment of ASBOs.

Give the Neighbourhood wathc teeth. Get police out of cars + random locational visits.

Good police presence - regular drive thoughs.

good to see PCSO regularly

I do not like seeing traffic wardens desscend on the place soley intent on handing out fines.

I think that it is very safe because of where I live.

It is much improved since had a PCSO and a positive Committee

It is not bad.

Keep it as nice for ever

lucky to live in low crime area

More important for the police to be in streets than at meetings.

more police around in evening

more police presence

more police presence

More visbibility would be advantageous.

more visible patrolling

More visible policing.

N/A

Need a 40mph speed restrcition between Lower Gustard Wood and Blackmore End.

Need regular police officer on the beat

Needs to be kept safe

No

no

no no

110

no No.

No.

Not enough visible policing regularly.

Occasional police patrols around Gustard Wood.

Our house was burgled once. Need police on the beat.

outrageous that we have to fund our own PCSO

Police less visible recently

police more visible

Police need to catch and charge arsonists.

police not visible enough

Police presence would deter crime

Policeman living in village

Policing not visible

Quicker respone tp reported crime.

rarely see Traffic Warden or Police

RE youth activities & possible relation to crime: would it be possible for St. Albans to build a sports centre/swimming?

regrettable that we no longer have a permanent police presence

Seems to go in phases according to weather and ages of children

Sirens a nuisance

Tennis pavillion and boys with ASBOs. Children from difficult homes need more help

The '6' applies to the valley estate.

The Hilldyke Estate needs a bigger police presence

To date, have had no personal problems.

Top Fly Tipping

Very few/minority cause problems which is a shame. The reaction of the police to our car being vandalised was pathetic given the low crime rate.

Very rarely see Police in Marshalls Way and Marshalls Heath Lane Playing Field.

Very sad that we lost our PCSO.

Want to avoid becoming like Harpenden on a Friday night

What policing?

When pop was 2000 had 2 PCs, now village has grown an 0 PCs

Where are police in evenings and weekends

Why don't the police and CPOs introduce themselves by knocking on doors now and again?

Wife & daughter wouldn't go to village centre in evening

Would like to see a polliceman on the beat more often or PCSOs.

You do not see police in the village.

Young teenager curfew at 9pm

youth need facilities

Leisure and Youth

14. Where in the village would you like to see a Hard Surface area for football, basketball and other ball games, if not at Marford Road playing fields or Butterfield Road playing fields?

Hilldyke

Hilldyke estate

Less noisy for residents.

Maltings Drive.

No more tramac

Nomansland Common

Old skate park area could be replaced by a basketball area.

Or behind Ash Grove / Church Green / Bury Green.

15. How do you think the play equipment in the village could be improved, if not by more play areas, equipment for under 5s or equipment for teenagers?

6 - 12 year olds.

activities for teenagers

Aimed at 8-13 year olds.

All suitable for use - love Marshall's Heath set up, thanks for new swings and matting.

Better equipment for 5 - 11 year olds.

Better wooden play equipment on Marford Playing fields

Climbing frames

Folly Fields - improved equipment for under 5s.

Indoor play activity for under 5s.

More for 5 to 12 year olds.

none

Proper swings.

Skate boarding facilities

Skateboard park.

Would like to see imporved equipment for under 5s at Butterfield Road site.

Youth Centre

16. Which youth activities would you like to see in Wheathampstead?

Adventure type equipment - i.e. chain bridges etc.

Athletics

Basketball court with hoops. 5-a-side football.

Big need for choice of after school club - approve permission for alternative.

Bring back the Youth Club.

Café/smoothie/ice cream bar as meeting point for teenagers. Computer games on-site for interest. Internet access.

 $Cheap\ organised\ fishing,\ cycle-cross\ course\ at\ Nomansland/Butterfield\ Rd,\ Skateboarding\ /\ BMX\ tracks.$

Cheap tennis sessions - only want to go occasionally so not wanting full membership. Clubs

Dance classes for teenagers.

Free holiday courses or day activities

Internet Café / Starbucks type Café for meeting at.

Junior Disco (9-12), Senior Disco (13-17), Skateboard Competitions / Football, Church Youth Club, Cinema Evenings - for all age groups.

More clubs activities especially during holidays.

Music, art, games - recreation centre, outdoor skateboard park, basket ball etc.

OK.

Older children need places ie.e football / cricket/ rollerskating / areas they can go to safely and enjoy all year round.

Organised school holiday events - as now, but a lot more frequent.

organised sports using floodlights

Parish Council should actively support Wheathampstead Wanderers Football Club.

SKATEBOARD PARK, & bmx ramps

something for teenagers, youth club, pool, table tennis

Something for the 7-11 year old age group!

Tag rugby facilities, more evening facilities for teenagers.

Tennis for 6-10 year olds.

Trampolining, Horse-riding

Well run Youth Centre

What is needed is not yet more play equipment but more supervised activities for young people who are effectively unsupervised every evening.

Youth centre - video games.

youth club

youth club

Youth Club / BMX / Skate board ramp / Youth Centre.

Youth club / cinema (used to be one in the Memorial Hall!)

youth club sports facilities

youth club, decent scout hut

Youth Club, Judo Club

Youth Club, organised Sports Clubs,

Youth Club, Skate Park, Free Tennis / Badminton.

Youth Club.

Youth club. Encourage young people to do voluntary work eg. with elderly. More equipment for 5-12 yr olds eg. equipment removed from Caesar's Rd.

Youth cycle group

Youth drama, leisure centre, internet cafe

Zip wire climbing wall.

Environment

17. Where would you like to see improved cycle paths in the area?

keep bikes off Lower Luton Rd Lamer Lane More bridleways New cycle ways are too Urban None None they're dangerous. Pointed cycle lanes are not good enough - proper cycle paths are needed. Turn old dump into cycle park with picnic areas and trees Wheat - St Albans Wheathampstead - St A Wheathampstead - St Albans Wheathampstead - St Albans Wheathampstead- St Albans Wheathampstead-Luton Wheathampstead-St Albans Wheathampstead-St Albans Wheathampstead-St Albasn Would like to see the cycle track extended from Cherry Tree Lane to village which used to be the railway line & is now blocked off. W'stead - Lamsford W'stead - Luton W'stead - St Albans & WGC W'stead - WGC W'stead-St Albans W'stead to St Albans W'stead to St Albans

18. Please give details of any footpaths that need maintenance in Wheathampstead.

Adjacent to The Hill (school side) steps & pathway leaf clearance. All alleyways in Hilldyke Estate.

All in good condition.

Alleyway from Garrady Way to The Hill

Along Lower Luton Rd

Along the bottom of the Marford Road allotments.

Amwell Farm from Nomansland

Around St. Helen's School. Side path by the hill. Leaves and debris make it unsafe.

As a regular walker I find the footpaths are in good order.

Ash Grove to Lower Luton Road.

back of allotments from tennis club

batford - w;stead

Between park/Sheepcote Lane

Boggy patches near Sheepcote Lane + where horses are kept near River Lea.

Brewhouse Hill

bridleways difficult in winter

butterfield rd - Nomansland

Butterfield Rd & surrounding

Butterfield Rd & through the village

Butterfield Road, alongside Development Centre - towards football field.

By the river

Constant maintainance of overgrown trees etc donw footpath to St. Helen's school.

Cory Wright Way to Gustard Wood.

Cut back stinging nettles

Devils Dyke

Devil's Dyke: wet patches, overgrown exit to field could be improved. But no gravel path - takes away the "wild" appearance.

Dog mess on path behind waddling lane/dawes lane. Publicise

Dog mess too often found on footpath between Butterfield Road and Nomansland.

Don't know

Don't know

East Lane

East Lane

East Lane by The Bull, remove york stone and replace with coloured tarmac

follly fields too narrow on lower luton rd

Footpath throught Kingfisher Close damaged by tree roots

FP27 from end of High Ash Road past Development Centre and Playing Fields

From Butterfield Road by the side of main Road to St. Albans also Butterfield Road on the way to Nomansland via High Ash Road.

From the Hill to Ceasars Road / Offas Way

Garden Court - Lower Luton Road pavement has a phone junction box that mnakes passing + prams difficult. Path is 1m wide without the box.

Hilldyke Road.

Horses are using public footpaths instead of bridleways. More clear marking will reduce maintainance of footpaths damaged by horse riders.

Just get the dog mess off footpaths and keep cutting back when overgrown.

Leasey Bridge Pathway.

lower luton rd to church

Lower Luton Rd to Marshalls Heath and/or Gustard Wood

Lower Luton Rd, bridge over river

Lower Luton Road - very narrow & weedy

Lower Luton Road from Kingfisher Close to Marshalls Lane.

Lower Luton Road in places

Lower Luton Road service road. Footpath Wheathampstead - Batford.

Lower Luton Road to village - where livestock kept - very dark and lonely.

Lower luton Road, very narrow, needs hedges cut.

Marford Road by / opposite Necton Road, Conqueroer's Hill, Caesar's Road.

Marford Road.

More dog bins. Regular cutting back of nettles/weeds

Most of them to a small degree.

Near bridge area; Devil's Dyke; Lower Luton Road.

Necton Road - camber on footpaths is extreme & especially dangerous for prams, disabled buggies & childrens' small cycles.

No comment.

No opinion

none

None - seem to have spent a lot of money on them recently.

None at the moment!

North side of Lower Luton Rad

Not aware of any.

OK

OK.

ones that have been done are good

Overgrowing vegatation on Lower Luton Rd

Path from Wheathampstead to Sandridge.

Path running along allotments and through to Sheepcote Lane. Path to Shetland Pony Fields & along to allotments.

Paving slabs alonside tThe Bull cracked by lorries

Removal of nettles on paths in village

Repair rotten stile Rose La/Lower Luton Rd. Improve/new surface (as Ayot Greenway) end of allotments -

Sheepcote La. Remove posts for disabled access

Routine checking of signs & suitability of routes

Seem pretty good.

Sheepcote Lane past allotments

should not be made into roads like ayot greenway. Should stay muddy

Side of development centre in butterfield rd

Some lesser paths get overgrown - can't readily name them.

The footpaths have been turned into motorways + are completely out of place in the countrside. No more "imporvements" please.

The Hill - Caesars Rd

The Hill to corner of Caesar's Road / Offas Way including safety to back of garage block.

To the Waddling Lane Estate.

Top of The Hill - village side of Butterfield Rd.

Tudor Road - Marofrd Road

Tudor Road to Conqueror's Hill, Tudor Road to Marford Road.

Valley Rise to Batford - this is dangerous.

Walk to Gustard Wood common

We don't know about this.

Well maintained.

19. Please give details of any areas in Wheathampstead where you think we need an extra path.

A path to reach the playground on the Playing Fields (where the grass is wet).

Across field between Maltings Drive and E / W footpath.

Along Cory Wright Way to Codicot Rd/Roundabout

Along Lower Luton Rd. as walking on the pavement with small children. Feels dangerous as the pavement is very narrow & car wing mirrors nearly hit you

Along the river

Along the River Lea.

Alongside river to Harpenden

Alongside the Bull

batford - w;stead

Both roads from W'stead - Harpenden

Brewhouse Hill - Piggotts Hill to Long Buftlers. Top of The Hill v dangerous

Brewhouse Hill (school side).

Cherry Tree Lane / Leasey Bridge Lane so that we could walk to Harpenden / Southdown.

cycle path from w'stead to harpenden

Cycle path on Harpenden Road.

Don't know

East Lane

Extend footpath Lamer Lane to Delaport

First part of Lamer Lane

First part of Lower Luton Road

Footpath along Lower Luton Rd from King Fisher Cl. To the West is dangerously narrrow & needs widening/relocate fence on river side of fence - safer.

Footpath between Brocket View and Tennis Court; Footpath at bottom of Necton Road.

From Brocket View across the field to Necton Road.

From Gustard wood to Wheathampstead

From Station Road to Gustard Wood.

Golf course - Amwell Lane onto Nomansland

Harpenden Road.

I would love to stroll along the whole length of the river on both embankments.

Lamer Lane

Lamer Lane

Lamer Lane - Gustard Wood. Along Cory-Wright Way (by-pass).

Lower gustard wood to W'stead alongside lamer Lane

Lower Luton Rd footpath needs widening

Lower Luton Road if I want to walk from Wheathampstead to Harpenden.

Maintain river access where possible.

More bridleways for equestrian population

More bridleways. Access to Helmets bridleway. Ayot Greenway to Rose Lane

No comment.

No opinion

No, evolution will create a solution.

none

none

none

OK.

Path to meet up with footpath across Lamer Goilf course. Codicote Road is dangerous to walk along to reach footpath to Gustard Wood.

River bank to be opened up for walkers.

The Village to Cherry Tree Lane.

There was a plan for a path along the river to Batford etc. This would be wonderful.

Thrpough King Edward Place.

To The John Bunyan.

To the river from the village.

to/from bridge on lower playing fields

Top Harpenden Rd

Top road to Harpenden

Walking along the Lower Luton Road from Batford to Wheathampstead. The footpath is very close to the road from the Folly onwards.

We don't know.

Westwards along or near River Lea.

Wheathampstead - Harpenden, suggest footpath / cycle track

Widenoing of path in Lower Luton Road from Kingfisher Close to Marshalls Lane.

Wider path along the Lower Luton Road.

Wider path on The Hill by the cottages.

Would be good to have safer cycle routes to St. Albans and Harpenden.

You cannot just make an extra footpath. You have to prove it's been used for at least 20 years if it's not on the definitive map.

20. <u>In which footpaths in the village could lighting be improved (because they do not have sufficient lighting to make them safe and accessible)?</u>

All should be well lit

All streets off main rd

Allen Close to The Hill lights are often broken.

Alleyways off The Hill

Alleyways onto The Hill

Alleyways.

Alleyways.

Along pathways leading from The Hill onto estate and to Wick Avenue and from Conquerors Hill to Tudor Road.

as above

Beech Crescent, by the garages. Due to vandalism.

Better repair + maintainance.

Bridleway

bridleway mount road to dawes rd

Brocket View to main Rd

Butterfield Rd to Common. Hill to Offas Way

Butterfield Road alleyway.

Car Park

churchyard

churchyard

churchyard

Churchyard and Rectory Meadow, path to Ash Grove

Don't know

Down path to Common. Down path to St. Helen's School.

East Lane.

East Lane.

east lane/car park/mead hall

 $Footpath\ between\ Harpenden\ and\ Wheathampstead\ on\ the\ Lower\ Luton\ Road.$

footpath from wicked lady

Footpath from the bottom of Ash Grove down to the Lower Luton Road - at the River Bridge.

Footpath leading to Four Limes / Garrad Way from The Hill / Marford Road.

Footpath Marford Road house by the big garden . No light. Very dark at night.

garrard way footpath

High Street via Mount Rd onto the Ayot Greenway to Waddling Lane . Street lights are too far apart and it can feel unsafe.

However, lighting could be imporved on Mill Walk.

I expect to carry a torch in a rural location.

Lamer Lane, The Broadway

Lattimore & Wick Ave

lattimore, wick ave, to The hill

Lower Luton Road - Village

manor rd - lea valley estat

Meads Lane.

Mill Walk

Mill walk

mill walk

Mill Walk area - dark shadowed corners, lighting dim when trees are in leaf.

Mill Walk Lighting could be improveed.

Mill Walk.

more to deter crime

Most alleys.

most footpaths

N/A

Next to Rectory Fields walking towards the church.

outside Car Recovery

Parts of Marford Road where road is lit rather than footpath.

past horses

pavements have lighting not footpaths

The footpath that goes from Ash Grove (near the farm) to Lower Luton Road.

The walkway from Conqueror's Hill to Tudor Road - the light is often not lit.

Tudor Road - Conquerors Hill

Tudor Road - Conqueror's Hill; Caesar's Road - The Hill.

Tudor Road to Conqueror's Hill, and Tudor Road to Marford Road.

Wheathampstead to Sandridge.

Where it is dark?

Wick Ave & Lattimore

21. Where would you like to see new public toilets placed?

Add to existing block

Adequate already

Adjacent to well used area - eg. Marford Hall Playing Fields or car park (Marford Playing Fields?)

Anywhere in the centre.

As existing

At the Memorial Hall Playing Fields. (One by Council Office not normally open..

Butterfield Road

By library

By main car park.

By Tennis Courts and Marford Playing Fields.

Car park at back of Bull

Car Park behind The Bull.

Cark Park behind The Bull.

central

Consider present site in centre of village ideal.

Current toilets sufficient if maintained adequately.

Development centre playing fields

Do not consider a priority.

Do we need more?

don't know Don't know. Don't need more Don't think we need anymore. East Lane East Lane Good where they are **High Street** High Street - top end. Park - improve. Hilldyke Community Centre. Improve & sign pos existing site - good site Improve existing ones improve the current ones improve those on East lane and signpost Improve what we have In the main car park. In the same place as now and imporved. In the village Include use of library. Just imporve existing ones, e.g. Easr Lane Just upgrading on present site. Keep the existing ones and improve them. Library/playing fields longer opening times for existing ones Main car park Marford play area / river Marford Playiing Fields - for when the Memorial Hall is closed! Marford Playing fields Marford Playing Fields / River. Marford Playing Fields. Marford Playing Fields. Marford Playing Fields. Rreplace/upgrade/extend opening of existing facilities in East Lane. marford playing fields/memorial hall Marford playing fields/Memorial Hall Marford Rd Marford rd Marford Rd playing fields Marford Road near Marford Playing Fields. Marford Road near swings and Tennis Courts. Marford Road Playing Fields or Butterfield Road Playing Fields. Marford Road Playing Fields. Memorial Hall and lower playing fields Memorial Hall car park

Memorial hall Car park Memorial Hall Car Park. Memorial Hall car park. Memorial Hall site.

N/A

N/A

Near Beech Hyde School, to encourage people to walk to school (they often have younger siblings with them), (possibly near park opposite).

near car park

Near Marford Playing Fields.

Near me, Marford Fields.

Near Memorial Hall with 24 hour access.

near Mill

Near the Memorial Hall

Near The Memorial Hall, or near the Mardord Playing Fields.

Near village centre

Next to the Memorial Hall.

No comment.

No suggestions

No.

Noen needed.

Nomansland

Nomansland Common

Nomansland Common, River, Marford Playing Fields, Development Centre, Football site.

Nomansland.

None.

None: But those we have need a facelift.

not necessary

Not needed

Not new, just better and cleaner.

not position - quality is problem

not required

Nothing wrong with the present site. The condition of the gents is disgusting.

Nowhere

Nowhere

OK where they are

OK where they are

OK where they are. Extra by park

On Common

Outside the Memorial Hall, triangle opposite Cunnigton's Light Shop, Hilldyke.

Playing fields

Playing fields

Playing fields - Folly Field.

Playing fields.

Present site OK.

pub car park

Re-open on Nomansland Commmon. Any 'youth foootball area' will need a facility close by.

Same areas as the old ones.

Same place as existing.

smarten up existing

Stay where they are

The Bull car park.

The Folly Fields, Marford Playing Fields, Where they are but open 24/7.

The Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall area.

The present ones are sufficient. But I suppose some could be put up near the Memorial Hall.

Toilet OK where it is, but needs improving.

Toilets should be open 24/7. The Memorial Hall.

Top end of village

Top end of village

Upgrade East Lane

Upgrade existing ones

Upgrade existsing ones

Upgrade toilets near The Bull car park first. May be a case for next to Memorial Hall.

Village, Marford Playing Fields - saves walking in the summer etc.

Village; Nomansland (Near Cricket)

Where they are, but perhaps larger. (Perhaps clean water pump near river, facilities for cyclists.)

Where they are.

where they are now

22. <u>How would you like to see countryside walks publicised, if not by leaflets, signs or notice-board type displays, or via local tourist information displays?</u>

+ similar for cyclists with cycle tracks in village (advertise in cycle magazines as a good location).

All equal

Booklets sold locally.

Don't want any more people

East Meads Bridge land needs better approach functionality.

Feature articles in press occasionally.

Internet - website is poor

Internet & email!

library

Local map. (Maps in addition to avoid sign clutter.)

local maps available locally

Maps

path numbers, dest & dist on signs

path to footpath map by East Lane Cp

Review/Advertiser

signage

signs on footpaths are good already

The bridge near Meads Dell is very ugly + is slippery when wer. Could we have something more 'rural.'

waste of money

website

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website

Wheathampstead website.

23. How would you like to see pedestrian river crossings improved/maintained?

A new crossing from Waddling Lane & East Lane needed

A small narrow bridge.

Access up to narrow bridge across river gets very slippery.

Adequate but not signposted

Already adequate

Approach to footbridge in Meads on South Side has been spoiled since the riverside so-called "improvements".

Approaches need improving & metal work painting

Attractive features needed rather than functional crossings.

Better access to the river bank in both directions fro The Mill bridge. The bride at East Meads is ugly and its appearance could be imporved.

Better signed.

Better surfacing/attractive fencing + generally maintained regularly.

Between

Bridge at East Meads could have better access

Easier access to crossing down stream fro The Bull by levelling approaches to permit pram/wheelchair usage.

Easier wheelchair access at East Meads.

Face lift to the 3 footbridges. They look rough and ready, unpleasant.

Fine as they are

Fine as they are.

good as it is

High St should be the priority

I like it as it is

I was not aware of any pedestrian river crossings. River and river access needs to be promoted.

Imporved and maintained by example.

Improve disabled access on E. Meads footbridge. Gentle slopes (Ayot G-way type). New footbridge river crossway E. Lane car park - Reed Beds + E Mea.

in keeping with local architecture

integrate with cycle path

maintained

Maintained as now.

Maintained, yes.

Millside Walk wall needs rasising or fencing to bring it up to safe standards. Children often lean over and it is not safe.

more access in more public places

more attractive & wider bridge. Better access for buggies and wheelchairs

More benches.

more bridges

More bridges.

More footpath access to the river, going towards Harpenden. Better maintainance of the River/Bank.

More of them

More of them

More of them.

More paths, more crossings.

More stopping points/benches/picnic spots

More, wider, attractive.

N/A

Newbridge approach tends to be muddy.

No improvement needed

No problems.

No views

Not required in my view.

Not sure I see them as an issue.

ОК

ok

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OK as they are

one further along near small-holding

path to/from lower playing fields to bridge

Pedestirna birdge in fields does not have disabled access.

Refurbish the crossing at Waterend. It feels like it's going to break.

Regualr inspections.

regular annual maintenance

Regular maintainance/clening.

River crossing from Mill Walk into woodland - landscaped

Safer during flood periods.

Seems OK.

Signed where the current ones are.

Signed.

signs

signs, not overgrown

Signs. Footpath maps available.

The footbridge over the River Lea at the end of East Lane could be widened as it is difficult to pass if someone is with a pushchair.

They are O.K.

They are OK.

To fit in with the environment.

Too slippy when rains/snows

Updated + made tp look more attractive and nostalgic.

Where are they? (No knowledge.)

Widened for access by pushchairs / wheelchairs especially down East Lane.

Widened so a double buggy can cross.

Wider crossing at 'new river beech area.' Another at downstream end of Marford Fields.

Wider more attractive bridge

Wood planking in Mill Walk bridge becomes slippery in wet weather.

Yes - wooden bridge allowing 2 people to cross at same time

24. What are your most important concerns about the local village environment (if not traffic, litter, quality of roads, dog mess, recycling facilities, street cleaning, York stone cleaning, better signage, heritage signs or floral displays)?

(Most recycling now covered by doorstep collection.)
10 - removal of unnecessary signs.
Aeroplane noise.
Aircraft noise
Aircraft noise.
building on green belt land
Car Parking
Christmas lights (v. poor!)
Clear rubbish from river
Cut back foliage near road signs
Destruction of lane verges.
Dog nuisance - inadequate owner control.
Empty shops.
Fill empty shops
Flagrant abuse of use of land - riverbanks on Lower Luton Road.
Footpath on Lower Luton Road - too narrow. Badly maintained.

Fringe activities on edge of village.

Get rid of traffic calming.

good path along lower luton rd to village

Green space around village - keep it.

Helicopter noise

illegal parking

lacks buzz. Coffee shop attractive

lecture school children about litter

Litter removal from both sides of road from Lemsford to Wheathampstead.

Making empty buildings look nice

Mill walk stream banks & cleaning

More cycle tracks

More facilties in Marford Playing Fields to enable more elderly/diasabled people to use.

More shops

more xmas decorations

No bonfires on allotments.

no builing on green belt

no low flying planes

Not enough dog poo bins

Parking on pavements.

parking rules re-enforced esp High St

Pedestrian crossing at top of The Hill

Planes overflying.

Police presence

Preserve "village in the green" look - don't cut down scrub/trees

Provide wheel chairs

Recycling collections

Refurbishment of High Street / Station Road older buildings.

Removal of PRINT advert sign at roundabout towards hatfield

Removal of unncessary signs

Renew white lines.

retention of PO

Roundabouts, particularly at points of closing, must be kept free from excessive growth.

school facilities

Schools provision

Street Lighting in Lea Valley.

Street Parking.

tidy hedgerows & vegetation

too much housing development

Try to keep it a village.

Vacant premises on High Street.

Village noticeboards.

xmas lights

25. How/where could the village be made more attractive?

- 1) Ensure there are floral displays in the summer & the area is kept clean 2) More could be made of the river
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A more welcoming start to the village from the St. Albans direction.

A range of interesting shops.

All large trees being cut down to size. Bushes kept neat and tidy. Flowers yes, if spare money.

As above - stop teenagers hanging around centre

Attractive uselful shops

Better care of listed buildings

Better floral displays. Plastic seats rather twee

Better frontage to existing businesses / shops.

better grass verge maintenance, litter picking, fewer empty shops

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Better litter picking at play areas.

Better maintained shop fronts

Better public toilets

Better signage in the shops.

Better signs - liek Harpenden. Traditional style street lighting

Boarded up shops could be made to look more attractive and not left to rot.

bottleneck on Church St

Bring life back to village centre

By helping to occupy empty shops.

By keeping a more vibrant, thriving High Street.

By the river.

Cafe areas have improved village. Shame T pots cant be used for different ages.

change look of empty properties

Clean the front of the One Stop shop.

Clear scrub to west of The Hill & plant nice shrubs

Clearing leaves from pavements

closed shops are a mess

Conditions of building in the High Street.

Decorate or clean roadside of the mill

Demolish buildings at Granary Close and rebuild with houses of some character.

Demolish the One Stop (ex-Dillon's block) - a complete eyesore.

Distinctive village signs

Do up derelict buildings

don't allow unoccupied premises to fall into disrepair

Don't like floral seats or xmas decs

Easy on-streeet parking and more shops.

efficient and regular verge cutting

Eliminate empty shops

Empty shop facades improved + back into action.

Empty shops occupied.

Encourage High Street premises and houses to put out more floral displays.

Encourage retail businesses, by making rents more affordable.

Establish local businesses on the High Street.

Extend floral displays beyond the High Street.

Extend footpath along river

Fewer road signs, more floral displays

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fewer take away outlets. Traditional shop front

Fill all the empty shops.

Fill empty shops

Fill empty shops & clean up shop fronts

fill empty shops on High st

Fill empty shops or tidy them up

Fill empty shops with new businesses

Fill shop units

Fill shops.

Fill the High Street Shops.

Fine as it is

Floral displays to be improved. Better lighting - Xmas etc.

Flowers / plants at the top of Hilldyke Road.

Flowers, less litter.

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From safety angle - zebra crossing outside St. Helen's JMI School.

Fully open shops where the florist/off-licence have shut.

gate on entering village to make road look narrower

Get all the shops open and active. More floral displays.

Get businesses in vacant premises on the High Street.

Get rid of empty shops

Get rid of Marford Road Recycling facilities. They make a great mess on field. I cleared 2 bags of rubbish today. All comes from recycling skips.

get rid of speed bumps

Hanging baskets on shops.

Hanging baskets throughout High Street - Britain in Bloom entry?

Hanging baskets throughout village.

Have less traffic travelling through.

Help businesses ridy and repaint properties

Heritage shop fronts, remove speed humps

Hide the "stilts" of the building opposite Church Street on the High Street (with a hedge?).

High St - empty shops a mess. Florist and off licence a mess

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High Street - encourage businesses into empty properties

High Street - more shops.

High Street Shops improved / ocupied.

High Street/Village centre

Hilldyke Estate - pretty grubby/run down.

HillIdyke Estate - trim bushes / trees.

Historic / Tourist / Navigational signage; High Street properties refurbishment.

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Illuminated (at night) - St. Helen's Church.

Imporvemnet to shop fronts ie One Stop & Jessamine Garage + Mill buildings and Post Office.

Improve footpath signs/heritage details on Devil's Dyke.

Improve parks & roads. Collect garbage once per week.

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Improve riverside walk near The Bull

Improve the shop fittings & for them all to be occupied. Individual shops, not chain shops. landscaping around memorial hall Leave alone - don't's spend money. less development less empty hops Less empty shops Less empty shops in the High Street. Less empty shops. let all shops Let empty shops, Hanging baskets litter clearance around car park 7 mead hall looks attractive Lots of flowers Lower rent so more shops in High Street make sure shops occupied Marford Road / The Hill Marford Road and top of Brewhouse Hill could have better street furniture. Marford Road, Dyke lane daffodils. Mill houses could be paineted (roadside) eg. Butchers, Jewellery Shop. Mill Walk - railings and fencing Mill Walk. More attractive signs at entry points. Better quality pavements More attractive signs at entry points. Better quality pavements More floral displays more floral displays More flower baskets More flowers More flowers on approach More occupied High St More picnic tables and benches at East Meads by the river Lea would be good. More seats by river More shop premises being used - currently lots empty. More shops More shops - the closed shops make the village High Street dilapidated. More shops, clean paint on the buildings. More successful shops in the High Street. more visible 'life' More welcoming on outskirts and appearance of old Mills building from the road. Move Farmers' Market to High Street, new developments sympathetic to existing style nicer signs & floral displays at entrances nicer signs & floral displays at entrances No closed businesses.

Occupied shops have attractive displays.

No empy shops in the High Street

Not having boarded up shops. Decorate the street side of the Mill building.

no more empty shops

OK as is

occupied business premises

Old mill could be more attractive

open empty shops

Open shops

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Prevent parking on pavements and verges.

protect from traffic noise and river bank

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Provide more cycleways, e.g. along the by-pass.

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Re-design the frontage of certain ugly buildings (eg One Stop & Post Office) that do not reflect the character of the village.

Redevelop One Stop.

regenerate high st

Regular road sweeping.

Remove garish signs from few remaining shops we have.

Repainting Mill woodwork

Repair roads

Replace building with ones in-keeping

Replace rusty, unsightly street furniture, especially at roundabout on Station Road/Lower Luton Road

Resolve problem of empty shops.

River - more benches. Cleared up. Trim plants / bushes etc.

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River railings instead of wall at Mill Bridge

Riverside walk, floral displays etc.

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Secondary school

Shop frontage redocrated and empty shops opened as new businesses.

Shops in the High Street.

Shops painted with floral displays

signs at entrance to village

Signs that look like village sings not town signs.

Small floral beds beside / near village signs.

Smarten up Withers Reed window display

sort out the traffic

stop traffic in high street during the day

Stopping cars from parking on pavements.

Stopping cars parking all over the pavements

Stores closed, need opening with quality goods.

The High Street

The High Street - occupation of empty shops.

The High Street looks scruffy & untidy.

The Hill - banks each side need attention.

The village needs more shops / small businesses.

Tidy up Lower Luton Rd & better access

To tidy up existing shops.

to whom?

Top of The Hill - main entry point into village

Unused shops should be forced to keep up pleasant appearance & local fines could be imposed e.g. old Video/Vinters shop.

Upgrade supermarket and floral displays

Upkeep of shops in High st

Utilise & convert the shops into residential.

vibrant shops with improved signage

Village looks half dead with all the empty shops on the High Street.

Village should do more to attract tourists and day trippers.

Village signs on the approach roads Welcome to Wheathampstead.

We need a lively centre.

Welcome signs to village

Welcome to W'stead signs

West arrival of Lower Luton Road around old Garage and Chapel planning sites.

West Side of The Hill - Improve Banking - flowers.

Yes, sign at Devil's Dyke is gone. Where is it now?

26. How do you think village signs could be improved?

20 mph signs in High Street could be made more prominent.

A picture village sign

adequate

All fine. Don't wast money on signs, spend it onlower rates or Community Police Officers to get rid of youths hanging around drinking.

All new signs to be a specified scheme - although not all the same design.

All to be uniform in design + style.

Always less rather than more. Estate agent signs degrade the look of the High Street.

Attractive village name signs at entry points

Better / attractive signs to village boundary ie: "gateways" in sympatheitc materials and designs.

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better maintenance

better signage of free car parks

Bigger, with "Gates" and logo.

Bushes at Roundabout too high

By being made visible not hidden by foliage.

By great simplification & less single traffic furniture. Burn the "safety" camera.

Central village sign that depicts historic nature of Wheathampstead.

Clean and fresh signs.

cleaner, more informative on entering village

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clear, simple 7 not too expensive

Colour coding

Current signs inadequate. No character or not present. Need to welcome visitors and highlight community.

Cut back around sign in Amwell Lane

don't notice them

Don't notice them - not a priority.

East Lane Car Park

enlarge to give details of links and facilities

Entering village.

Few signs - even less character.

Fewer of them especially Lamer Lane to Station Rd

Fewer signs but cleaned regularly to ensure legibility & remove (where necessary) overgrown branches of which there are far too many.

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fewer signs. More tradtional appearance

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Fine as they are

Fit new main Wheathampstead signs on the boundary not in the village, to show where & how big the area is.

flashing signs on Cory Wright way, school signs from WGC. Clear road sign opp High schooll of branches

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Generally OK. Remove old AA/RAC signs promptly.

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Have a decent sign like Harpenden and Batford.

Have competition to design new signs - less utilitarian than present one with flowers in small floral beds beside / near village signs.

Haven't noticed them

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heritage look indicatiny antiquity

Heritage style. 20mph on road

Heritage type signs

Historic areas signposted and information at sites. Especially to doctor's surgery.

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Historic style signs at entries to village like Codicot

Historic village street signs to attract passer by

historical, possibly gated effect to put at entry points

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I find them attractive but I haven't noticed any historical signs.

I think they are OK as they are.

Include the European, by twinning the village with another village.

individual/uniform signs. Welcome people to village

It is a historic village - need more tourist type information.

Larger, more obviously a village

Less metal, ,ore wooden.

Like Harpenden or Batford

Look at chichester for quality, no and info

lorry ban sign on wrong side of road

Made consistent and modern in style, and or real practical use.

Maintain seat planters near The Bull

Minimum and discreet, but informative.

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More "old fashioned"/"character" signs to replace modern ones.

more 30mph signs

More attractive

More attractive sign on the hill at the top of Brewhouse Hill.

More attractive signage.

More emphasis on historic village, attractive and reflect character.

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More heritage info

More heritage signs.

more indivualistic at entrance to village

More informative

More of them, better locations.

More shops in village.

More signs of local places. Directions to them for visitors to the village.

More uniform. Highlight conservation area. Map showing historical buildings. Signs in black & gold

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Mre historic info boards

N/A

N/A No opinion

Name plaques at entrances to village

Neater, better, clearer signs

Need to restrict signage for events in village eg. 10K posters etc.

Never thought of it as a problem.

New bigger signs needed to put the village on the map more.

nice ones

Nice signs on entry to village possibel flower underneath

Nice wooden signs - like Melissa Fields.

No comment.

No comment.

No comment.

No comment.

No need

not important

Not important.

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OK

ok

ok

OK as they are

Old board signs could be replaced - Castle Rise, Valley Rise, Manor Road & Marshalls Way please.

Old type character signs at Nomansland, top of Brewhouse Hill and before The Nelson.

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On entrance to village

One corporate design for all village signs. Less traffic signs. 'Welcom to' signs to all points of village. Mention age on sign / "Home of..."

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One, type, one colour (green). There are too many.

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Perhaps we could have some including indication of the historical importance of the village.

Professional presentation by St. Alban's Museum.

Promote parking and areas of interest.

Prompt replacmenet of stolen street signs. Have been waiting over a year for Poynings Close sign.

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Reduce number.

Reduce the clutter. Remove duplicate signs. Make signs more distinctive so they better reflect the character of the village.

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Re-establish Parish Noticeboard by Brewhouse Café. Put a noticeboard display of Wheathampstead history in High St. Promote River Lea, village signs.

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Reflect history of village

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Removal of unneccsary signs (e.g. no golf practice on Field, biking on Lattimore Road/Butterfield Road - where we are we never see golf balls hit.).

Remove clutter, new signs attractive village signs

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Remove street furniture clutter.

Remove superfluous road signs. Ban advertising A-Boards on pavements.

Remove unnecessary ones

Repair and replace missing ones

Rpdate/renew signs - more attractive and larger; Clarify the Wheathampstead boundary by signposting eg. Signal both Sandridge & Harpenden borders.

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seem ok

Should be an illustrated village map / street plan in cnetre showing location of facilities eg. library to avoid living here unaware of facilities.

should reflect character of village

show history & dates

Sign on each old building in village centre to eplain its history.

Signpost to Mill Walk

Signs are fine.

Signs are low priority.

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Style needs to be stardardised.

The 20mph signs should be moved so that they start before the school exits.

The directional signs need to be less piecemeal.

The signs seem fine to us.

There is nothing to visit in the village that really could attract visitors.

They are O.K.

This questionnaire seems to ignore Gustard Wood which has no sign at all.

Too many

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Too many - combine

Too many for rural village

too many traffic signs

Traditional, wooden, attractive, old style

Village approaches using non standard place name signs to welcome visitors to Wheathampstead.

Village sign

waste of money. Remove obsolete ones

'Welcome to Wheathampstead. Please drive carefully through the village' signs on all boundaries. Put pinchpoint at entrance from Sandridge.

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What signs there are, are excellent.

Wheathampstead sign does not reflect a 'village' feel/community.

white gate posts at entrance to village

With very great care.

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Yes - signs to River & Dyke plus noticeboards.

Zebra crossing in MIDDLE of High St

27. How do you think floral displays could be improved?

a welcome sight

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adequate

all ok

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around memorial hall

at roundabout at top of station rd

Attractive hanging basket displays from lampposts.

Back on the Bull building

Baskets are excellent. Plastic seats and flower pots are awful.

Baskets on shop fronts and lamposts.

better colour, arrangement and bigger

better displays near east lane car park and daffodils opp mead hall

Better maintainanace to keep weed free hanging baskets OK.

better than they were. Quality not quantity

bigger expenditure by council

Bigger ones

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couldn't

Difficulties with vandalism

Don't like seats. Prefer baskets and beds

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encourage householders to plant more flowers

encourage shops to have window boxes

Fantastic as they are.

Find them attractive already.

fine

Fine - lovely hanging baskets appreciated. How about window box + hanging basket competition?

Fine as they are. Don't wate money around the edges.

Fine

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Floral displays are good - could have more planting on or nearby roundabout (towards Kimpton).

Floral displays are 'nice', but if we are spending public money 'lets spend it on the necessities first.

Floral displays on sides of The Bull to be reinstated.

Flower beds, hanging baskets boundaries, Flower beds in Melissa Field.

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get them sponsored

good as they are

Good as they are.

Good at present.

Great as they are. Great effort.

Hanging baskets

Hanging baskets all through the village, not just in the middle.

Hanging baskets and bedding plants already look good.

Hanging baskets on lamp posts

Hanging baskets would help.

Hanging baskets, flowers on verges. Roundabout height to be kept down with foliage.

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Hanging baskets.

Have more in general.

Have more on the High Street.

I am not aware of any florral displays in the village.

I don't think that they need improving.

I think current displays are quite attractive.

I think they are good.

If they were looked after more, they would last longer.

improve flowers on roundabout

Just have more of them. Just keep doing what you do! Large displays at entrance to village. Leave them as is. Less twee, more impact. Local business should do more Look after them. Look fine to me. look good Maybe have more flowers in the centre (by the baber's) Maybe have more flowers in the centre (by the baber's) Mediterranean type flowers e.g. Mesambryanthenum More More - enter best kept village comp More - enter best kept village comp More along main roads. More and better maintained. More and better maintained. More and more bulbs at roundabouts. More bulbs on corner of High Street & Marford Road More bulbs. more colourful displays More colourful. More geraniums More hanging baskets More hanging baskets more hanging baskets More hanging baskets in High St More hanging baskets, e.g. in High Street? More hanging baskets, get rid of 'revolting' plastic seats More hanging baskets, get rid of 'revolting' plastic seats More hanging baskets. More hanging baskets. More hanging baskets. more obvious more of them particularly in centre More of them. Better care. More of them. Better care. More on entrance to village More outside shops More permanent ones, rathen than expensive hanging baskets. Memorial Hall would benefit from more

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More permanent ones, rathen than expensive hanging baskets. Memorial Hall would benefit from more landscaping. more private effort More regular upkeep. More seasonal. More! More, at the entrances to the village. More, at the entrances to the village. More. N/a Need to be watered and weeded more, esp. Outside PO no floral displays on buildings No they are all great. Not a priority. not important Not sure Offer businesses in centre of village a rate rebate for keeping displays attractive. ОК ok ok OK at present. One ot two people to be responsible for floral displays Overall good Quite good already. Quite pleased the way they are Remove plastic seats. Hanging baskets Remove plastic seats. Hanging baskets remove plastic seats. More larger hanging baskets remove plastic seats. More larger hanging baskets Roundabout at B651 - tall shrubs limit the vision of oncoming traffic. satisfied Seasonal displays of native varieties. Seem OK at present. Some low level displays on High Street. Some low level displays on High Street. Take a look at Southdown! The quality of the fly tipping around the village is appalling and it takes too long for it to be cleaned up. The village already tries hard. Area maintained by the Horticultural Society. These are a minor detail. They are already very good, but there's always room for more. they are excellent They are great as they are - maybe colour on roundabout near Kingfisher Close. They are O.K. They are OK. They are usually good, they just need to be maintained. Trees in High Street Uniform colour schemes. very good What floral displays?

What floral displays?!

With more colour on the main traffic island on Lower Luton Road.

Yes - but not a top priority.

Yes.

28. Do you have any further comments on the environment in Wheathampstead?

A focal point of village green type centre maybe by the river?

A zebra crossing betweeb Cherry Tree Lane and Marshall's Heath Lane over Lower Luton Road (by the Indian or nearby).

Advertising removed from rural roundabouts

against any encroachment on greenbelt

air noise geting worse

alternative power sources

Although off-street parking is available - it is seemingly unused (eg. Brewhouse Hill).

Beautiful village that needs some TLC

Better use of playing fields / School field I.e. Development Centre & Nomansland for children of all ages to enjoy all year round.

Children's play area near Wick Avenue, very poor and run down.

Clear up paths from The Hill to Caesars

Crossing near Swan is dangerous. Shrubs too high

Cut back foliage around signs

Dog bins along new bridleway as i has become dog toilet

Dog mess becoming a real issue

Dog mess behind dawes Lane

Dog mess on Marford fields. Floodlights ugly should be retractable

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Domestic rubbish not always collected

double yellow line on church st

Drains need clearing & shop fronts repainting

Employ road sweeper. Police presence at night

Encourage people to pick up litter

Enforce repairs to properties in High Street

Environment well maintained. Continue in future

Generally good

Get rid of the through traffic.

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Good at present.

Grass verges have been neglected

Has potential to be more scenic and attract visitors

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having recently moved here, am enjoying the environment

Heritage i.e. fernery and Devil's Dyke could be used to the benefit of the potential tourist.

High Street needs more shops. Café is best bit!

I don't live in 'the village' so cannot express my views on this.

Important to clear up ASAP (litter attractslitter, burned out cars start to be accepted as the norm etc.)

improve path from playing fields along back of allotments

Improved Christmas lights

It is a pleasure to live here compared to London where I have recently moved from.

It is a pretty village that doesn't make the best of what it has.

It is generally very pleasing - just hope it will be maintained to high standards.

It is pretty good.

It would be ideal to have better access to the banks in both directions from The Mill bridge.

It's looking shabby & unloved. (I have lived here since 1980 and have always loved the village. It's sad to see its deterioration.)

Keep growth at bottom of The Hill

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Leave Nomansland as it is and no cows, barbed wire or felling of oak trees.

Litter - well done Blitzers.

Litter from recycling bins in Marford Playing Fields is particularly bad.

litter in bluebell wood in Lower Gustard Wood

litter spread when grass cut

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Looks run down with empty shops

Lorry ban throughout the High Street

Loud motorbikes and wheel-spinning cars at night into the early hours.

Make area up-stream from river prettier. Ensure Environemtn Agency protect from river flooding, eg. Mill Walk, Bull (by sorting high drain).

Make residents and visitors more litter aware

Marford Road / By-pass roundabout put in plants & remove sponser sign.

More attention paid to noise pollution. Greater care re building on flood plains. Clear blockages on River Lea. Promote village history...

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More cycle paths.

More noise from flight paths.

More responsive planning process

More street cleaning might encourage people to be tidier!

More trees should be planted.

N/A

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Need to preserve green spaces and historic buildings to keep the character of the village.

Needs cycle paths for work, to stations, not just for recreational use.

No - I think the main point is that we need a lively centre.

No more building

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

Noise buffer along Cory wright Way

Nothing for kids to do. Pedestrian crossings on busy roads.

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Overall appearance is key in terms of transient visitors, particularly - want people to stay and spend!

Overall it is actually very good!

Overhanging trees could be pruned back to give better views along the river.

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parking still bad

plane noise & flight paths

Poor condition of surrounding roads and lanes

Preserve st helens church & surrounds, Busby chemist & mill

Pub signs 'hangings' could be used. Barn doors of mill could be used &/or part of mill used for history of the village display behind glass panel?

re-generate high st

Removal of gypsies on riverbank stable.

Remover irritating road humps

Restore Devil's Dyke

roads around village are litter strewn

Sadly a sense of being a bit run down with so many shops closing.

seats by river

Sensitive changes required. New seats hideous

Sensitivity to history of village

SponsOr / finance a clean up of all listed / interesting central properties.

starting to look run down

Stop lorries and cars parking on pavements.

Street cleaning as good as harpenden

Suspect litter arises mainly from refuse collections & is immaculate. Occasional man with bag clean up round.

Tesco will drive other businesses out of business

The Christmas Lights are tacky and look awful & Cheap. The lights in St. Albans are amazing - and we should replicate them.

The environment needs scheduled maintainance - not just as and when.

Too many Coffee Shop obstructions; Need to reduce accident risk at East Lane/High Street Junction. Consider Lamp post-mounted mirrors.

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Too much infill building & new development e.g. Development Centre but no infrastructure improvements. I am against water extraction on Nomansland.

Too much traffic through village. Creates noise and pollution

Traffic and parking in Church St

Traffic noise in village centre is intrusive.

very attractive village

Village loses its "in the green" appeal - trees & shrubs cut down; Approach on Lower Luton, new buildings, cut down Mulberry tree on private land.

Village with potential. Seems to be at a turning point - up or down!

Were proud to live in village and appreciate environmental improvements to date - pity there's a lack of community spirit (as was until the 1980s).

Whoever sweeps village does an excellent job

xmas lights are nice

Yes, cut down on the PCSOs and get Joe Public to help the environs.

You would have had much more response if the questionnaire had been more simple, I would have thought. [No further data added on form.]

Young people should be encouraged to look after the environment.

Village Day

29. If you don't attend Village Day, why not?

always on holiday

At a time when we were not around.

availability

away last year

Because of where I live (alone) and I'm passed such events!

busy elsewhere

Busy elsewhere.

Car Parking

Children have grown up & I prefer to play golf.

Did not know.

didnt know about it

Don't find it so attractive as Kimpton Festival.

Don't get free paper. Unaware of local events - new to village.

Family has grown up. It has lost its bite.

First year in the village.

Go to Kimpton May festival

Have always had other commitments on date (since I moved to the village).

Holiday taken at same time/weekend

I have only lived in the village for a year.

I perceive it to be a family/child orientated occasion and I don't have kids. If I did I'm sure I would attend.

I was not aware of villaeg day.

I'm ususally working.

It is not of interest as we don't have children.

missed once when away

Never been around on the day.

New to area.

New to the village last year - insufficient publicity for new residents?

New to village

No specific reason. May attend this year.

Not attractive to me

not aware

Not aware of it.

Not interested. It's fine for kids and families.

not sure of purpose

Not yet, been on holiday.

Often away on holiday on the day.

on holiday

on holiday

On holiday at the time.

only just moved here

Only lived in village one year!

Only moved here recently

only recently moved here

other commitments

other engagements

Other social / family commitments.

Recently moved to Wheathampstead.

Stalls can give very worn items as prizes.

su

too old

usually away

Usually date clashes with other events.

Usually doing other things.

usually on holiday

usually working

Ususally on holiday.

When weather is not too hot.

work

30. What attractions/events would you like us to consider for future Village Days (other than beer tent, hog roast, ethnic foods, fun fair, art exhibition, "It's a Knockout". or sports day)?

(Fun fair - free or low charges.)

any of the above

Art (and Crafts). A village parade if there is not one already.

as much variety as possible

Auction - proceeds to village improvement

Bands

Be over 2 days like Kimpton

Best stall displays etc with shield to be held for one year.

better quality stalls

Bouncy Castle.

Brass band. Afternoon tea

But not on the same day as major events in Harpenden i.e. Harpenden Highland Gathering

c;ay pidgeon shoot

Centre Ring, Show-Dancing, Sheepdog

cheap food

Classic cars (and bikes), Farmers' Market.

Classic cars and motor cycles.

craft participation for children, fancy dress

craft stalls and demos e.g hatfield house

crafts

Crafts

Crafts, folk dance and music, participation of youth & sports groups.

evening event e.g ball/dance

Expand to include market day stalls

Experiences for teenagers - bungee / rock wall / music dodgems.

extend into evening

Face painting / kids entertainment, Teddy Bear Picnic.

Fanily day and does not need alcohol. St. Alabn's Carnival tried & failed.

Firework display

Flower show & handicrafts

Hang gliding.

Higher quality entertainment in arena to attract people to attend.

horse show

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If fun fair - security around the area would need to be addressed.

invite a celebrity to open

It is fine as it is.

live music

Live music or dancing display?

local food &/or drink

mobile bell tower ringing

More competitiveness between schools.

More different stalls of reasoable prices. Last year there were lots of nic nac stalls - not exciting.

more floats

more for adults

more like Kimpton over 2 days

More plant / craft stalls

More variety, BBQs.

Music concerts / range of cultural events.

Music Festival

Music, Circus Acts, Entertaining (Childrens'?)

No opinion.

On Melissa Fields - more village participation events.

Outddoor quiz with a prize of say. £10.

Pimms & Strawberries

plants

Procession of floats, arena events/displays, Scarecrow village trail, traction engines

Rafffles / Tug of War / Evening Disco

Shire horses / Sheep, Duck Racing

Something to offer to Youth

Static line balloon for view over village

Steam engine/railway/live music-jazz,brass

Tarot, fortune tellers

The kids want a roller coaster (!) and circus

The mix of stalls + entertainment has been for all ages and the format works.

Traction engines, Craft stalls, local produce stalls/tent

Try and move it more upmarket.

vegetarian & vegan food

Very good as it is.

village history exhibition

vintage cars & bikes

Walking parade should go in the main ring before being judged.

Will never support Beer tent, it's a family event and keep it to LOCAL functions