



Compton Parish Plan



Foreword From Compton Parish Council

In writing our Parish Plan, The Countryside Agency provided us with a focus:

'A Parish Plan will help you work out the main issues affecting your community. The plan provides a framework to produce an action plan based on the local social, economic and environmental issues of your area.'

As Chairman of the Parish Council I am pleased to say this is exactly what it did. It also made us appreciate just how lucky we are, what a lovely place we live in and how we can all help to maintain this by addressing the issues raised and working closely together on our agreed action plan.

The Steering Group did a sterling job in keeping enthusiasm going for the Plan and our thanks as a community must go to these individuals who gave up their time freely and to the local businesses that allowed us to use their facilities.

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The Compton Swan, Compton Village Shop, Compilations Parish Magazine, the Institute for Animal Health, Greenham Common Trust, Community Action West Berkshire (CAWB), West Berkshire District Council (WBDC), The Countryside Agency (CA), Downlands Youth Network (DYN), The Rural Housing Trust (RHT) and Workflow Automation Ltd.

Not forgetting, of course, the many Parishioners who gave of their time to assist us with this plan.

I am confident that the Action Plan will provide us with guidance for implementing decisions and that as its targets are met, new challenges will evolve and that Parishioners will feel that this is an opportunity for them to become more involved and to give a little back to Compton.

*Kathy Howells
Compton Parish Council Chairman*

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Introduction to the Parish Plan

This Parish Plan started life with a series of questions – what have we got in Compton, what do we want, what do we need? There were several ways that this was investigated and a Questionnaire was sent to every household in the Parish with a raft of questions on Environment, Housing, Education and Transport issues to name but a few. As well as the Questionnaire, there were meetings, stalls at the local fete and interviews. The collation of the responses has been an interesting task because, of course, not all people have the same views. Throughout the text, the reference to percentages is from the Household Questionnaire.

The main text of this document has been kept brief – reams of statistics, figures and written accounts of what is in Compton were considered not to be particularly helpful or useful to the Parish Plan and will be out of date very shortly. We would suggest that, if you are interested in Compton, further information is available from :-

- Our Parish Magazine, 'Compilations', is a bi-monthly publication delivered to most houses in the Parishes of Compton and East Ilsley. Subject to availability, it is also available in Compton Village Shop.
- The Parish Website www.compton-village.org.uk
- The book 'The History of Compton' by Linnet McMahon is very readable and gives detailed accounts of how Compton developed. The Parish Council has copies for sale and it is also available in local libraries.

When did things happen?

Work started on this document in earnest in 2004. A steering group was challenged with the task of providing a focus and initiating the working parties. Meetings were held monthly in the local hostelry, The Compton Swan.

Where do we go from here?

One of the fundamental issues which members of the Steering Group could foresee with this document was that it would become no more than an account of Compton with an emphasis on what we didn't like. After all, it does often seem easier to criticise rather than be constructive! The key point that needs to come from this Parish Plan is an enthusiasm for Action. The Action Plan, the way in which we suggest we tackle the identified issues is the real crux. This will be the test as to whether or not the identification of the issues – which this Parish Plan is – has been a worthwhile exercise. The Action Plan identifies those who will play a key role in the practical implementation and also focuses on realistic timescales. Over 60% of respondents considered that, should the Action Plan implementation require funding, then this should be done by way of fund-raising and sponsorship.

Like to become involved?

It would be easy to print this document, pat ourselves on the back and take a back seat. In fact, this is just the start and we would dearly like you, parishioners of Compton, businesses and those who influence our lives in Compton – whether through your work or involvement in development – to take a part in implementing our action plan. Your initial contact is our Compton Parish Council Chairman – details are on the District Council's www.westberks.gov.uk website. We look forward to hearing from and working with you.

Compton – where is it?

There are several Comptons throughout England. Ours – Compton, Berkshire – is situated within the administrative boundary of West Berkshire District Council. It is high up on the North Wessex Downs within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in a hollow of chalk downland.

The village is seven miles North of the intersection of two arterial routes, the M4 London to the West and the A34 Midlands to Southampton. Two miles to the West, at East Ilsley there is access to the A34 trunk road. Access to the village is by minor roads, off the B4009 from Hampstead Norreys to the South, off the B4009 from Aldworth to the East and from East Ilsley to the West.

The nearest railway stations are at Goring, 6 miles to the East, Didcot Parkway, 9 miles to the North and Newbury, 10 miles to the South.

The Conservation Area is to the North of the High Street which includes Cheap Street, Hockham Road and Horn Street.



The village has a Parish Church, a general store and post office, a public house/hotel, a surgery, a day care centre, a Village Hall, a Play Group, a Crèche, a Scout/Guide hut and a Sports and Recreation Centre. There are two schools, Compton C of E Primary and the Downs Secondary school.

The Recreation Ground, in the middle of the village, is the main open green area. Other open areas are in Gordon Crescent and Manor Crescent, the playing fields situated between the Downs Secondary school and Shepherds Mount estate, a paddock between Burrell Road and properties in the High Street, the Cricket ground between the High Street and the Institute of Animal Health, a triangular shaped piece of ground at the junction of the High Street and Newbury Lane, allotment gardens/grazing to the West of Newbury Lane, bordering the village boundary and allotment gardens between School Road and the old railway station on the village boundary.



Compton has a diverse economy including Racing, The Institute of Animal Health, including the Edward Jenner Institute, Baxter Healthcare and the two schools. These provide the main employment in the village and bring in a welcome mixture of people of varying ethnicity and culture, enriching village life. Many parishioners commute out of the village for work including London, and the Harwell and Rutherford Laboratories a few miles away. There is also an estate of nine industrial units and a number of smaller units in various parts of the Parish, including converted agricultural barns.

Nearly 70% of homes in Compton Parish are owner-occupied, a further 20% are owned by Sovereign Housing Association. Most dwellings are detached or semi-detached.

The Landscape

The area is farmed, mostly arable with many large fields bordered by old hedges with multiple species. There are small areas of ancient woodland on hill tops. The area is criss-crossed by ancient drove roads and tracks including the Ridgeway National Path. The underlying rock is chalk with flints, which is reflected as a local material used throughout the village in flint walls.

Over 45% of households give country or village life as their main reason for settling in Compton. Over 80% of respondents said that the quality of the countryside around Compton was very important to them. Over 80% thought that it was very important to keep the River Pang and ditches clean to improve the environment of Compton. Over 50% commented that looking after woodlands was also important. Over 75% suggested that there should be special open spaces in Compton for picnicking and for children to play.



The Built Environment

The working party met on a wet and windy day to walk the village, keen to explore areas not yet known. It is interesting that when living in a village, or anywhere for that matter, our daily lives take us on a routine, which is difficult to break. We have no reason for taking a left hand turn instead of the daily right – a junction on which we take no real notice of the fabric, the materials of the boundaries – we tend just to watch for a safe place in the traffic to turn and be on with our business! The look at detail led the working party to believe that the fabric of the village could be improved with the use of vernacular materials and the preservation of its

individual character with sympathetic new development. Rather than duplicate work by providing information here, it was decided that the way forward was a 'Parish or Village Design Statement' (VDS). As there is already a planning process for this particular mechanism, the Working Party decided that this was the way forward. Consequently a Village Design Statement for Compton is underway and will be available on www.compton-village.org.uk and on the West Berkshire District Council website (www.westberks.gov.uk) when approved. In this particular case, the action point – the VDS – has already commenced and is an example of how the Parish Plan acted as a catalyst for this work.



Housing

The majority of existing dwellings in Compton are owner-occupied, detached or semi-detached dwellings. A survey carried out recently by the Rural Housing Trust demonstrated that there was a need for small, affordable dwellings in Compton. Many young people who are currently living with parents, or renting, could not afford to buy their own property. Results from the Household Questionnaire indicated that most people were keen to see small family units, homes for the young, single people and special category needs e.g. with disabilities. There was agreement that these would best be provided by either rented or shared equity housing schemes.

Education

Compton is privileged in having a Church, Primary School and the Downs Secondary School located within the village, as well as being well served by pre-school provision. Both schools are

comprehensive and non-selective. From the outset it was obvious that parents valued the schools. In answers to the Household Questionnaire, 'schools and facilities' were only slightly behind 'community and friends' when asked 'What do you like best about Compton?'. These were the top 2 responses and between them accounted for over 50% of the replies. No one included education amongst their dislikes.

The use of vehicles for dropping off pupils and pupils driving themselves to school, has resulted in traffic congestion and parking difficulties at and around the school entrances. This is being investigated by the Local Authority. A walking-bus has also been considered.

Both schools are keen to be an integral part of village life. The Downs School is a venue for evening classes and 'Lifelong Learning'. The School initiated voluntary service in the community and is always keen to have feedback on how this could be developed to the advantage of all concerned.



Transport

The transport working party looked mainly at the issues which were detailed in the response to the Household Questionnaire. The results from the questionnaire indicated that, in general, there was satisfaction with:

- ◆ The bus stop locations.
- ◆ The lack of traffic islands and roundabouts.
- ◆ The appearance of the lamp posts in Yew Tree Stables development. (These are traditional style black standard lamp posts as opposed to the modern utilitarian design which are found along the High Street).

- ◆ Traffic signage seems adequate
- ◆ The number of roads – no need for a bypass!



The main concerns were:

- ◆ Public transport – the frequency of buses was insufficient. Most parishioners would require transport to and from Newbury for shopping.
- ◆ Traffic speeding through the village was seen as a major problem, with the additional risk to children's safety being a worry. The works which had been undertaken in the neighbouring village of Bradfield were cited as a good example of traffic calming measures. A reduction in the speed limit to 20 mph through the village was also considered appropriate.
- ◆ The quality of footways, including dropped kerbs for easier disabled access.
- ◆ Lack of street lighting in particular areas.
- ◆ Lack of bus shelters at existing bus stops and lack of maintenance of the main shelter in the village.



Economic Sustainability

Businesses operating in Compton have specific needs and requirements. In order to ensure long-term sustainability, it is vital for the good of the village that we continue to encourage inward investment and to provide a positive environment for businesses to trade. A small informal working party met and considered the following to be positive aspects of Compton.

- ◆ Being in a village is inspiring and conducive to work. Dealing with clients who are town-based brings an exclusivity in being away from commercial centres.
- ◆ Compton is pleasant, easy to find and accessible to major routes.
- ◆ Broadband is a major plus for those reliant on fast Internet access.
- ◆ Compton Village Shop provides a major tool for promotion, advertising and communication.
- ◆ Compilations, the parish magazine, is a useful promotional tool that is read by most people living locally.



On the negative side, businesses operating out of Compton came across the following problems:

- ◆ Shortage of quality, reasonably priced accommodation for clients wishing to stay locally.
- ◆ Limited venues suitable for meetings and conferences.
- ◆ Limited choice of local caterers.

- ◆ Compton is not large enough to be truly self-sustaining and not small and pretty enough to attract tourists.
- ◆ Lack of promotion of existing businesses.
- ◆ Lack of secure storage.

It is interesting to note that over 65% of Parishioners of working age travel outside the village to their place of work.



Amenities and Facilities

It appears that Compton is well blessed with a wide range of facilities and amenities. However, our research has shown that people feel that there can be additions and improvements to the current wide range available. An active young people's club is in its formative years, has funding until 2006, and will need the support of parents to continue. Our Village Hall is a focus for village life and hosts a huge variety of activities. The Hall is a village asset which takes considerable funding to maintain. Updating the fabric takes even more money but is essential if it is to remain an attractive venue. A major window replacement scheme has been ongoing since 2004.

The key areas for concern are:

- ◆ Dissemination of information including rights of way available in the area.
- ◆ Lack of Public Transport, especially during the evenings, is identified as a major issue for young people.
- ◆ Continued refurbishment of the Village Hall.

- ◆ Perceived additional capacity for community activities at the Downs School and the Day Care Centre.

Over 80% of Parishioners said that they would prefer to attend the Downs School for classes etc, rather than the Village Hall or Institute for Animal Health facilities.

Over 65% of respondents stated that they would use recycling facilities if provided, including bottle, clothing, and plastic banks, with 70% stating that recycling should be done to protect and enhance the local environment of Compton. With regard to the disposal of dog waste, over 60% of respondents considered that more dog waste bins were required in the village.

Concerning the dissemination of information, most residents (over 80%) used the Parish magazine – *Compilations* – to find out about local events, with over 65% using the Village Shop.



Well being

The main health concern from the results of the Household Questionnaire has been the apparent reduction of the surgery facilities. Further investigation has revealed that there are no plans to increase or reduce the number of surgeries held at Compton. The Downland Practice serves the health needs of 28 Downland villages, 9,500 patients – 1,500 of whom live in Compton. There is a Volunteer Service which patients can use if it is important for them to attend the Chieveley surgery rather than the one in Compton. This service must be booked in advance. A Compton Parish Councillor acts as Village Representative on the Patients' Representation Group. It was considered important that patients

were made aware of this role and of the existing facilities and services available.

The Downlands Sports and Recreation Centre is open to the public when not in education use. This facility provides an excellent centre for promoting more healthy lifestyles and could be an untapped resource for further improvements.

Policing

The Community Liaison Officer for Thames Valley Police has indicated that there is a reduction in the amount of reported crime throughout the parish. The percentage of reported crime over the last four years has fallen by over 50%, though this is a generalisation, as in respect of some types of crime there has been a slight increase, specifically criminal damage to vehicles and theft from vehicles. Anti-social behaviour is not a reportable category under the national crime statistics, but this is one of the areas which has caused concern for particular residents in recent years.

Crime Figures for Compton

Reported Crime category	Incidents in 2004	Compared to National Averages
ABH	2	Below
Assault	1	Below
Burglary in a dwelling	0	Below
Burglary non dwelling	3	Below
Criminal damage other	3	Below
Criminal damage building	4	Above
Criminal damage vehicle	4	Above
Domestic incident	4	Above
Drug supplying	0	Same
Harassment	3	Below
Public order offence	2	Below
Robbery of business	1	Below
Theft from vehicle	9	Above
Theft in a dwelling	0	Below
Theft not classified	1	Below
Theft of motor vehicle	0	Below
Vehicle interference	0	Below
Summary		Below

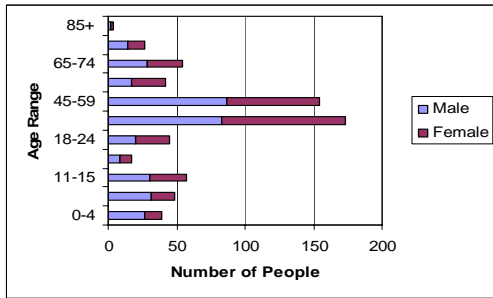
In answering the Household Questionnaire, over 70% of respondents considered that vandalism was the major concern in the Parish.

Household Questionnaire Resultsb

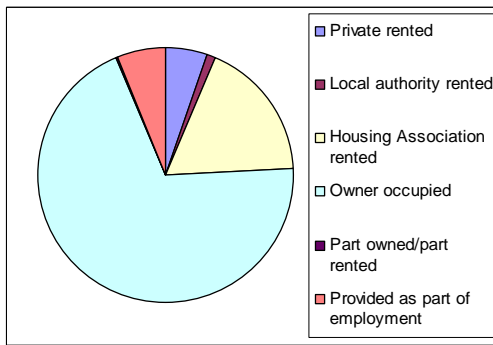
1. How many people including children normally live in your household?

251 Dwellings
661 People

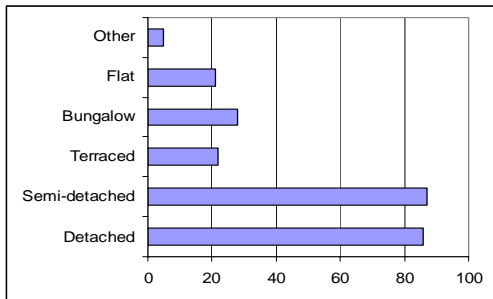
2. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:



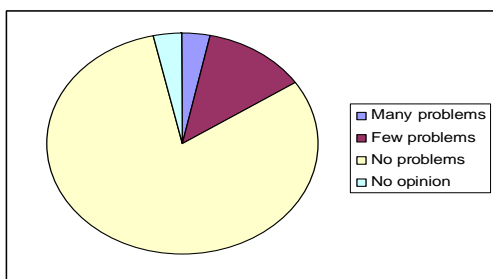
3. Is this dwelling?



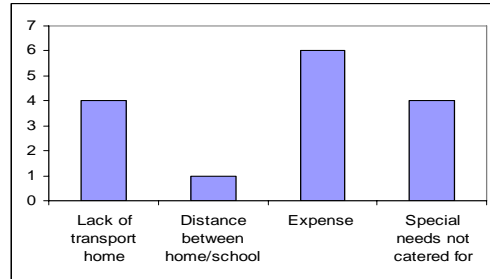
4. What type of dwelling is this?



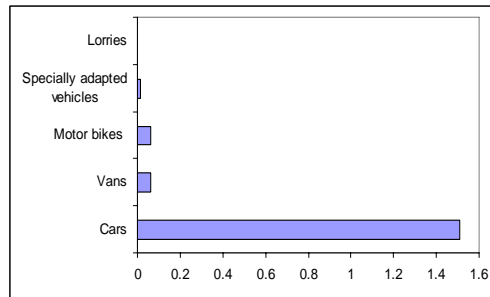
5. Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?



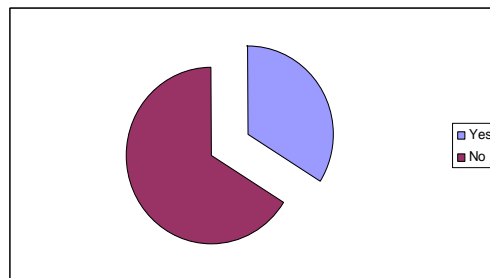
6. If any of your children under 16 are unable to take part in after school activities, please give the reasons why:



7. How many roadworthy vehicles are kept by your household?



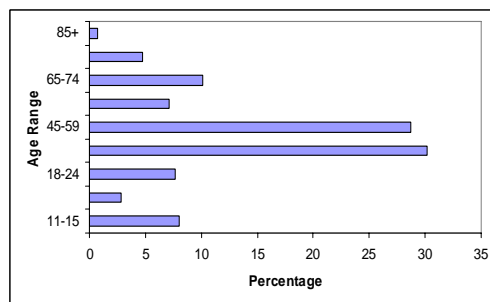
8. Would any members of your household use a bicycle for travelling to work or school if suitable cycleways were provided?



9. Sex :

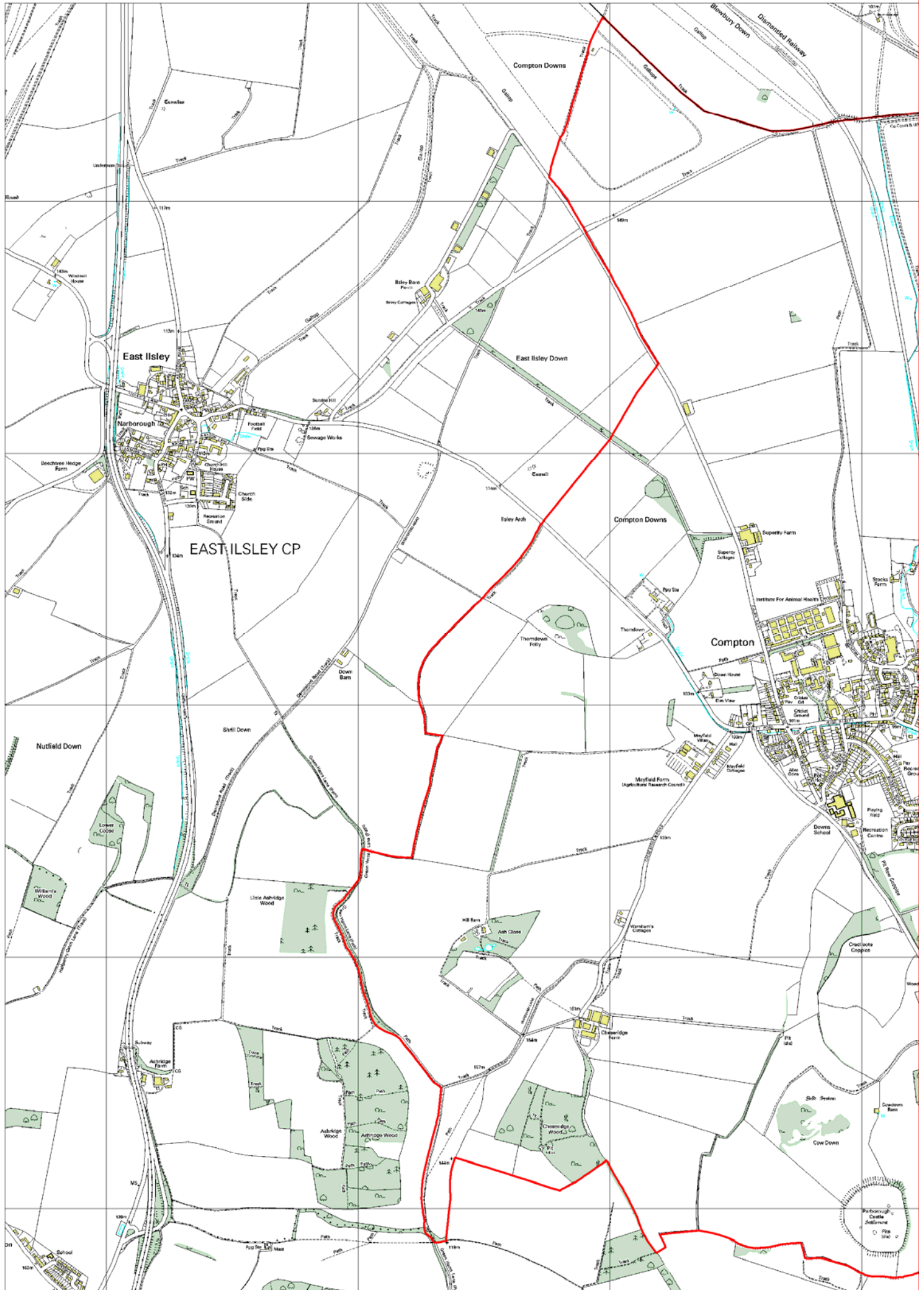
Male 268 50.2%
Female 266 49.8%

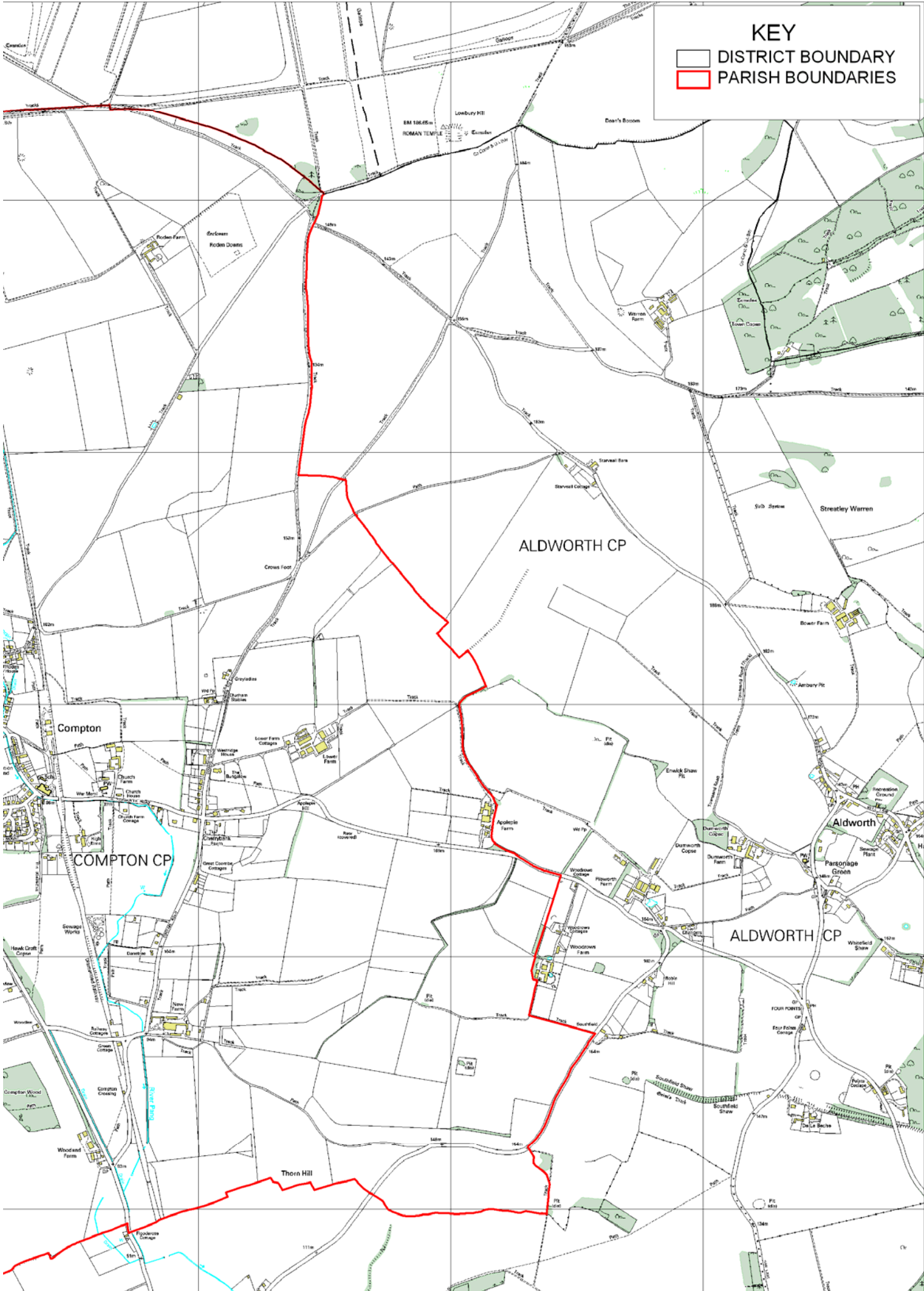
10. What age group do you belong to?



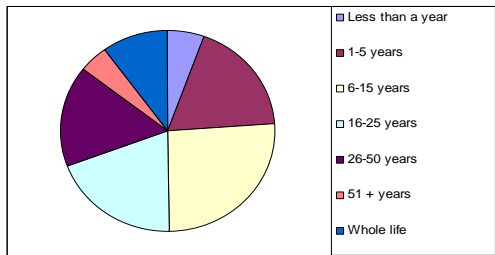
Map showing Compton Parish

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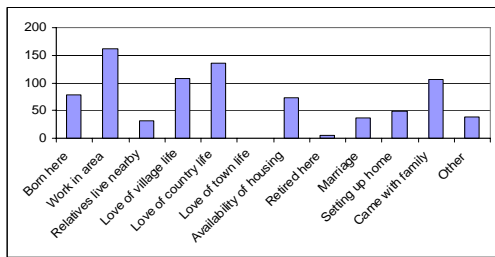




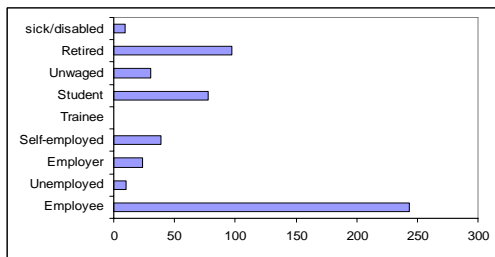
11. How long have you lived in the parish of Compton?



12. How did you come to live in the parish of Compton?



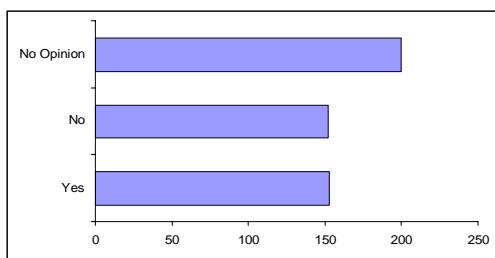
13. Are you at present?



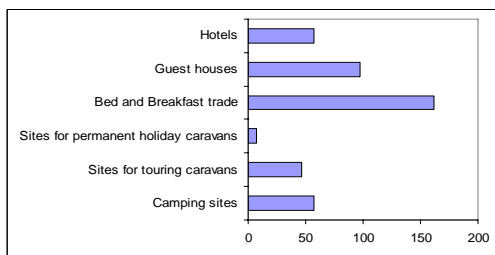
14. Where is your main place of work?

Within the Parish	120	34.7%
Outside the Parish	226	65.3%

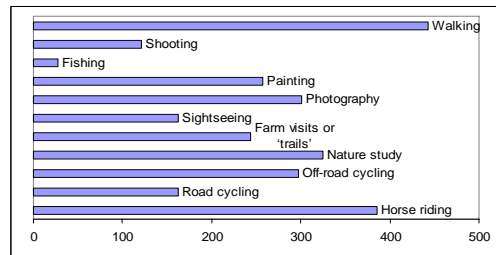
15. Should more overnight tourists be encouraged in and around Compton ?



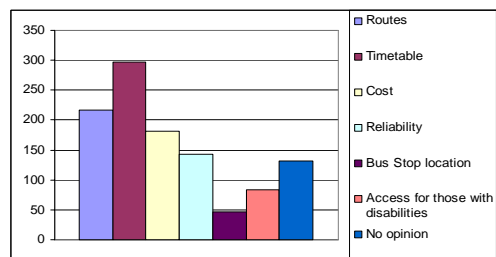
16. If yes, should there be the development of?



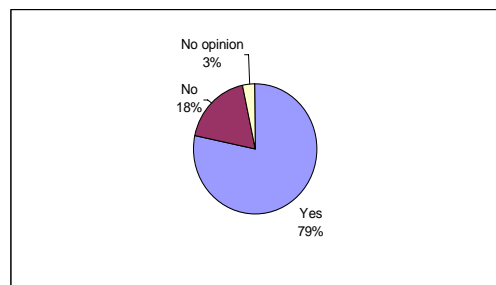
17. Which of these visitor activities are in your view suited to Compton?



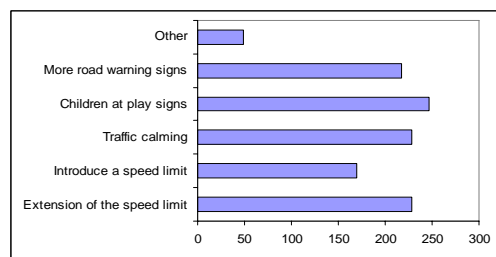
18. Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to?



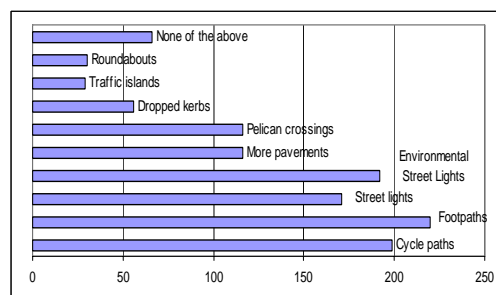
19. Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in Compton parish ?



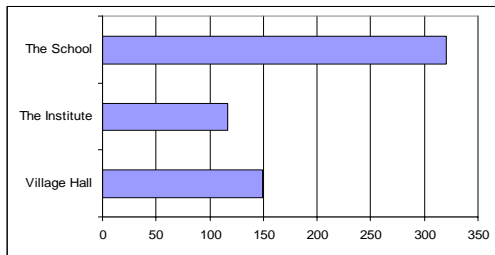
20. Would you support the following speed control measures in the parish of Compton?



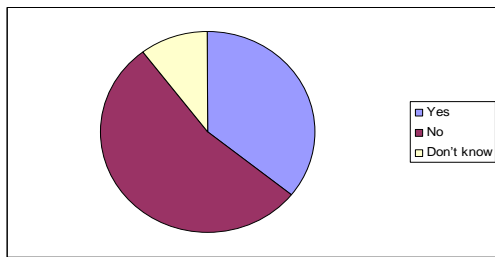
21. In relation to paths and street lights, would you like to see any of the following in the parish of Compton?



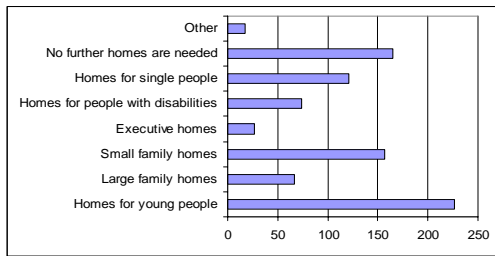
22. Which of the following venues would you prefer to attend for classes?



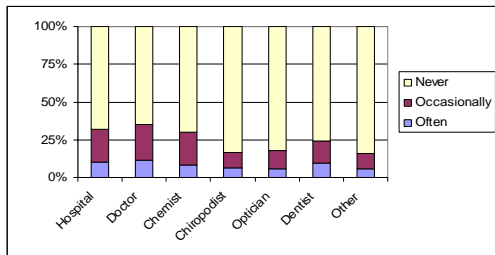
23. Do you think the village of Compton can accommodate more new housing?



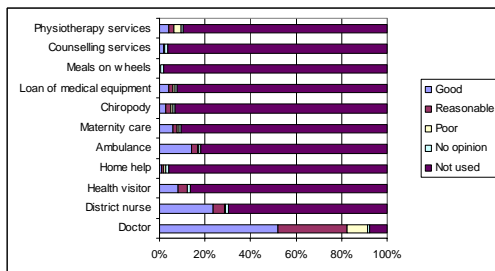
24. What kind of accommodation do you think Compton needs?



25. Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?



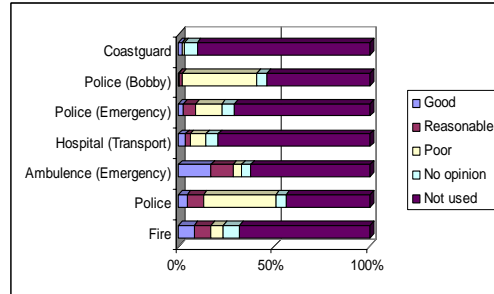
26. If you have used any of the following services which cover Compton during the last year, how do you rate the service?



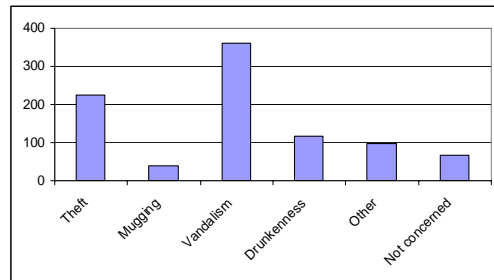
27. Do you have a health problem/disability which affects your day-to-day living?

Yes	63	12.7%
No	433	87.3%

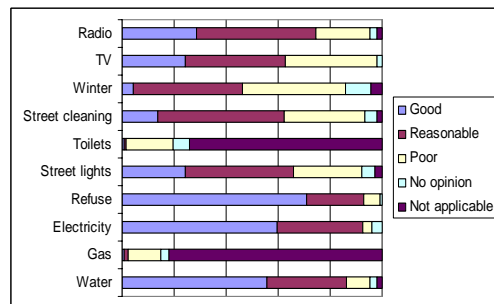
28. What are your views on the standard of the following services in Compton?



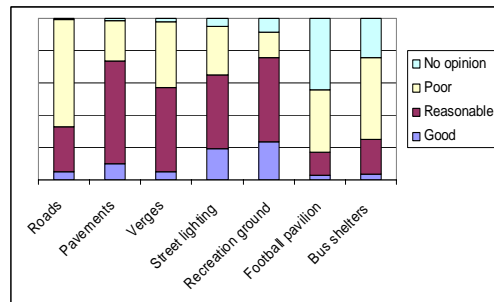
29. Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Compton parish?



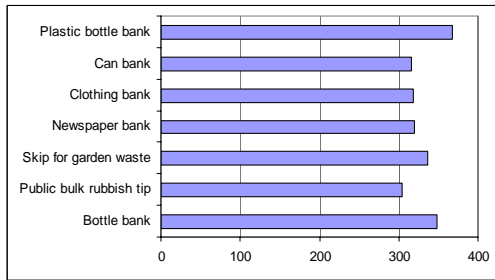
30. What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in Compton parish?



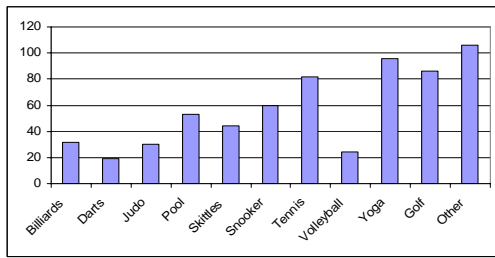
31. What do you think of the state of the following?



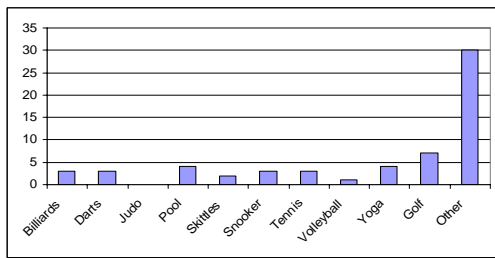
32. Would you use the following?



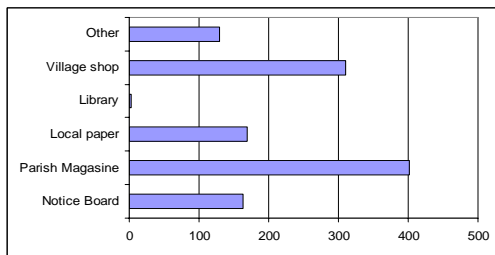
33. Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Compton if they were provided?



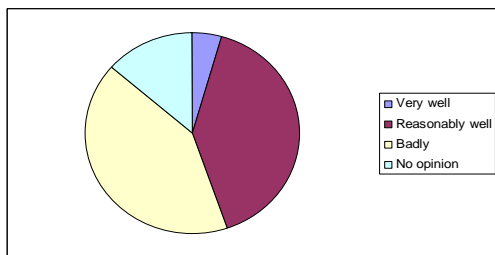
34. Would you be prepared to help organise and run any of the following?



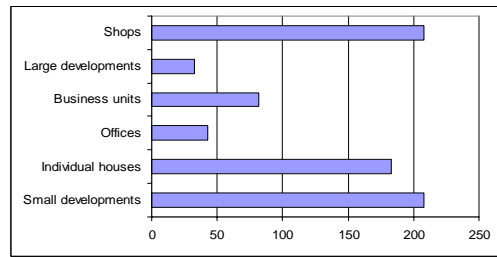
35. Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Compton?



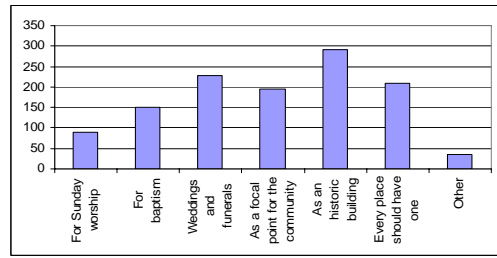
36. How well does the local council publicise its decisions and activities?



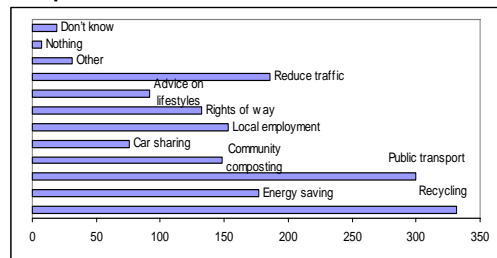
37. Which types of development would you support in Compton?



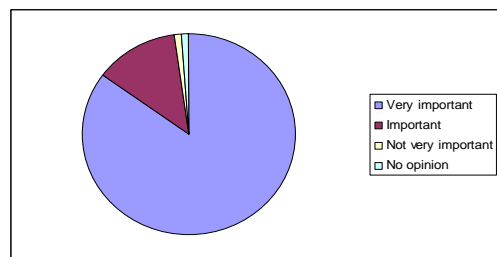
38. Is the local Church in Compton important to you?



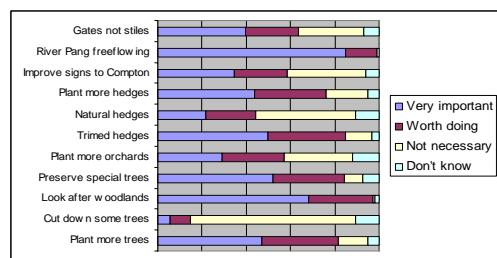
39. What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Compton?



40. How important is the quality of the countryside around Compton to you?



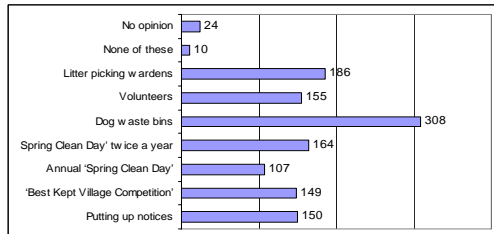
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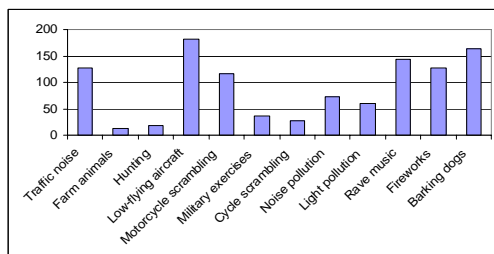
42. Do you think there should be special open spaces in Compton for local people to picnic and for local children to play?

Yes	373	76.4%
No	40	8.2%
No opinion	75	15.4%

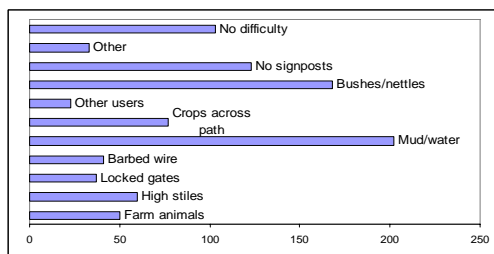
43. Do you think Compton should be kept clean and tidy by?



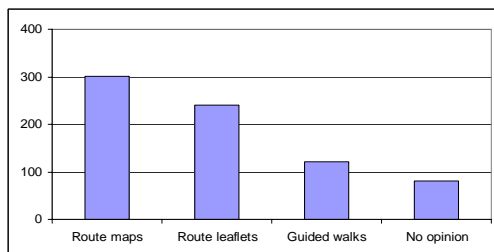
44. Does Compton suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?



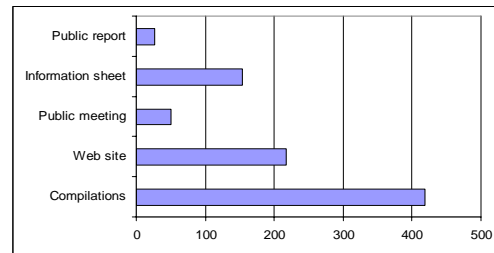
45. If you experienced difficulties when using local footpaths and bridleways, which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?



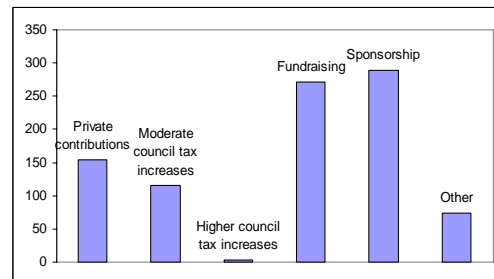
46. In relation to footpaths and bridleways - would you like to see any of the following?



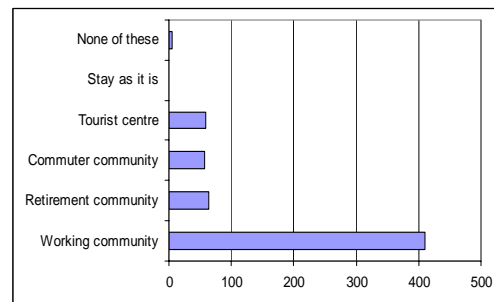
47. How should the results of this survey be made known?



48. If suggestions raised by the questionnaire require money for implementation, where should that money come from?



49. How would you like Compton to develop?



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Publicity and Information	To improve the provision of information about amenities, facilities and activities and increase the take-up of these activities in the parish	Provision of new larger notice board in a prominent site in the village. Investigate the use of new technology for further publicity options.	Parish Council; Parish magazine; parishioners and village organisations.	Within 1 year	Parish Council; Church; Voluntary organisations; businesses; CAWB Rural Transport Officer; WBDC – Planning & Transport Policy; Primary Care Trust	To advertise: ♦ sports and social activities ♦ bus timetable information and bus information ♦ Newbury Hospital information including access arrangements ♦ surgery opening hours ♦ the existence and purpose of Patient Representation Group ♦ Provision of map of village and rights of way ♦ Reporting problems with road quality	Mailing and stationery costs; time of volunteers; new notice board
Provision of New or Improved Facilities	To provide and/or maintain facilities that enhance village amenities	Investigate means of funding and assist the development of plans to deliver such amenities.	Parish Council; WBDC and parishioners	3-5 years	Parish Council; parishioners; schools; businesses; CAWB; West Berkshire Council's Adult and Community Learning Team; Newbury College; Bus Companies	Provision of: ♦ Internet Café ♦ Shops ♦ Bus shelter ♦ Parking	New site or use of existing site equipment; (DEFRA's Rural Enterprise Scheme) supervision and maintenance; site provision
Disabled Facilities	Ensure that those with disability can access facilities and amenities	To assess existing and future need of such provision within the parish	Parish council; schools; public house; shop; organisations	2 -5 years	All those having a responsibility for public services; West Berkshire Disability Alliance; CAWB; WBDC Access & Planning Officer	To advertise and make aware the requirements for disabled access in the village. To provide disabled access for Parish Council owned or managed facilities in the Village.	Funding for qualified assessment of needs and funding for any improvements recommended
Amenities & Facilities for Young and Old	To ensure that young and old have information concerning, and access to, amenities, facilities and activities relevant to their needs	Ensure publicity of events which are arranged by voluntary groups and Social Services	Parish Council; WBDC	2-5 years	Schools; The Downland Youth Network; Youth Development Worker; organisations; parishioners; WBDC; voluntary organisations through CAWB; User/Carer Development Officer; Readibus; the Church	♦ To ensure continuance of youth project group's work; publicise events and encourage participation ♦ To ensure that the elderly have welcoming amenities and facilities	♦ Provision of venues. Funding from Local Network Fund, the Big Lottery Young peoples Fund, CAWB's Big Buzz Challenge ♦ Funding for use of premises; help for transport and support for access. Age Concern England has funding for projects.

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Adult Education/ Learning	To discuss with the education authorities the potential provision of adult education in the village at convenient times for learning.	Arrange for assessment of interest in such facility. Provide for such.	Parish Council	2-3 years	WBDC; the schools; Newbury College	To gain agreement from an educational establishment to run courses.	Funding for use of building. Tutor and materials - paid for by course users WBDC Community Education Fund.
Scouts/ Guides	To ensure continued provision of these groups.	Assist with continuation of lease of land from the Institute for Animal Health	Parish Council; Institute for Animal Health; volunteers for the groups; hall committee	2-3 years	Scout and Guide Associations; WBDC Culture & Youth Services; BBSRC	Negotiation of continuation of lease; call for more volunteer assistance.	Funding for setting up of new legal agreement.
A Clean and Tidy Environment	To provide a clean and safe environment for outdoor recreation and to maintain the village appearance.	Further investigate ways to keep village clean and tidy.	Parish Council; Parishioners; Businesses.	1-2 years	WBDC Countryside & Environment Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Install more dog waste bins in the village, not just on the recreation ground ◆ Install more litter bins around the village. ◆ Investigate possibility of provision of a picnic area ◆ Investigate the possibility of the provision of a skateboard facility 	Financial cost of installation, maintenance and repair of facilities. LivCom Awards has money for environmental projects
Traffic Management	To manage the flow of traffic both within and through the village in a safe and environmentally friendly way.	To be aware of public opinion of traffic management within and around the village. Having obtained this information to approach the relevant bodies regarding any resolution required.	Parish Council; WBDC	Ongoing	Parish Council; WBDC Road Safety Team, Environment & Public Protection Services; Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regular use of Speed Indicating Device (SID) to gain speed level information ◆ Reduction of village complaints about parking 	
Pavement Safety & Street/Footway Lighting	Improve pavements and lighting throughout the village	Set up working group to study aspects for whole village	Parish Council	Ongoing	Parish Council; WBDC Highways Service; Future Developers	A footway through the old railway tunnel and out to the Church. Improved lighting outside the IAH	Funding for projects
Bus Service Improvements	Undertake research to find out what improvements are needed to Bus services.		Action Group	2 years	Action Group; Parish Council; CAWB; WBDC	Parish Survey	Admin costs
Business Support	Small Business Support Services needed.	Form Action Group	Businesses	1 year	Village businesses	Establish type of support required	

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Housing within the Village	To ensure controlled & appropriate provision of housing to include social and affordable housing	RHT Survey for developments WBDC/Sovereign Housing to provide funding	Parish Council WBDC; Sovereign Housing	Ongoing	Parish Council; RHT; WBDC; Sovereign Housing; West Berkshire Partnership Housing Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ensuring controlled development of new sites. ◆ provision of affordable rented homes. ◆ Ensuring adherence to planning regulations. 	Funding required
Health Opportunity	Investigate the "health opportunity" of the "bus" that is to visit the Primary School	Meet with organisers of the "bus"	Parish Council; Action Group	Within 1 year	Parish Council Action Group; Primary Care Trust	To establish whether there is an opportunity to make use of the facility in the Parish as a whole	
Healthy Living	To provide more healthy activities in the village	Discuss with the manager of the sports centre and other sports facilities in the village how healthy activities can be developed to encourage greater use of the sports centre by more of the village residents.	Parish Council; Action Group	1 year	Sports Centre; Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provision of sports centre healthy courses ◆ Provision of other healthy activities in the village 	Funding required
Crime Awareness	Maintain liaison with community policing to facilitate community awareness of problem areas / types of crime.	Parish Council to nominate a Councillor as liaison for the Parish	Parish Council	1 year	Parish Council; Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Area Inspector & Community Police Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Feedback of information to parishioners via Compilations, Web Site & Notice Board ◆ Increased awareness through Neighbourhood Watch ◆ Establish communication with the Thames Valley Police Anti-social Behaviour Liaison Officer ◆ Increase awareness within the community of vehicle safety / security 	
Parish Design	Formulate a Village Design Statement	Form a Working Party	Parish Council	1 year	Parish Council; WBDC Planning & Policy	Publish a Village Design Statement	Cost of production



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