



# Baydon Village Plan 2009



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# How we did it

## But first of all - why?

**The purpose** of this Plan is to:

- focus on the needs and concerns of our Parish
- encourage greater cohesion amongst the local population and
- guide the development of facilities and amenities within the Parish.

## How did we find out your views?

**Following** a public meeting a volunteer steering group was formed and financial support for the development of the plan was sought from the Government through Community First.

- We, the Steering Group put a project plan into action with consultation being the most important aspect of the plan.
- In late 2007 a very basic 'like it/dislike it' survey was sent to every household in Baydon.
- A meeting was held at the Red Lion for those who said they would like to be more involved.
- Following this meeting, and based on the results of the 'like it/dislike it' survey, extensive consultation was carried out with all local groups and organisations to find out their main concerns about the future of village life.
- Using all of the information from these earlier consultations, an extensive questionnaire was drawn up and delivered to every household in the village and the results were collated and analysed by the Steering Group.
- We delivered 240 questionnaires and 107 were returned (about 45%). This is considered a very good response to a questionnaire of this length.

Advice was taken from Community First and, as far as possible, the themes in the plan reflect the themes in the Council's Community Area Plan.

The results of all the consultations and the questionnaire have informed the drafting of the Action Plan. It is hoped that the Baydon Village Plan will be accepted and adopted by all of the agencies responsible for the actions in the Action Plan and that it will help them in the development of the village in the coming months and years.



*The Crossroads at Baydon in the late 19th century*

## What you said your priorities are for Baydon:

**At** the end of the main questionnaire we asked you to prioritise the issues that had arisen. The top ten priorities came out as:

1	Address road safety, speeding traffic and bad parking
2	Build a play area and/or all weather surface in the village
3	Improve the BYPA hall or build a new village hall
4	Support the local facilities so we don't lose them - the shop and Post Office, pub, church and school
5	Maintain the rural environment, limiting new development and preventing encroachment from Swindon
6	Tackle dog fouling
7	Improve provision in the village for older children (aged 10-18)
8	Improve recreational facilities for adults
9	Improve recycling, rubbish collection and composting
10	Clear, improve, extend and allow better access to local footpaths



## Baydon Village Plan

# Introduction

### The Parish of Baydon

**Baydon** is a small village on the Wiltshire-Berkshire border 11 miles from Swindon and 9 miles from Hungerford. It straddles Ermin Street, the Roman road from Gloucester to Winchester, and is 230m above sea level making it the second highest village in Wiltshire. In 1970, road links improved when the M4 motorway, which runs parallel to Ermin Street and less than ½ mile north of it, was built. The landscape is typical Wiltshire countryside of chalk downland.



*The Village Post Office used to be in the left-hand cottage*



The parish is shaped like an hour glass of 2,473 acres and is bisected by the M4. It stretches about 1 mile north to the Gore Lane settlement and 2 miles south, to the east of Aldbourne.

Essentially its economic activity in the past was, and still is to a large extent, farming but is now complemented by race horse breeding and training.

The village has 240 houses, St. Nicholas Church, Baydon St. Nicholas primary school, the Red Lion public house, Baydon Stores which combines a shop and Post Office, a cricket field, the Baydon Young Peoples Association (BYPA) hall and a Parish Field on which there are some allotments.

Local government is administered by the Parish Council and Kennet District Council which became part of the Wiltshire Unitary Authority in 2009.

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*The Parish Map showing Baydon's boundaries*

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# Village History

## Early beginnings

**There** is very little information about the formation of the village but it is credible to think that the Romans established a settlement either on Ermin Street or near to it. Various artefacts have been found near the village from the Bronze and Iron Age, plus several of the Roman era (40 – 476AD). (1 - See notes at page 23)

The first references are from 1086 relating to the land of Baydon being part of the Bishop of Salisbury's Ramsbury estate, the latter being recorded in the Domesday Book in that year. Another reference to the settlement was found in a Papal Bull in 1146 and recorded as Beidana, "the hill of blackberries" (2). Later records of the establishment of Baydon were traced to 1196.

Other spellings of the village name emerged with time. In the Nomine Villarum 1316 the village was referred to as Bedon, in a tax return of 1327 Beydon and in a rent payment in 1680 Bayden(3).

The church also dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century but it was only dedicated to St. Nicholas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century(4). One of the more sensational events was the murder of its chaplain in 1249.



The church and School in the late 19<sup>th</sup>– early 20<sup>th</sup> century

## The Middle Ages – up to the 17<sup>th</sup> century

**Farming** dominated the whole area, with land owned and controlled by the various Bishops of Salisbury, but after the reformation (1517 onwards) ownership passed to the Earl of Pembroke. This single-lord ownership broke down later in the 17<sup>th</sup> century with individual owners of farmsteads.

Several well-known local names emerged, for example Robert Walrond and his farm - Baydon Hill farm in 1677 and John Finch and his farm in 1678. One of the features of the terrain is the absence of a river or stream through the hilltop landscape. Agriculture relied on rainfall and the villagers, on deep wells and the village pond. Piped water did not arrive in the village until 1936.

## Consolidation and development of the village in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Farms** gradually increased in size through amalgamation, reducing the number to ten, and focused on forestry, corn and rough pasture for sheep. These activities were initially on common land before the Enclosure Acts of 1721 and 1778.

As mechanisation took place in the 19<sup>th</sup> century two local farmers, J. A. Williams and A. Brown, were early pioneers of steam ploughing.

Ermin Street was popular with Welsh drovers until the 19<sup>th</sup> century because it was not a turnpike road.

Between 1700 and approximately 1835 Baydon was a Poor Law Parish and paid out an average of some £300 to its poorer villagers.

A book published in 1855 records that Sir Isaac Newton acquired an estate in Baydon which he settled on his grand nephews and nieces a few days before his death in 1727. (5)



# Village History (Continued)

## 18th and 19th centuries continued

**Relaxation** for the small community was provided by public houses – the Green Dragon in 1715-71; The Plough replaced it until 1848, leaving the surviving Red Lion which dates from 1772.

It took until 1798 for the village to gain its own identity as a parish independent of Ramsbury.

Two schools were started between 1818 and 1833, educating 28 children between them. They were replaced in 1843 by a single National school situated near the church which was last altered in 1892 to designs by J. A. Reeve.



Baydon School c. 1909

## Modern Baydon

**Apart** from farming, equine activity and self-employment the vast majority of people commute to nearby towns for employment using their cars. There is a bus service between Marlborough and Swindon via the village but accessibility of work places limits its use for employees. Other towns such as Newbury, Oxford and Reading have to be reached by car or by train from Hungerford - the nearest station.

The Red Lion and Baydon Village Stores with its Post Office, offer services which are important facilities

and add a focus to the community. Most of the social activity takes place in the Red Lion, Baydon Young People's Association (BYPA) hall and the school hall or on the cricket field and the village green.

The primary school has a roll of 112 pupils which has doubled from the 1992 roll of 56. Secondary education for Baydon's children is usually pursued at St. John's school in Marlborough and a school bus service operates.

The village has remained small as seen by the population changes:- 1801 – 290, 1921 – 213, 1971 – 365 and 2007 – 530. Growth occurred in the 1970s when small estates totalling 61 houses were built on the south side of Ermin Street. By 2004, the garage where Fiveways now stands was closed and 24 houses were built on that site. A further estate of 24 houses just off the Aldbourne Road received planning approval in 2007 and is yet to be built.

The church is the only listed building in the village and there is a conservation area, set up in 1990, on the north side of Ermin Street including the church, the old vicarage, school, Tubbs and Westfield farms, Downs House and stables and the Green. The Red Lion and the Baydon stores opposite the Green are also included. The main conservation objective is the care and maintenance of the village with minimum obvious intervention(2).

Baydon today is part of the Berkshire and Marlborough Downs and lies in the North Wessex Downs Area of Natural Beauty.



Baydon 2009

# Traffic and Transport

## Summary

**Results** of the questionnaire and consultations show that our main priority is the issue of traffic and transport - especially road safety, speeding traffic and bad parking.

## Where we are now

### Speeding



- The speed of traffic on all roads into and through the village was one of the biggest issues highlighted by you.
- Better indication for drivers that they are entering the 30mph speed limit was high on the wish list and many suggested other traffic calming measures.
- However, over 40% of you did not want to reduce the speed limit through the village - rather to make sure

vehicles stick to it, and particularly to slow drivers down before they reach the 30mph zone.

### Road Safety

- Around 90% of respondents to the survey suggested that some form of pedestrian crossing was needed outside the school. You also noted, however, that other safety measures also need to be put in place alongside this to slow traffic before it gets to any crossing.

*39% (the highest percentage) of consultees rated road safety, speeding traffic and poor parking as their main priority for the village*



*An accident in the village right outside the school in 2008 shortly before children left the school for the day*

- You also suggested that a roadside metal barrier across the school exit was needed to prevent children running directly onto the road
- We consulted with the Traffic Calming Working Group which is already looking at the options for traffic management in the village. It is considering proposals and campaigning with relevant agencies for any appropriate action.

*79% of those who responded use a car or van as their main means of transport*

- A high percentage of people felt that the Manor Lane junctions onto Aldbourne Road and Ermin Street suffer from poor visibility.



*Manor Lane exit onto Ermin Street*



# Traffic and Transport (2)

- In some areas - particularly Aldbourne Road where it narrows as it leaves the village and the route to the cricket field - you highlighted the lack of footpaths and street lighting as a concern.



*Aldbourne Road looking toward the village from Aldbourne*

- Although you feel that there are a couple of places in the village where street lighting could be improved for both road safety and personal safety, on the whole, you don't want to see more light pollution in the village and therefore don't want to see too many new streetlights in Baydon.

## Parking

- Parked cars at the junction between Ermin Street and Aldbourne Road and parents parking near the school are particular issues for road safety according to results of the survey.



*Cars parked too close to the junction between Ermin Street and Aldbourne Road are seen as a danger especially during the school run*



## Public transport

- Of those who regularly use the bus, the service is seen as poor at weekends and evenings but fairly reliable during week days.
- Bus users would also like to see buses from Baydon to other towns like Newbury and Hungerford.
- The Ramsbury Flyer is used by only a small proportion of you but is seen as an essential service by those users.
- Some of you say that you occasionally have difficulty getting to the chemist and optician and, more often, have problems getting to the dentist for treatment.

## In short...

- ▶ **Slow traffic down through the village**
- ▶ **Give better indication to drivers that they are entering a 30 mph zone**
- ▶ **Look at introducing safety measures outside the school**
- ▶ **Consider the options for improving visibility at the Manor Lane junctions**
- ▶ **Look carefully at streetlight improvements in some areas**
- ▶ **Consider extending footpaths - especially on Aldbourne Road and to the Cricket Field**
- ▶ **Find ways to avoid parking close to the junction of Ermin Street and Aldbourne Road**
- ▶ **Discuss bus routes and timetables with the bus company**
- ▶ **Promote the Link Scheme and look at other community transport facilities for help with transport for those who find it difficult**

# Shops and Services

## Summary

**Respondents** to the questionnaire overwhelmingly felt that the village stores, Post Office, public house, church, BYPA hall and mobile library are valued and respected community facilities or services.

## Where we are now

### Baydon Village Stores

**There** was a huge response from you in support of the village store with over 90% stating that you believed it was vital to the village. You said that you mostly used the shop for the following services:

- ▶ postal services
- ▶ last minute shopping
- ▶ newspapers/magazines.

*90% of respondents think a village stores and Post Office is vital to the village*

Although many considered the range of products in the shop to be comprehensive, you made a wide range of suggestions for future services and products. The most popular suggestions were:

- ▶ provide a National Lottery facility
- ▶ provide a DVD rental facility
- ▶ expand the range of fresh fruit and vegetables, and offer some organic produce

Some facilities that are already provided by the shop were requested such as cashback and dry cleaning. There is already a plan afoot to market the facilities provided at the shop more widely.

### Baydon Village Post Office

Again, respondents gave an overwhelming response in support of the village Post Office, with 89% of them stating that it was vital to the village. There were however, requests for:

- ▶ car taxation facilities and
- ▶ longer Post Office opening hours.

### The Red Lion public house

There was good support for the public house as 95% of you thought it was either vital or desirable within the village.

There were a wide range of suggestions for future services but a substantial majority wanted to see bar/restaurant food available at the pub.

At the time of going to press, the Parish Council has supported the planning application made by the Red Lion to extend the pub.

### Minor problem areas

A small number of respondents stated that they had the following problems around the shop and public house:

- ▶ perceived litter problem around the shop and public house. Both businesses are aware of the issue
- ▶ car owners using Fiveways as a turning area.



*The Red Lion and the Shop - vital to the village*

## Shops and Services (2)

### St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Church was seen as an historic building essential to the village way of life by most of you. For more information on your ideas and suggestions - see page 13.



Most of you would like to change the building itself and maintenance, cleaning, access and health and safety all featured heavily in the questionnaire responses.

Suggestions you made were for a complete overhaul and update, improved organisation of the available space, improved/disabled access, ground maintenance and a more transparent financial and management structure.

Each of the three suggested options for a village hall received a similar amount of support:

- ▶ **improve the current BYPA hall - 36%**
- ▶ **build a new building on the BYPA site (if feasible) - 34%**
- ▶ **build a village hall somewhere else in Baydon (if feasible) - 30%**

Other suggestions included using the church as a community centre.

### Baydon Young People's Association Hall

35% of respondents stated that they used the Baydon Young People's Association hall (BYPA). The most popular activities were : The Baydon Thursday Club, The Women's Institute, Youth Club, Parties, Toddlers Group and attending meetings.

The BYPA hall was a source of much interest and discussion within the village and changes to the running of the hall as well as its user-friendliness were commented upon.



### In short...

- ▶ **The village store, Post Office, pub, church, mobile library are valued services for villagers**
- ▶ **In order to keep these facilities, we must keep using them**
- ▶ **Suggestions were made for the future of the shop, Post Office and pub which the owners are currently considering**
- ▶ **Respondents suggest there is a litter problem around the shop and pub area**
- ▶ **Issues around car and van owners using Fiveways to turn their vehicles**
- ▶ **Maintain St Nicholas Church as an important landmark and centrepiece of the village**
- ▶ **Review the running of the BYPA hall**
- ▶ **Plan for the future of the BYPA hall**
- ▶ **Only 17% felt roadside call boxes were necessary**



# Community, Sport, Recreation and Social Activities

## Summary

**High** on the priority list was a desire to enhance the sense of community in the village through sport, recreation and social activities.

You gave us a wealth of ideas and suggestions which you think will improve the village's social life and also told us what you think works well.

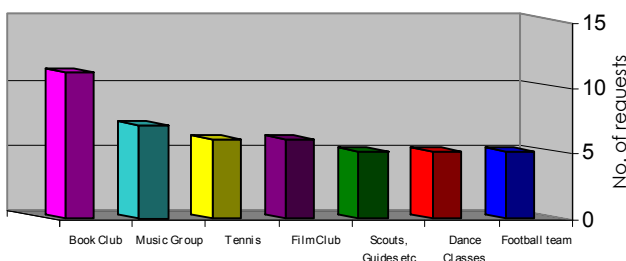
## Village activities and groups

**You** told us that village-wide activities such as the annual fireworks, Christmas Carol concerts and village fetes were well supported and popular. The village also benefits from a wide range of active groups. But, where these were not supported, you told us it was because they were focused at the wrong age group, you were not interested in that particular group, or you did not have the time.

**New Clubs** - There was a huge response for new clubs with 40 different clubs being noted. The most popular requests for clubs were:

- ▶ **book club/reading groups**
- ▶ **orchestra or choir/music groups**
- ▶ **tennis club/courts**
- ▶ **film/cinema/theatre club**
- ▶ **beavers/cubs/scouts/guides**
- ▶ **dance classes**
- ▶ **football team**

New Clubs requested



## Facilities

**Young People** - The majority of you felt that facilities for young people, (aged 10-24 years old) in the village were currently poor, singling out the 16-18 year olds and the 11-15 year olds as particularly lacking in facilities. On a positive note, you thought that facilities for under 10 year olds were reasonable.

**More Facilities** - 88% of respondents indicated that they would like to see more facilities for young children and young people in Baydon, with an overwhelming response (51% of respondents) requesting a play area. Other suggestions for new facilities included:

- ▶ **youth facilities and/or community projects for youngsters**
- ▶ **tennis courts**
- ▶ **all weather playing surface**
- ▶ **indoor and outdoor sports facilities**
- ▶ **bike track/skate park or similar**



More clubs and facilities are needed for our youngsters



# Community, Sport, Recreation and Social Activities (2)

**Expansion of current facilities** – You told us that there was scope to develop or expand the current children's clubs in the village. In particular you would like to expand the after school clubs, develop a holiday club and a babysitting circle. A large proportion of you said that you had not considered volunteering to help the children's clubs, with many of you stating lack of time and other commitments as the primary reason why not.



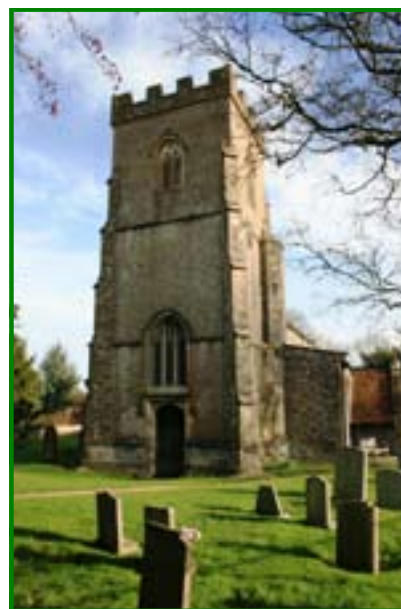
*A thriving Cricket Club for all ages exists in the village*

**Adult facilities** - On a positive note, you thought that facilities for the over 25 year olds were reasonable.

In general you felt that facilities for adults were adequate but the most popular request for additional facilities were:

- ▶ **tennis**
- ▶ **film club**
- ▶ **keep fit/exercise classes (other than yoga)**
- ▶ **improved food and family facilities at the Red Lion public house**

Many of you take advantage of the sporting and cultural activities available in surrounding areas.



**St Nicholas Church** – 95% of respondents told us that there is adequate provision for the village's spiritual needs within Baydon. You also told us that St Nicholas Church is important to you for Baptisms, Christenings, Weddings and Funerals. Results told us that you feel strongly that the church is important as a focal point for the community and as an historic building essential to the village way of life.

## In short...

- ▶ **Better provision for older children (10-18 years)**
- ▶ **Provision of play area/all weather surface**
- ▶ **Expand and develop children's clubs**
- ▶ **Improve recreational facilities and clubs for adults**
- ▶ **Support improvements at the pub**
- ▶ **Support improvements at the church**

# Housing, Buildings, Assets and Landmarks

## Summary

**Many** of you said that you came to live in Baydon because you like living in the countryside and away from large conurbations. Respondents to the survey also said that they want the village kept 'alive' but that any new development should be in character with the village.

## Where we are now

### Housing

- In 18 cases out of 206 responses, you said that someone in your household has had to leave the village to find affordable or sheltered housing or rented accommodation.
- Reasons for leaving Baydon were given as: work, the lack of affordable housing for grown up children, houses being cheaper in Swindon and the lack of available accommodation in the village.

*The planned work on Baydon St Nicholas School is likely to be one of the biggest building projects seen in Baydon for quite some time and will benefit the community for years to come*

### Future Development

There was a mixed response to questions about future development in the village. Of 399 individual responses:

- 94 responses favoured 2-3 bedroom family houses
- 76 of you favoured low cost or affordable housing
- 69 think we need a variety of housing
- 50 think bungalows were needed
- 50 think we should convert redundant buildings
- 46 preferred smaller 1-2 bedroom houses
- 25 thought we need some sheltered accommodation
- 21 felt we need large 4+ bedroom houses
- 37 supported no further development in the village

You expressed concerns regarding the effect that further development would have on Baydon:

- The majority were concerned with countryside erosion, the lack of capacity of the existing roads, encroachment from Swindon and the lack of places at St. Nicholas School
- Concern over the ability of local medical facilities to cope with future development was also cited
- Worries that the existing village infrastructure would fail to accommodate new development were expressed together with concerns that Baydon would become a commuter village .



Fiveways - Baydon's newest development

## In short...

- Most people live in Baydon because they enjoy living in the countryside
- There is a lack of affordable housing in Baydon
- There are concerns about any encroachment from Swindon
- Concerns were also raised about how further development will impact on the infrastructure of the village

# Environment and Countryside

## Summary

**When** you were asked why you came to live in the village, love of the country life scored highly and you generally wanted to see Baydon cleaner, greener and the countryside more accessible.

## Where we are now

### Improving the village

We asked you how you think we could improve the village's environment:

- ▶ **the majority of you felt that we do not need to expand the allotment facility**
- ▶ **63% of replies felt that tackling dog fouling was very important and a further 30% felt it was worth doing**
- ▶ **a majority asked for an improvement to the recycling facilities available in the village**
- ▶ **more road sweeping and drain clearance was also seen as something that you felt could improve the environment.**

### Litter

There was a fairly evenly balanced response to our question about whether litter was a problem in the village. Of those of you who felt there was an issue the areas highlighted as having the biggest problem were:

- ▶ **outside the pub and shop and people passing through the village throwing rubbish from their vehicles - especially on the Aldbourne Road**
- ▶ **the paddock and church grounds were also seen as having a problem with litter**

## Local Footpaths

Over half of you felt that you don't know where most of the local footpaths are and requests were made for a local footpath guide to be produced.

Some footpath users suggested that many of the footpaths were rough, rutted and overgrown and often hazardous in wet conditions.



*The footpath between Manor Lane and Ermin Close*

## In short...

**Most of you moved to, or remain in, Baydon to be in the countryside and would prefer:**

- ▶ **to retain the allotment facility as it is**
- ▶ **greater action to reduce dog fouling**
- ▶ **more recycling options within the village**
- ▶ **more effort to reduce the level of litter**
- ▶ **local footpaths to be identified and maintained**





# Local Democracy, Community Engagement and Communications

## Summary

**Although** the village magazine 'Scene in Baydon' and the village website are seen as excellent ways of communicating, it's clear that there is still potential to improve communications within Baydon, perhaps using some 21st century technology. Questions asked about the Parish Council attracted a many and varied response.

## Where we are now

### The Parish Council

**55 %**, (113) of you said that they had not attended Parish Council meetings. Some of the reasons you gave for non-attendance were:

- ▶ **inconvenient time**
- ▶ **poor publicity**
- ▶ **too bureaucratic for decision making**
- ▶ **child minding required .**

Of 146 people who responded regarding the need for the Parish Council to change, 30% (47) said YES and 70% (109) said NO.

Changes to the Parish Council that you suggested were to:

- ▶ **distribute minutes more widely**
- ▶ **reproduce minutes in 'Scene in Baydon'**
- ▶ **make minutes available sooner after meetings and take due regard of matters arising**
- ▶ **communicate the Parish Council Committee meeting agenda more widely**
- ▶ **more widely publicise the work of the volunteer members of the Parish Council**
- ▶ **carry out more consultation on major changes and produce better follow up information on decisions taken**

### Communication

Information about events taking place in the village was gleaned from several different sources.

The village magazine 'Scene in Baydon' was the most popular source of information , 185 respondents stated that they got information from this bi-monthly digest, followed by:

- ▶ **the village stores ( 157 )**
- ▶ **word of mouth ( 147 )**
- ▶ **notice boards ( 142 )**
- ▶ **Baydon village website ( 67 )**
- ▶ **the Red Lion ( 34 )**
- ▶ **St Nicholas Church ( 28 )**
- ▶ **the local paper ( 26 )**



*Notice boards need to be improved*

Other people gained information from St Nicholas School.

**87 %** (190) of you said that they have access to the internet as opposed to **13 %** (28) who did not.

Some of the suggestions you made to improve communications in the village were:

- ▶ **an optional e-mail circulation list**
- ▶ **Improve the village notice boards**

## In short...

- ▶ **Improve the availability of information and improve communications between the Parish Council and the village**
- ▶ **Improve notice boards and their use**
- ▶ **Look at using an optional e-mail circulation list for communicating**



# Crime and Community Safety

## Summary

**Baydon** is perceived as a safe place to live with low levels of concern regarding crime and community safety.

## Where we are now

**Safety** - A significant majority of residents who responded (90%) feel safe in Baydon, although there are certain areas where safety could still be improved. These areas include:

- ▶ **unlit locations such as parts of Manor Lane and the church paths**
- ▶ **overall traffic speed**
- ▶ **the use of the paddock outside school hours**

*90% of respondents said they feel safe in Baydon*

**Crime and Anti-social behaviour** – Again, you gave us very positive feedback regarding the lack of anti-social behaviour with a significant majority of you indicating you had no current concerns.

**Future Measures** – Whilst the majority of you who responded have no particular concerns with crime levels in Baydon there are areas which could be further improved:

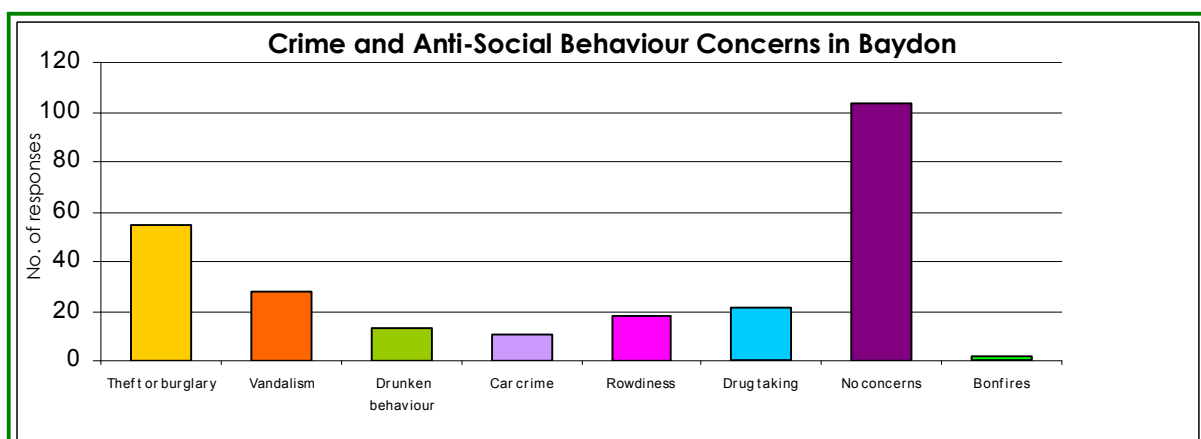
- ▶ **provide more activities for younger people - this was a popular choice**
- ▶ **promote a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
- ▶ **the topic of improved street lighting in badly lit areas was also raised**
- ▶ **improve consultation between police and local people and improve police presence in the village**



Manor Lane - parts of which are unlit

## In short...

- ▶ **Reinstate a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and develop police liaison**
- ▶ **Provide more activities for younger people to prevent potential future problems**
- ▶ **Improve badly lit areas**
- ▶ **Discuss the use of the paddock during after school hours**



## A selection of old photos of Baydon



The Square



The Church



Looking down Russley Road from Ermin Street



The Square



The Square



Ermin Street with the pub in the distance on the left



The Green



Ermin Street with the pub on the right

## Baydon Village Plan Action Plan

Issue	Vision	Recommended Action	By Whom	Timescale
<b>Traffic and Transport</b>				
<b>Speeding and Road Safety</b>	Reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians, horse riders and other road users	Provide traffic calming measures at all entrances to the village	Parish Council Traffic Calming Working Group	1-5 years
		Provision of more speed enforcement visits	Wiltshire Police	Ongoing
		Provision of a pedestrian crossing outside the school	Highways	1-5 years
		Provide a barrier at the roadside outside the school gate	Local Authority Highways	1 year
		Improve and maintain visibility at road junctions	Local Authority	1-5 years
		Consider the provision of footpaths and street lighting in specific areas of the village	Local Authority	1-5 years
		Control car parking	Police Highways	1-2 years
<b>Public Transport</b>	Provision of routes to more local towns Improve current schedules	Discuss bus routes and timetables with bus companies Promote the Link Scheme and other community transport facilities	Parish Council Link Scheme Volunteers	1-5 years Ongoing

## Baydon Village Plan Action Plan

Issue	Vision	Recommended Action	By Whom	Timescale
<b>Shops and Services</b>				
<b>The Baydon Village Post Office and Stores</b>	Extend the range of products and services available at the village store	Provide the results of the questionnaire in connection with the Baydon Village Stores and Post Office to the owners for their consideration	Shop to consider the results	Ongoing
<b>The Red Lion</b>	Provision of Bar/Restaurant food at the Red Lion	Provide the results of the questionnaire in connection with The Red Lion to the owners for their consideration	Village Plan Steering Group Chair	Ongoing
<b>BYPA hall</b>	Improve various aspects of the BYPA hall	Provision of regular internal and external maintenance and cleaning	BYPA Committee	1 year
		Improve access for both able bodied and disabled persons	BYPA Committee	1-5 years
		Modernise the hall and improve the organisation of the available space	BYPA Committee	1-5 years
		Improve health and safety aspects for the benefit of all	BYPA Committee	1-5 years
		Work towards a more transparent management structure	BYPA Committee	1-5 years



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Community, Sport, Recreation and Social Activities				
Lack of social activities and recreational facilities for all ages	Extend existing/provide new facilities and clubs	Instigate the provision of new clubs and interest groups within the village	Parish Council	Ongoing
		Provide a play area for young children	Parish Council	1-2 years
		Provision of recreational facilities for all age groups	Parish Council	1-5 years
		Expansion and development of existing children's groups and clubs	Parish Council Existing Groups	1-5 years
Housing, Buildings, Assets and Landmarks				
Development	Control of future expansion	Support the provision of affordable housing in the village	Parish Council Local Authority	Ongoing
		Restrict expansion of the village to ensure that the existing facilities and infrastructure are not over-stretched	Parish Council Local Authority	Ongoing
Environment and Countryside				
The rural environment	Improvement in the overall appearance of the village	Tackle dog fouling	Parish Council Local Authority	Ongoing
		Improve recycling facilities	Local Authority	1-2 years
		Improve road sweeping and drainage clearance	Parish Council Local Authority	Ongoing
		Improve facilities for the control of litter	Parish Council Local Authority	Ongoing
		Identification and improvement of local footpaths	Parish Council Volunteers Local Authority	1 year

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Local Democracy and Community Engagement				
Communications	Improvement in the timely availability of information	Improvement in Parish Council communications	Parish Council	6 months
		Update and improve village notice boards	Parish Council	1 year
		Consider the provision of an optional village e-newsletter facility	Parish Council Volunteers	6 months
Crime and Community Safety				
Crime and Safety	Improve aspects of safety where specific concerns have been identified	Formation of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme	Parish Council	Ongoing
		Improve Police liaison in the village	Parish Council Police	Ongoing
		Address concerns over the use of the Paddock during out of school hours	Parish Council School Local Authority	Ongoing
		Improve street lighting in badly lit areas	Highways	1-5 years

## Notes

Baydon's History - All information gained from the documents listed below

- (1) Wiltshire and Swindon Sites and Monument record search
- (2) Baydon Conservation Area Statement July 2002
- (3) The Village in the Valley, A History of Ramsbury, Barbara Croucher 1986
- (4) British History Online – A History of the County of Wiltshire Volume 12
- (5) Memoirs of the Life, writings and discoveries of Sir Isaac Newton, David Brewster 1855 pg 396 -7

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