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Introduction

The Parish of Chevening

The Parish of Chevening is a rectangular piece of land in west Kent on the western edge of Sevenoaks running approximately north-south, about seven miles long and between a mile and a mile-and-a-half wide. The Parish runs from Knockholt Pound at the top of the North Downs, over the earliest settled lands of the Darenth Valley, up over the wooded Greensand Ridge and, at its most southerly point, down to Bore Place on the edge of the Weald. It is an ancient Parish, and through it ran two heavily-used tracks: the Pilgrims Way, which ran east-west at the foot of the Downs, a little to the north of Chevening Church and Chevening House; and the Rye Road, also known as the Fish Road, which ran from Rye to London for hundreds of years. Strings of ponies carrying loads of fish on their backs came through Bessels Green, Chipstead and Chevening, up the steep climb over the Downs, and on into London. The Parish today is still crossed by busy and important roads: the M25, M26, A25 and A21, making it an excellent base for anyone whose life involves motorway travel.

The Parish Council was founded in 1894 and the first precept for the whole Parish was £26; today it is about £60,000. The Parish Council has nine elected members and a Parish Clerk; it meets once a month, usually on the second Monday in the sports pavilion, and members of the public are always welcome to attend. The Parish Council is the responsible body for the maintenance of all the open spaces in the Parish, the footway lighting, the Churchyard and Burial Ground, and for reporting the views of residents to the District Council, the County Council or central government when required.

The Parish Council also has the opportunity to comment on all planning applications in the Parish.

Chevening hamlet is an oasis of calm in a busy world; it is only half a mile from the M25, yet has remained unchanged over the centuries. Chevening was the site of the original settlement, and it is from this that the Parish takes its name. It is an estate village, made up of a group of early Georgian houses, a mid-Victorian pub which is now a house, and St Botolph's church, part of which dates from the 12th century. Nearby is Grade 1 listed Chevening House, formerly the home of the Stanhope family. Completed in 1722 the house and the estate were put into a Trust on the death of the 7th Earl Stanhope in 1967, who died without an heir. The house is currently the official country residence of the Foreign Secretary and the Deputy Prime Minister. The extensive gardens are open to the public several times a year. Chevening is the starting point of several footpaths which go down the Darenth Valley or climb the North Downs.

Bessels Green has a triangular green with houses of varying sizes and styles from early Georgian to Victorian on two of its sides. The Fish Road from Rye to London passed down the western side of the Green. At one corner is a pub, the earliest part of which is over 300 years old. Bessels Green is a favourite spot for artists, who take pleasure in painting the row of cottages on the east of the Green. A little to the south is the Baptist Church, which has been on its present site since 1780. Bessels Green is also home to a Unitarian Church, which is based in the 1720 Old Meeting House, built for the original Baptist congregation.

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The Parish comprises around 1100 inhabited houses spread between the hamlets of Chevening in the north and Bessels Green in the south, with the main body of population being in the village of Chipstead in the centre of the Parish. In mediaeval times Chipstead was the site of a fish market and was clearly prosperous, with portions of mediaeval and Tudor hall houses incorporated in present day dwellings in the High Street. In Georgian and Victorian times Chipstead was an agricultural community with services such as a blacksmith to support it. Many of today's residents are commuters to London or are involved in a service industry in west Kent, whilst a good deal of agriculture continues.

Chipstead is a pleasant place: the river Darent runs through it, with plenty of green open spaces, including a well-used recreation ground with cricket and football pitches. Chipstead Lake (also known as Longford Lake) which is in a central position was the result of sand and gravel extractions in the 1950s and 1960s. It covers an area of over 60 acres and is of great visual and environmental benefit to the village. Chipstead Sailing Club has a flourishing membership and even if one is not sailing, watching the boats from Chipstead Green on a summer's day is a pleasant way to spend the odd hour. Chipstead has two pubs, a very successful C of E primary school, and many clubs and organisations which use the facilities provided by the church hall and the modern sports pavilion.

The Parish Plan

Many communities in the country have developed community-led plans as a blueprint for the future of their localities. Such plans are an opportunity for local people actively to help shape the future of the area they live in. Parish Councils have statutory responsibilities for many aspects of Parish life, but there are other problems and issues within the community which a Parish Council is not always in a position to address. In Chevening Parish a group of interested Parishioners decided to set up a Steering Group to establish what local people wanted to ensure that Chevening continued to be a desirable place to live in, and to set out an Action Plan to go alongside that.

The Steering Group (names of members of Steering Group can be found Appendix B) which included representatives of the Parish Council, oversaw the drafting, distribution, collection, and analysis of questionnaires sent to all residents, and based on the answers received, has put together this Plan. By pursuing the goals set out in the Plan we hope to promote a Parish where residents of different age groups and needs can work together to ensure that everyone can safely pursue and enjoy a healthy lifestyle in a green environment.



SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND DEMOGRAPHY

Representatives visited one in six of the houses in the parish and interviewed the occupants; their responses were used to help draft the questions for the main questionnaire. In the main survey every resident in the parish was visited and residents were encouraged to complete one or more questionnaires as appropriate. Each adult in the household was asked to complete a main questionnaire. Additionally older residents who were over 60 were asked to complete an Older Persons questionnaire and youngsters aged 7-18, and therefore still likely to be resident with their parents, were asked to complete a Young Persons questionnaire.

The parish register indicated that there were 1101 existing inhabited dwellings, and returns were received from 843 dwellings (77% return rate). The number of residents registered on the Chevening Parish Electoral Roll was taken to be 2387 and, although it is recognised that this number will vary from day to day, this is the number that has been used as a base for statistical purposes. The parish was divided into 10 areas and questionnaires were also analysed by area in an attempt to identify different needs associated with a particular area. The number of main questionnaires returned and completed totalled 1,472 of which 707 were male and 765 female. The number of Older Persons questionnaires returned and completed totalled 608 of which 296 were male and 312 female, and the number of Younger Persons questionnaires returned and completed totalled 279 of which 133 were male and 146 female.

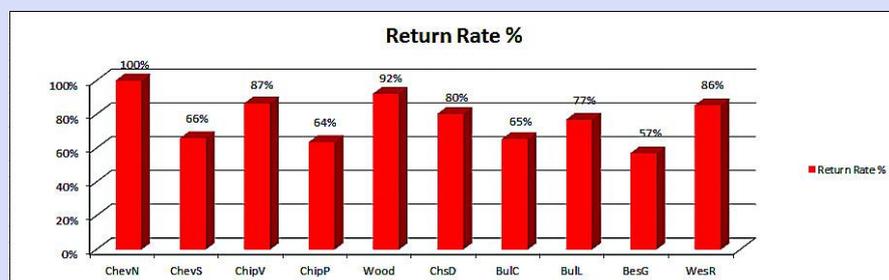


Figure 1: Questionnaire return rates by area



Parishioners, understandably, did not answer every question in the questionnaire and consequently the total number of actual “responses” for each question differs. The results, for most questions, are presented as percentages (yes/no) for clarity and comparison purposes.

The data collected by this survey can be considered to be very robust and can be used with confidence thanks to the very high return rate and the accuracy and checking procedure associated with the data input. The fact that distributors managed to obtain 843 out of 1101 distributed questionnaires should be applauded.

More technical details of the analysis of the returns to the questionnaire may be found in Part 2 of this booklet, which can be found on the website www.cheveningplan.org

ESTIMATED PARISH POPULATION BY AREA

The best estimate that we can make for the size of the Chevening Parish population comes from extrapolating the number of adults from the number who returned a questionnaire (if the numbers of completed questionnaires are increased in accordance with the return rate).

The heights of the blue columns in Fig. 2 beside are in proportion to the numbers in each area and the estimated number is shown at the top of the column. The difference from the Electoral Roll figure (2,387) obtained from Sevenoaks District Council occurs because we concentrated on those properties where someone was available to complete a questionnaire.

Figure 2: Estimated Parish Population by Area



Figure 5: Ages in each household

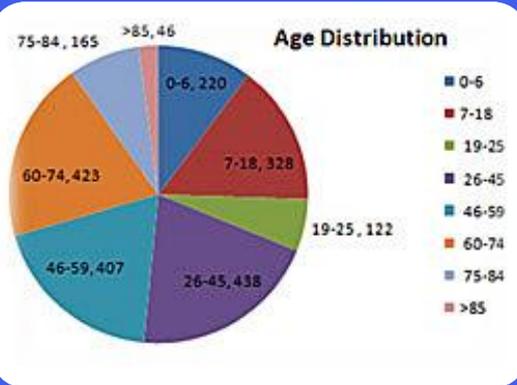
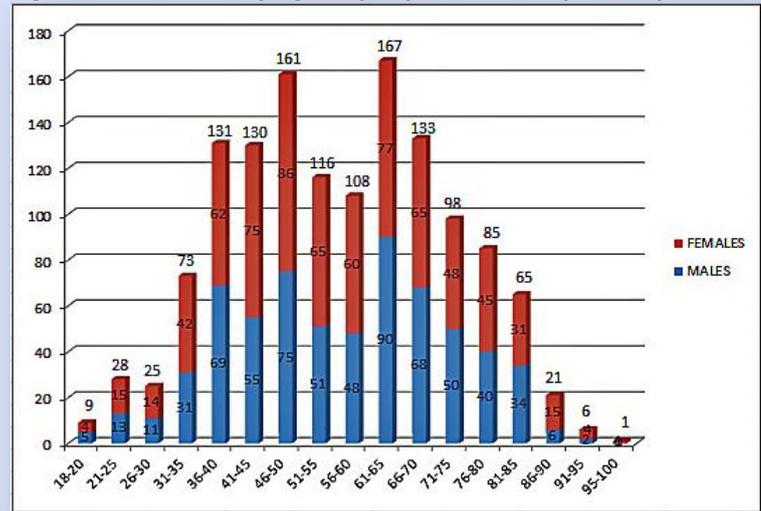


Figure 3: Numbers by age of people who completed questionnaires

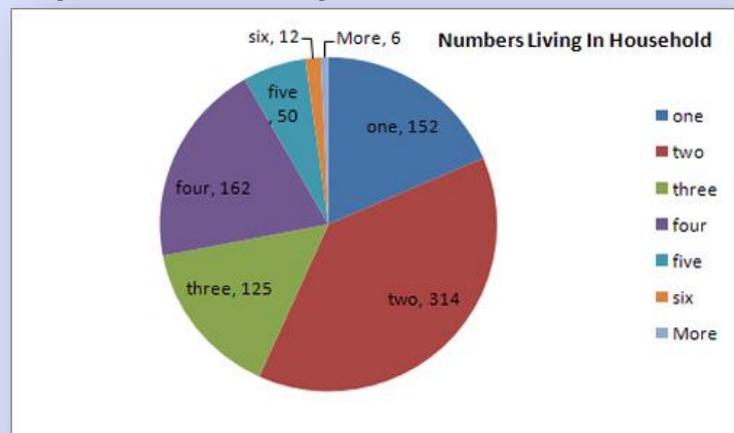


How Many Years Lived In Chevening



Figure 6: Average length of residency in the parish

Figure 4: Numbers living in each household



Questionnaire

Why this matters

■ **YOUR** answers to this questionnaire will be used to guide **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** for the next **DECADE**.

■ The **LOCALISM ACT** will give **NEW POWERS** to your **LOCAL COMMUNITY** to take account of **YOUR** wishes; let us know what they are!

Fill in your Form **NOW**



Principal Findings

The results from the parish-wide questionnaire indicate parishioners' concerns lie in five main areas of parish life:

- general “everyday issues” relating to the community and the need to encourage and engender a good community and neighbourly spirit throughout the parish
- perceived gaps in local services
- needs of younger and older residents
- road issues
- the future of Chipstead Lake

Under each of these headings we have written up the worries and concerns which have emerged. They are many and various, including for example, major road problems (e.g the A25/A21 junction); the need for more primary school places for children of parish residents; the future of the Green Belt land in the parish and of Chipstead Lake; issues concerning the need for activities for the young, and provision for elderly and needy residents; litter and maintaining our country footpath network.

Proposed action for each issue addressed is set out in the body of this booklet, and brought together in the Summary of Actions and Implementation Plan on p20.

The next stage is for the actions to be taken forward. Most road problems and some other issues properly have to be dealt with by the Parish Council, but we hope that residents will volunteer to be involved with the many other actions listed. If you wish to become involved there will be an opportunity to put your name forward at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on 22nd April 2013 at the Parish Hall, Homedean Road. Otherwise, please contact Mick Ryan on mick_ryan@dial.pipex.com

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The Community

A Safe and Caring Community

It is good to know that 97% of the 1,282 who replied felt safe at home. But examination of the subsequent questions showed considerable variation between different areas of the parish as to the extent to which respondents felt safe outside at night (between 68% and 98%) or who were worried by vandalism (2% to 42%), groups of youths (0% to 50%), or anti-social behaviour (2% to 51%). Complaints of litter (15% to 46%) and dog-fouling (4% to 36%) were also varied.

58% of respondents felt there was a strong community spirit, and analysis by area showed that in four areas where there is a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, there was a lower percentage of anti-social behaviour and other problems. Residents were asked if the children's playground on the recreation ground should be improved. The responses were mixed: 46% said yes, as did some young people who commented specifically they would support this; and 34% said no. The most yes replies were from Bullfinch Close (61%), Woodfields (51%) and Chipstead Village (47%). The most no replies were from Chipstead Village (39%) and Chesterfield Drive (38%).

Some respondents offered useful suggestions on combating the litter problem caused by birds and animals tearing open refuse bags:

- put black bags out on the morning of collection
- put black bags in a wheelie bin (neighbours could do this in a group if storage of the bins or expense is an issue)
- ensure food cans are properly cleaned before putting them in clear sacks

Litter left after football practices and matches on and around the recreation ground was also raised as a problem by a few people, as well as excessive mud from football boots being left on the pavements and cleaned off on residents' drives and railings along Chevening Road. Irresponsible parking by some recreation ground users was also raised, and is addressed in the section on Roads.

ACTION

1. Encourage the development of Neighbourhood Watch schemes, with regular meetings, to foster the development of a feeling of safety and well-being
2. Emphasise the responsibilities of dog-owners to clean up dog mess (NB an additional dog waste bin has recently been placed on the recreation ground)
3. Encourage residents to act on the suggestions regarding refuse sacks so as to reduce the problems of refuse being scattered by birds and animals
4. Seek discussions with Chipstead Football Club about litter and mud issues
5. Consider the possibility of setting up litter collection working parties, possibly in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch schemes
6. Investigate possibilities for improving the children's playground

ARE YOU IN THE RIGHT PARISH?

Replies to the questionnaire show that 71% of respondents felt they were in the right parish, while 17% would prefer to be in a neighbouring parish: a few in Riverhead, and most of those south of the A21, in Ide Hill or Weald. Such people's activities are now more related to their nearest schools, clubs or churches.

Action

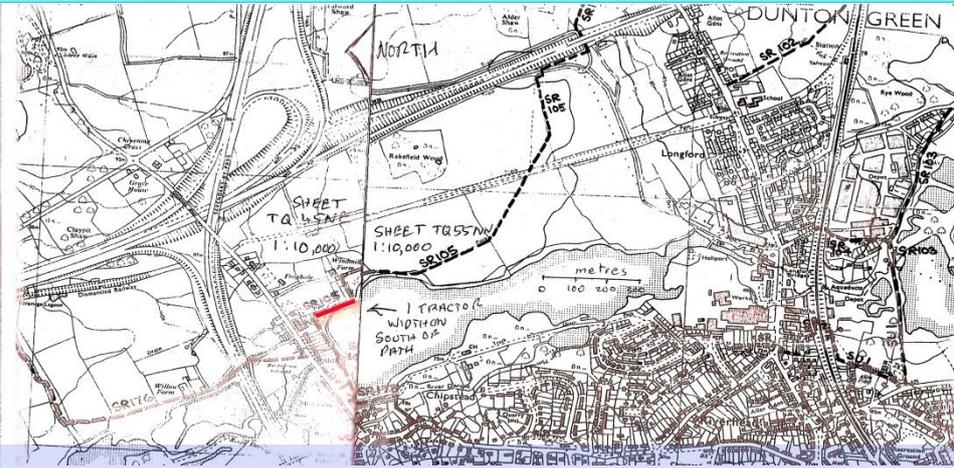
7. Request the Parish Council to review the parish boundaries with a view to drawing up suitable proposals for discussion with neighbouring parishes

Parish News

Respondents would like to receive more information about activities within the parish by Chevening News (44%); the Sevenoaks Chronicle (32%); email (30%), and the parish noticeboards (18%). About half the parish households subscribe to Chevening News. If you wish to become a subscriber (at £4 a year for the 6 issues) contact Peter Henderson 01732 457837. Our current local correspondent for the Chronicle is Janet Costley (chevening.events@gmail.com). Mick Ryan circulates information by email: contact him on mick_ryan@dial.pipex.com or 01732 453530 if you wish to be added to his list. The Parish Council's website is another source of news and information <http://www.cheveningparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

Action

8. Encourage residents to use the information outlets available
9. Try to ensure we always have a local correspondent for the Sevenoaks Chronicle



FOOTPATHS

There is some confusion over the meaning of “footpath”, with many respondents (most in Bessels Green and Chevening Road) requesting new “footpaths” by the side of roads. These are usually called “pavements” or “footways”, are on public land, and are considered in the section on Roads. This part of the questionnaire was concerned with “definitive footpaths” – ancient Rights of Way across private land on which the public may walk. Some footpaths are “permissive” and depend on the goodwill of the landowner. There were many requests (70%) for new footpaths around Chipstead Lake. A suggestion for a footpath from Chipstead Village to Riverhead was supported by 72%, and opposed by 21%. The possibilities for new footpaths will be considered in conjunction with discussions on the future of the Lake (see p.20) Other requests were for footpaths in areas where they already exist, which suggests that information about footpaths in the parish needs to be more widespread. Details of where to find information about local footpaths and walking groups can be found in the Appendix to this booklet.

ACTION

10. Encourage residents to support the existing monthly parish walks
11. Consider the use of working parties to report regularly on the condition of footpaths and ensure they are maintained

Sustainable living

The responses to the questions regarding energy-saving light bulbs and renewable energy via solar panels demonstrate that respondents are aware of the economics of good environmental behaviour. There was not sufficient interest in car sharing or garden sharing, but if you are interested in an allotment, or in sharing an allotment, contact John Fletcher, Letting Officer for the Chipstead Allotments Association, telephone number 452014, as there are currently vacancies.

Green Belt

Chevening Parish sits in the Green Belt, and 70% of respondents are opposed to development within it. It is clear that residents want to preserve the special character of the area, and are wary of development which would increase the number of people living in, using, visiting, or passing through the parish and thus further straining its resources.

12. Encourage the Parish Council to oppose development in the Green Belt





Figure 7: Numbers calling for improved bus routes

The two routes serving the parish are: Route 401 (Go Coachline) from Westerham to Sevenoaks via Chipstead Square, Tesco and the railway station with return service. This runs hourly from 7.19am to 7.24pm with an additional eastbound service at 6.35am.

Route 452 (Arriva) which is a commuter service from Dunton Green to Sevenoaks station and town centre via a circular route through Chipstead village and Bessels Green. The service runs eastbound approximately every 15 minutes from 6.43am to 8.06 am and westbound in the evenings approximately every 15 minutes from 5.49pm to 7.41pm.

Of respondents 32% want more bus services; 42% want no additional services. However, 100 residents want a better service from Chipstead village to the train station. Respondents said buses needed to be more frequent and to continue after 8.00pm to serve commuters and travellers returning from London. A further 45 want more than one bus an hour to the town centre from Chipstead. Additionally, 35 residents want improvements to the 401 route from Sevenoaks to Westerham, to improve frequency and connections with onward buses to Oxted and beyond. Additional services through Bessels Green were suggested by 16 residents (but not at the cost of fewer buses through Chipstead village). Direct services to hospitals and Bluewater are wanted by 11 and 12 residents respectively.

Action

16. Try to get the service to and from the railway station improved, especially after 8.00pm
17. Try to get the frequency of the buses to Sevenoaks and Westerham improved, with improvements in onward connections on route 401
18. Try to get more buses passing along the A25 to stop at Bessels Green

Services

Shops and service outlets

Although it does contain five pubs, the parish no longer has any shops or services such as banks. It is also home to a number of small businesses and local charities. The adjacent parish of Riverhead has numerous shops and services, including a library and a bank. This probably explains the responses to questions regarding a mobile library (29% for and 68% against); and a mobile bank (25% for and 75% against). The suggestion of a regularly-held farmers' market was however more popular, with 81% in favour and 11% against. One respondent even volunteered to help set it up.

Action

13. Investigate the possibilities for setting up a regularly-held farmers' market

Cycle tracks

The parish has no cycle lanes or paths, and it would be difficult to introduce them since many of our roads are narrow with barely room for two cars to pass. The A25 is the main road in the parish and, as described in the section on Roads, is heavily used, with serious congestion at peak times. Cycle lanes were wanted by 30% of residents, with 45% against. Residents of Chipstead Park were the keenest on cycle lanes, with 38% in favour. A route to Sevenoaks was supported by 21 respondents, and a further eight wanted a cycle lane on the A25 as part of a route to Sevenoaks. This might be viable if it did not add to congestion. There was a suggestion for a cycle route along the old railway track to Dunton Green which was proposed by eight respondents – but more might be interested if they were aware of the suggestion. A cycle path around the Lake was supported by 98 respondents: this could be considered with other suggestions concerning the future of the Lake.

Action

14. Investigate the possibility of making the disused railway track to Dunton Green a cycle path
15. Investigate the impact of cycle lanes on the A25 as part of a cycle route to Sevenoaks

Bus services

For practical purposes there are two bus services in the parish. The other eight service numbers shown on bus stops and transport maps are either school buses, London commuter coaches or weekly services for outlying villages which pass along the A25. Chevening Road, Bessels Green Road, Cold Arbor Road, Sundridge Road (B2211) and the road to Ide Hill (B2042) have no buses. Currently there is an hourly daytime service through Chipstead and a reasonable commuter service in the mornings and evenings, but nothing after 7.24pm into Sevenoaks and 7.41 out of Sevenoaks.



(Note about Chevening School: the school land and buildings are owned by the church, the land having been left to the church by a previous rector in his will for the school to use. The governing body have responsibility in finding 10% of any capital costs that the school incurs, with the balance and the running costs being state-funded.)



White street lights

Two years ago the Parish Council changed from white to yellow street lighting. The questionnaire provided an opportunity for residents to say how they felt about this change. Half the respondents said they would not want to change the yellow lights, while 21% said they preferred the white lights.

Schooling

Lack of suitable school places is the cause of much concern amongst residents.

Primary Schools

There is only one primary school in the parish, which is Chevening Church of England School. However, Amherst School and Riverhead Infants are directly on the parish boundary and can be considered part of the parish for all practical purposes.

There is strong competition for places at all these schools and some residents are unable to get their children into them despite being in the catchment area and, sometimes, living very close to the school. There are cases of four year olds from our parish having to travel to Halstead and Seal.

Chevening C E Primary School uses the following criteria to establish the order of priority in admitting children:

- a. children in local authority care
- b. siblings of children already admitted
- c. children of parents who attend St Botolph's Church Chevening
- d. children of parents who attend other Christian churches
- e. distance of children's home to school

Of the pupils at Chevening school 43% currently come from within the parish. Many respondents commented that too many places were going to children from outside the parish.

Of respondents to the questionnaire, 42% thought there were insufficient places available in local primary schools, with 20% considering the provision of primary school places adequate. Considering that the demographic data for the parish suggests that 40% of adults are over 60 years of age, it was very understandable that nearly 40% of respondents left this blank. Bearing that in mind, the demand for more places for local children is very clear.

Action

- 19. Seek discussions with the Governing Body of Chevening COE Primary School with a view to their changing their admissions policy so that more places are available for residents' children.**
- 20. Form a group to lobby KCC about the possibility of providing more places in local primary schools**

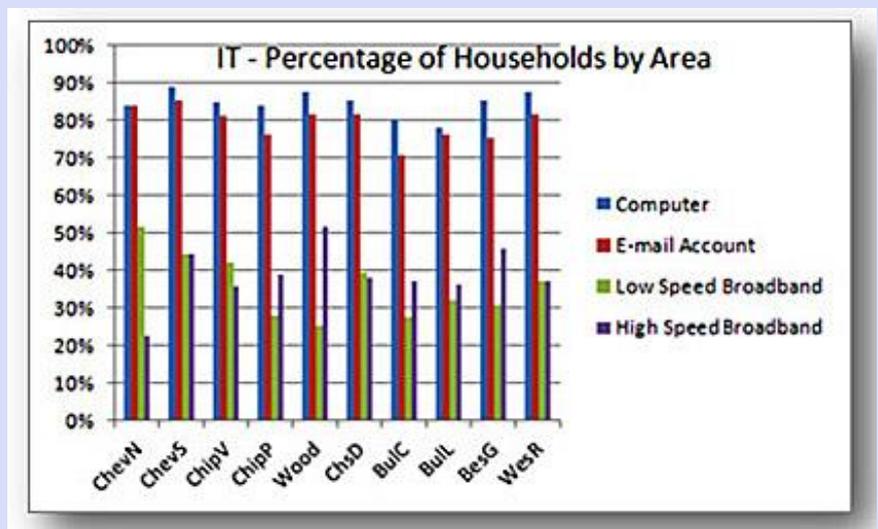


Affordable housing

The area with the highest demand for affordable housing was Bullfinch Close, where 69% or 59 residents felt more affordable housing was needed. Chevening parish is an expensive area in which to buy property and it is especially expensive for first time buyers and those on lower incomes. People who have grown up in the parish and now work in the area often find they have to move away. Of respondents, 37% wanted more affordable housing in the parish; 22% left the question blank; 41% did not think any more affordable housing was needed locally.

Broadband

Figure 8: Percentage of households with a computer; email account; low speed broadband; high speed broadband



Until recently broadband speeds have been appalling all over the parish. With the installation of fibre optics in Chipstead village and along the A25 many areas now have reasonable speeds, but outlying areas are still poorly served. In responding to the question on broadband speeds 48% overall are dissatisfied with the speed they have, whereas the figure for Chevening North was 81%. Otherwise 37% are satisfied with their download speed.

Action

22. Work with Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) to press BTOpenReach or Gigaclear to install fibre optics for poorly-served areas
23. Contact CallFlowSolutions to investigate wireless access for more remote areas.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

There are no state grammar schools in the parish, and none in the Sevenoaks area so all children who pass the 11 plus must travel outside the immediate area. There is pressure on all secondary schools, with Knole Academy, the only non-grammar state secondary school in Sevenoaks, being over-subscribed. Of respondents 59% thought there were not sufficient secondary school places in Sevenoaks, with 7% considering the present provision adequate. The demography of the parish meant that 34% did not answer this question, making the demand for extra places very strong.

This year a pressure group to set up a secondary Christian free school in Sevenoaks has been successful and the new school will open in September 2013. Another pressure group has been successful in persuading Kent Education Authority that more grammar school places are needed, and two new grammar school annexes, one for boys and one for girls, are to be opened in due course.

ACTION

21. Support the new secondary schools currently being introduced in the Sevenoaks area



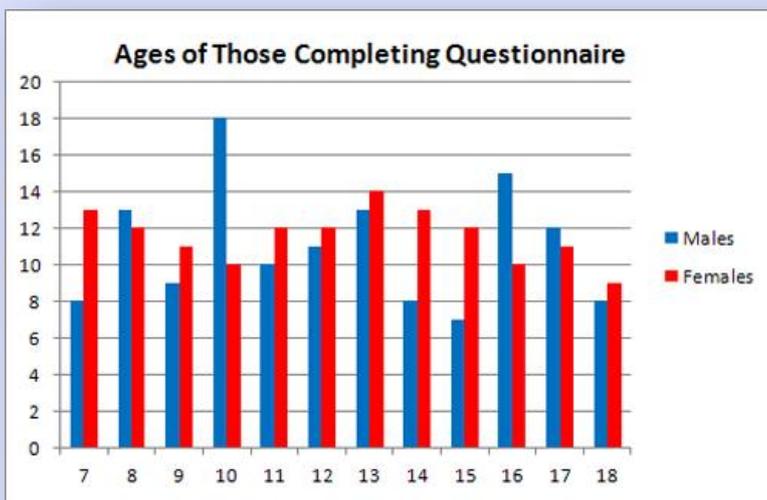
YOUNGER PEOPLE AND OLDER PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Younger People

A separate questionnaire was available for those aged 7 to 18, and a total of 279 were completed (133 males and 146 females). 8 did not give their age (1 male 7 females), but the age profile of the rest was as follows:

Figure.9: Ages of those completing the questionnaire

Age	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Males	8	13	9	18	10	11	13	8	7	15	12	8
Females	13	12	11	10	12	12	14	13	12	10	11	9
Both	21	25	20	28	22	23	27	21	19	25	23	17



On the assumption that the 23% of questionnaires which were not returned are likely to be of similar profile to those that were collected, then by extrapolating the above figures we have a potential young population of 365 (175 males/190 females). Broken down into age groups, this could be 155 (7 to 11 years old) and 210 (12 to 18 years old). If this estimate is limited to the urban areas only (i.e. without Chevening North and South), then the figures are 325 (155 males/170 females), of which 140 are aged 7 to 11 and 185 aged 12 to 18.

Responses to the Questionnaires

Of those who responded to the questionnaire, 31 (11%) attended school in Chipstead, 58 (21%) in Riverhead, 55 (20%) in Sevenoaks and 126 (45%) elsewhere.

Subjects covered by the questionnaire included clubs, organisations, transport facilities and how the young contribute to the community.

Clubs and Organisations

It was established that 44 (16%) were Scouts, 10 (4%) were Guides, 33 (12%) were members of other uniformed organisations and 126 (45%) did not belong to any such group. 35 (13%) said they attended a Youth Club and the balance of 242 (87%) did not. They also suggested ways in which young persons might contribute to the parish and these included fund raising, helping the disabled and a Youth Section either in, or alongside, Chevening News, as well as ways of interacting with the Parish Council.

Sports

In the questionnaire we offered a wide range of possible youth centred activities. The most popular was sport (71%), and the listed sports which attracted 9 or more requests are shown below in order of popularity. The shaded section highlights additional hand written suggestions:

Figure: 10 Popular sports

Sport	Males	Females	Both
Tennis	83 (62%)	83 (57%)	166 (59%)
Rounders/Softball	61 (46%)	91 (62%)	152 (54%)
Sailing	67 (50%)	76 (51%)	142 (51%)
Badminton	65 (49%)	65 (45%)	130 (47%)
Soccer	94 (71%)	28 (19%)	122 (44%)
Cricket	73 (55%)	35 (24%)	108 (39%)
Rugby	66 (50%)	28 (19%)	94 (34%)
Swimming			15 (5%)
Netball			10 (4%)
Athletics			9 (3%)

There were a further 31 requested sports with 6 or less proposers. (See Part 2 on the web site).

Other Activities

Of the other proposed activities the most popular were: Learning to Play an Instrument (62%), Film Making (56%) and Drama (47%). Educational topics attracted the following support: First Aid (78%), Keeping Safe (67%), Finding a Part-Time Job (64%) and Job Interviews (61%). Also attracting interest was advice on growing up, school work, careers, countering drugs and alcohol abuse.

Public Transport

Concern was expressed at the lack of public transport and its cost for the young to reach regional entertainment from Sevenoaks to Tunbridge Wells, Bluewater, etc. This also impacts on their ability to reach slightly more distant clubs and sporting venues such as Sevenoaks swimming pool.

Existing Facilities

Currently there are five types of clubs in the parish urban area. Breakfast clubs for pre-school; after school activities run by the school; After School clubs where children can be supervised until their parents return from work; evening youth clubs; and Sunday school clubs that give the young their own church services.

The parish has successful youth clubs operating from the Baptist Church (Zest) for three age groups 5 to 7 and 7 to 11 that meet on Tuesdays between 6 and 7 pm.



There is also a youth club for 11 to 16 year olds on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm. This currently has about 24 attendees and there is room for more. Whilst this is a Christian based organisation, attendance is not limited to those who attend the Baptist Church, or even to those living in the parish. St Botolph's has a Sunday service children's crèche which together with Kinect for years 7 to 9, meet in the Parish Hall. There is an After School club using the Baptist Church Hall for 6 to 11 year olds and the Unitarian Church Hall for 4 to 5 year olds. The Guides and Brownies meet in the Parish Hall but there are no scouting activities and no other open youth clubs. Altogether there are some 50 clubs and organisations providing activities for younger people. Further details of these clubs and their contacts are in the Appendix.

Solutions

Experience suggests that the limit to opening and maintaining a successful youth club or organisation is the number of adult helpers/supervisors who can be persuaded to volunteer. At least five volunteer adults are necessary for sustainable operations allowing for sharing the work load.

The recommended route to establishing more youth clubs in Chipstead is to build on the existing successful organisations, such as Zest, rather than set up competitive venues elsewhere. Once there are sufficient volunteers and interested members then perhaps an offshoot can be set up based in the Church Hall. Eventually the Sailing Club wants their new Training Room to be made available for the youth of the parish to use as a club - if and when they get funds to build it.



SOLUTIONS CONTINUED...

Some of the popular sports from the table in Figure 10 are already catered for in the parish and the Sevenoaks district. There is a very successful Tennis Club in The Old Garden with junior coaching available and which is keen to enrol new young members. The Sailing Club based on Chipstead Lake is also keen to increase its youth membership. There is a very successful Saturday morning Football Club at Chipstead recreation ground and there is a large swimming pool in Sevenoaks town centre. Many people's sports interests therefore could be met by better dissemination of information about where to find the existing facilities. Further details of local sports club etc and contacts are set out in the Appendix.

To meet the needs of the young for local travel perhaps organised mini-buses and volunteer car transport, based on the Youth Centre(s), could be a flexible way of overcoming such transport problems without having to persuade the public bus companies to schedule cheap regular services.

Action

- 24. Establish a representative working group charged with improving Youth Club provision, and maintaining and disseminating a list of current youth facilities and club activities so that parishioners and their children know what is already available**

Older people

We asked the older people of the parish, who we defined as those over 60 years old, to fill in an additional questionnaire to give us more information about their needs. 29% respondents to the questionnaire or 634 people are over 60 years old against a national average of 22%. 211 people or nearly 10% are over 75 years old. If the over 60 year old figure is increased pro rata to form an estimate for the whole parish it would become 825.

Being Part of the Community

Nearly half, 47%, said they joined in parish activities and the next highest activity supported was sport and keeping fit (30%). 23% said they belonged to a church group and 10% were involved with the University of the 3rd Age. 11% of the women responding belong to a Women's Institute. In all areas the women are more active than the men.

There were 123 people or 20% of those who replied who said they would support a weekly lunch club. One is already in operation, run by the Baptist Church, but it seems there is a further need which we should consider.

A quarter of respondents, 145 people, said they would be prepared to be volunteer helpers, and 224 or 37% of people said they had difficulties with day to day activities. So the would-be helpers and those who would like help need to be matched up! There is a Volunteer Bureau in Sevenoaks and we need to investigate whether we should work through them or set up our own organisation.

“There is a very successful Tennis Club in The Old Garden with junior coaching available and which is keen to enrol new young members. The Sailing Club based on Chipstead Lake is also keen to increase its youth membership”





An analysis of what sort of help people would like indicates that 9% want help with domestic tasks and doing odd repairs; 12% who would just like someone to call in for a chat. A small number of people (1-2%) want help with reading, writing letters and filling in forms. Outside the home 11% would like help with gardening and 4-7% want help with shopping, getting to appointments and generally moving around locally. There were 73 people who asked for more seats around the parish along the roads.

Mobility

About 6% or 35 people said they could not walk unaided and 6% said they received help in the home. Of those who answered, virtually all said they could ask for help if they needed it by telephone.

For getting to places there is a service called Kent Karrier which helps people with mobility problems or other conditions that make travelling on public transport difficult. There is a joining fee of £5 a year and a return journey costs between £1.70 - £3.10.

Planning where to live

When considering where to live 78% of respondents said they would hope to remain in their present homes and 29% expected to downsize sometime in the future. Sadly 17% or 104 people felt they would have to leave Chevening parish to do so. Over half the replies said they would stay in the parish if suitable accommodation was available.

In the main questionnaire, filled in by all adults, 36% of respondents would like more sheltered housing. Given that the demographics of the parish suggest that 40% of adults are over 60 years old it was surprising that 40% of those surveyed did not think we should have more sheltered housing in the parish. There was one area, Chevening South, in which 67% felt more such accommodation was needed.

There are 16 sheltered flats in Denesfield Court in Chipstead, which is operated by the Moat Housing Association, but these are not exclusively for parishioners. There are also about 80 places at Sunrise Senior Living in Chipstead, at the more expensive end of the market, but which attract residents from a very wide area.

There does seem to be a need for more sheltered accommodation for people who do not need a care home but would like someone like a warden to keep an eye on them. It also does not help that there are no shops in the parish. 29 people specifically wrote to say that they would like to take part in a further survey on warden-assisted accommodation.

Action

- 25. Investigate and if viable try and set up another lunch club for older residents**
- 26. Examine the possibility of setting up a local volunteering group. The aim would be to put possible volunteers in touch with those that need help. It would also need to exercise an on-going monitoring function. In addition it might provide a "buddy service" where one person keeps a regular eye on the welfare of another more vulnerable person. A system is already in place at one of the churches.**
- 27. Investigate the possibilities of providing warden assisted homes in the parish. In this connection follow up the 29 people who said they would like to take part in a survey.**



Traffic Problems and Possible Solutions

Traffic problems come very near the top in the number of problems the parish has and nearly all have to be dealt with by Kent County Council (KCC). Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) have a say where yellow lines are concerned but otherwise getting things done depends on the ability of the parish to convince KCC of the need to do it. The main problem is of course lack of finance in KCC and there has to be a very pressing need, such as a number of serious accidents, before they will commit funds. The only other way of getting things done is to ask our KCC Member. Each Member has a sum of money every year to spend on traffic problems in their area and sometimes our member will fund or partly fund a project. The flashing 30mph sign in Chevening Road north of the school is one example.

A possible way forward for small projects could be for the Parish to fund them themselves. For this to happen KCC would have to agree in a particular case. An example of where it has worked was when KCC allowed us to put salt bins on the pavement and verges they owned. Within a couple of months the Parish had six new bins in operation after having spent years arguing for even one extra bin under the old regime. It does of course cost the parish more but it does give us more control over our own affairs.



MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

The projects that the Parish Council have recently or are currently discussing with KCC as at February 2013 are:

No	First Requested	Item	Progress with PC	Progress with KCC
1	Agreed by KCC engineer 2009 Promised by KCC Member in April 2010	Re-siting of HGV signs on Chevening Road and Westerham Road	Approved	Members funding now agreed. Implementation in progress
2	2011	Yellow Lines outside George & Dragon	Approved; submission made	KCC have visited again recently; we await a decision
3	2011	Yellow Lines outside Sunrise	Approved; further submission imminent	KCC have visited but want more evidence.
4	2010	Improved signage outside George & Dragon to indicate right of way	Approved a couple of years ago	KCC have visited again recently; changes have been made but are not finished
5	2012	Design review of A21/A25 Junction	Requested	In hand; concept layout for a roundabout forwarded to KCC(see part 2 for details)
6	July 2012	Chevening Road - resurfacing	Requested	Low priority for KCC as they do not have finance to do it any time soon
7	2012	Star Hill - excessive speed	New submission imminent	Using attributable data to send to KCC.
8	Arranged between residents and KCC	Cold Arbor Road improvements in the vicinity of A25 junction	Done.	Work has been done and effect under review
9	2012	Bessels Green Road excess speed and parking	Supported at September PC meeting.	KCC refused to do it due to higher priorities for





Excessive Traffic Speed

Opinion on whether we were experiencing excessive traffic speed on A25, Chevening Road and Chipstead High St was evenly divided when taken over the whole parish but quite marked when we look at people in the locality. In Areas 9 and 10, the two areas adjoining the A25, 209 people or 74% thought traffic speed was excessive on the A25 and similarly 233 people or 74% of those living in Chevening Road and Chipstead Village thought there were excessive speeds in those areas. The people who did not think it was a problem generally lived furthest away from it.

Some years ago the Parish Council agreed with the Police that speed checks should be done near Chevening School, on the A25 at the junction with Westerham Road and in Cold Arbor Road. This will have some effect if they are done regularly enough to really deter drivers from speeding. Although we used to get feedback from the Police this has now stopped and reports from parishioners would indicate that checks are very infrequent.

The Parish Council has agreed to support groups who wish to do their own speed checks through Community Speed Watch. Parishioners would be trained to operate the equipment and then take the speed of vehicles. Speeds of vehicles are recorded and those above a certain limit sent to Kent Police. If these drivers are caught anywhere in the county speeding three times within a year a warning letter will be sent. How effective this is we have yet to discover but it would be useful to find out. A more detailed description as to how this works can be found on our web site.

The Parish Council is currently in discussion with KCC concerning speed on Star Hill and traffic calming was put into Chipstead Village in 2004. The questionnaire returns imply this traffic calming has not been successful.

Traffic Volumes

The area where this was seen to be a major problem was **Area 3, Chipstead Village and Chevening Road**, and many incidents were reported. There were 221 people i.e. 70% who were unhappy. A KCC project is going through at the moment to move the HGV warning signs to more appropriate places as currently they can only be seen after a vehicle has gone some way along the unsuitable road. We hope this will make a significant difference.

Cold Arbor Road has recently had some changes made to it by KCC. The changes are unlikely to reduce the number of HGVs as it is the main road to Edenbridge. The long term solution for this road is to widen it and provide a pavement to safeguard pedestrians. In Bessels Green 113 people or 67% were worried about the traffic volumes in this area

Traffic levels being exacerbated by school runs and commuters was one area where 60% or 881 people in the entire parish expressed concern. The solutions may lie in other areas such as 20mph limits etc.

In Area 3, Chipstead Village and Chevening Road, 34% expressed concern at traffic problems caused by sports ground users; against this 49% said they were not concerned. But this could well be explained by the fact that only half of Area 3 respondents actually live in Chevening Road, whose residents have long complained about the problem.

Problem Road Areas

Within the Parish of Chevening numerous roads could be identified as Problem Road Areas but because of time and space constraints five problem road areas were identified and selected to be analysed. Within these five areas parking, speeding and volume of traffic are everyday concerns but at specific times for example school runs, M25 congestion and commuter rush hours, there can be extensive congestion.

- A25/ A21 /Westerham Road Junction: 60% of people thought this was a problem and in Areas 3(Chipstead), 4(Chipstead Park) and 10(Westerham Road) over 75% of respondents found this a problem. Concerns around this area were:
 - Moving from M25 Slip Road onto A25 towards Riverhead.
 - Moving from A25, turning left into Chipstead, from, Westerham direction.
 - Turning Right, from Westerham direction, onto A21.
 - Turning Right, from Riverhead direction, into Chipstead.
 - Turning Right, from Chipstead direction, onto A25 towards Westerham.
 - U-Turns from both directions.
 - Crossing A25 on Foot -
 - a. For Chevening School.
 - b. Moving to and from Bessels Green to Chipstead.



MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER cont...

A25/Cold Arbor Junction: overall 45% of respondents found this a problem and in Area 9, Bessels Green Road, 75% were concerned. Since the questionnaires were completed work has been done to change the corner with the A25 to reduce vehicle speeds. It will take a period of time to assess how effective these changes have been.

Concerns around this area were:

- Traffic turning left into Cold Arbor Road at A25, from Riverhead direction. This was a gentle bend which did not encourage speed reduction. A modification has now been made.
- Crossing, on foot, at A25/Cold Arbor Road Junction is dangerous. Pedestrians have to step into road to see if traffic is coming.
- No pavements in Cold Arbor Road.
- Cold Arbor Road is a winding road where traffic travels too fast
- Bessels Green Road - only 29% of respondents overall found this a problem and the highest concern was in Area 9, Bessels Green itself, where 60% thought it was a problem. Given that half of area 9 do not live in Bessels Green Road this is a very high proportion. The main concerns were: parking from church activities; the public House (Kings Head); and by local workers and commuters produces problems for residents whose drives are often blocked by parked cars.
- HGV traffic passing through from Edenbridge often becomes stuck due to parked cars blocking the road.

Chevening Road – Chipstead 42% of respondents overall thought there was a problem but in Chipstead Village this rose to 75%. The main concerns were:

- Everyday problems associated with traffic speed, HGV traffic, parking plus traffic using the road as a `rat run` between Sundridge and the A25 to Riverhead and Dunton Green. These everyday problems escalate during school dropping-off and picking-up times and also on Saturday morning during football at the recreation ground. During these times the road becomes grid-locked. (Pavement issues are addressed in Part 2, on the website)

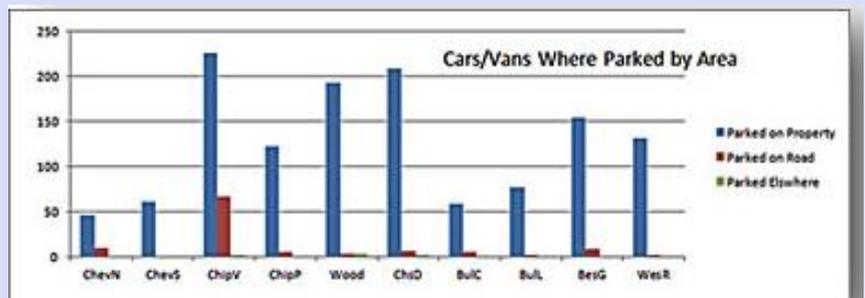
In Homedean Road/High Street – Chipstead the main concerns were:

- This road is regularly used as a cut-through to Riverhead when there is traffic congestion on the A25, Westerham Road.
- Although there is a continuous problem with traffic flow in the entire section the most frustrating and dangerous issue is movement, both ways, past the George and Dragon public house, where drivers ignore or are unaware of the right of way regulations.
- Usage by HGV traffic in this very restricted area, can also cause considerable congestion.
- The second point above means buses often find it difficult to negotiate the George and Dragon stretch but buses are essential for residents.

Parking Issues

The adjacent chart gives an idea of where residents' vehicles are parked. Note the high proportion parked on the road in Chipstead Village:

Figure 11: Cars/vans parked by area



Comments received included “Residents-Only parking permits should only ever be considered if there is alternative parking i.e. a car park”.



Traffic problems produced a number of comments in the preliminary discussions, of which parking issues were one. The questionnaire asked parishioners to consider parking and parking controls at a number of locations (outside the George & Dragon, along Chevening Road, outside the Sunrise Home) and for opinion regarding residents’ permits. It also invited further comments regarding the issue of parking.

Cars parked outside the George & Dragon severely restrict views up and down the hill, and having yellow lines outside the pub was supported by those living closest in the Village, Chipstead Park and Woodfields (61-73% saying yes). This has been subsequently approved by the Parish Council but KCC Highways asked for further evidence. This was given by the Parish Council in December 2012 and further discussions with KCC have taken place about parking restrictions and improved signage. Comments received about this stretch of road by the George & Dragon indicated that this continues to be dangerous, especially for pedestrians, as the traffic calming does not seem to be effective. The road signage needs to be clearer to show that vehicles coming down the hill by the George & Dragon have to give way to those coming up.

Yellow lines on Chevening Road were not supported, with 53% of residents saying no against 25% saying yes. This trend was continued across all 10 areas and whilst there remains congestion in this area, it is clear that yellow lines are not wanted. Traffic congestion mainly due to parking occurs at peak times for the school drop off and pick up and parking overspill when sports are played on the recreation ground at the weekends. However, two significant comments highlighted the need for yellow lines directly opposite the entrance to Brickfield Road i.e. by the railings outside Chevening School as it is becoming increasingly difficult for farm traffic and delivery vehicles to enter and exit the lane.

With regard to yellow lines outside the Sunrise home, respondents indicated that in all but one area yellow lines were not wanted. Typically 52% said no and 27% said yes. A previous request for yellow lines outside Sunrise has now been approved by the Parish Council but KCC Highways have requested further evidence. The question regarding Resident-Only parking permits was, again, fairly conclusive across all 10 areas with 58% saying no to residents’ permits and 19% saying yes.





There are obvious parking requirements for residents, for children attending school, attendance at sports clubs and to eat and drink. However there are also concerns about parking on pavements, commuters using Chipstead as a car park for “carpooling” and the concern that putting down yellow lines would simply move the problem and cause worse congestion. For example, a number of comments have been made about the worsening situation at peak times due to yellow lines now in place in Chipstead Square. As far as schools are concerned the parking issues have become quite severe at Amherst School with local residents being blocked in by selfish motorists parking where they should not. The only short term solution would be to get the Police regularly to check the area and prosecute those who offend. In the past this has been difficult to achieve but we need to keep on trying. Chevening School has a lot of traffic too, perhaps not surprisingly as more than half the children, 57%, come from outside the parish.

Parking and excess speed have also become a serious problem on Bessels Green Road and it is felt some restriction should be applied to ease the flow of traffic. The road currently becomes blocked on a regular basis with lorries, which sometime damage walls and fences.

Others highlighted the difficulties caused for those with prams and young children or with wheelchairs by cars parking on pavements, particularly along Chipstead Lane.

Action

28. Campaign for a roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of the A25, Westerham Road and southbound A21 slip road. This should ensure that traffic slows down before passing through Bessels Green and that getting on to the A25 becomes easier and safer
29. Press for a 20mph speed limit in Chipstead Village and Chevening Road and/or review the traffic calming measures currently in place
30. Press the Police to increase their speed checks at agreed key points in the Parish
31. Get data on how effective the Community Speed Watch Scheme is and if it appears to be effective encourage parishioners to take part
32. Press Police to check cars contravening highways legislation by parking on pavements, at junctions, up to the contra-flow (in Witches Lane) and across drive ways, especially at peak times of day such as school drop-off and pick-up
33. Encourage residents to gather evidence if they would like to influence KCC Highways to make changes
34. Support the Parish Council’s campaign for improved signage at the bottom of the hill leading up to the George & Dragon, and for yellow lines outside the George & Dragon
35. Press for yellow lines directly opposite the entrance to Brickfield Road i.e. by the railings outside Chevening School
36. Campaign for widening Cold Arbor Road and providing a pavement or if that proves impossible ask for traffic calming measures
37. Support Bessels Green Road residents in their petition for double yellow lines on one side of the road



CHIPSTEAD LAKE (also known historically as Longford Lake)

Uses of the Lake

Of the four specific questions about uses of the lake around 80% of respondents said they use the lake and its environs for walking, with 20% of those walking at least weekly (including dog walking); around 41% nature watch; 6% sail and 3% fish. Other respondents jogged or rode horses or just appreciated the lake's beauty.

A number of comments were made about being able to make more use of the area for activities such as canoeing/kayaking or rowing, bike paths or having more seats to be able to sit and enjoy the views, or providing environmental cabins (for bird watching). There was a suggestion for an inter village Dragon Boat Race to engage local communities on, say, Easter Monday.

Future Development

Around 80% of respondents were keen to see the lake 'stay unchanged' with 70% supporting the improvement but not expansion of the sailing club. There were concerns expressed about future commercial development - no doubt in response to recent planning applications for restaurants/gyms/holiday lodges.

There were suggestions to allow developments that would support the local community and its use of the lake/sailing club facilities such as a lakeside café for use by local people.

Community Asset

The Lake is seen as a major asset to the community by a large majority of respondents, with a naturally higher response in the questionnaire by those who live closest.

Recent legislation (the 2012 Localism Act) has provided a process whereby, if approved, a community can designate something as a 'community asset' which means that, if the owner should intend to sell, the community have the right to 'make a bid to purchase' the asset within six months, during which the owner cannot sell to someone else.

75% of respondents replied positively to the proposal that the lake be so designated *. Of the 14% of negative responses some were qualified in support 'in principle' but with concerns expressed over the liabilities that might be incurred. * Recent clarification from the Government has said that the questionnaire responses are sufficient to indicate community wide support and the Parish Council has already registered its intention to nominate the Lake as a community asset.



Lake Footpaths

There was considerable support (70%) for more lakeside footpaths (including cycle and wheelchair paths), and for a footpath linking Chipstead Village and Riverhead (one of the specific questions that was asked) with 21% of respondents against' and 36% of Chesterfield Drive respondents against such a path.

A large number of respondents added comments requesting improvements to existing footpaths around the lake in general, and in particular the introduction of a circular path around the lake.

Note that the lake and land surrounding it are privately owned and new footpaths would have to be allowed by the landowner.

Action

38. Encourage Sevenoaks District Council to register Chipstead Lake as a Community Asset
39. Carry out a feasibility study of the implications of Chipstead Lake being registered as a Community Asset
40. Negotiate with all who have an interest in Chipstead Lake to introduce footpaths and cycle routes around the lake
41. Improve local support of the Chipstead Sailing Club by informing residents of their activities and encouraging them to sign up for social membership
42. Work with the Sailing Club to try to expand facilities and activities available to social members

The Next Stage Table of Actions

The next stage will be to implement the actions in the plan and we will be asking for volunteers to both lead and help with the different parts. The Plan is in five main sections; The Community, Services, Younger People and Older People of the Parish, Traffic Problems and The Lake. Most of the traffic problems can be dealt with by the Parish Council as they mainly require dealing directly with KCC. For the other four we need people to take on individual items and we hope that people will come forward to volunteer.



The Community

Issue	Action	Priority	Timescale	Partners	Cost
Feeling safe	1. Encourage formation of more Neighbourhood Watches	Low	Ongoing	Existing Schemes	Negligible
Dog Fouling	2. Publicise responsibilities of dog owners	Low	Ongoing	Chevening News/ Parish Council	Negligible
Litter-refuse sacks	3. Encourage use of wheelie bins	Low	Ongoing	Chevening News	Negligible
Litter-footballers	4. Persuade footballers not to leave mud and litter	Low	6 months	Football Club	Negligible
Litter around parish	5. Set up working parties for litter collection	Low	1 year	Neighbourhood Watches	Negligible
Playground	6. Produce a plan for improving it	Medium	1 year	Primary School and Parish Council	High
People in wrong parish	7. Request Parish Council to review boundaries	Medium	1 year	Sevenoaks District Council	Negligible
More information on local activities	8. & 9 Better publicise existing outlets and ensure there is a regular local correspondent on the Chronicle to report local activities	Medium	Ongoing	Chevening News/Sevenoaks Chronicle	Negligible
More information about country footpaths	10. Promote use of KCC website and OS maps and the current Parish Walks	Low	6 months	Chevening News Parish Council	Negligible
Maintaining footpaths	11. Set up working parties to monitor condition of footpaths	Low	1 year	Neighbourhood Watches	Negligible
Concern about development in the Green Belt	12. Encourage Parish Council to oppose development in the Green Belt	High	Ongoing	Parish Council	Negligible



“Set up a regularly held farmers market”



Services

Issue	Action	Priority	Timetable	Partners	Cost
Lack of local shops	13. Set up a regularly held farmers market	Low	1 year	Local farmers/small holders/WI	Low
	14. Investigate disused railway tracks in Dunton Green	Low	More than 1 year	Landowners, Cycle Clubs	Medium
More cycle routes requested Cycle lanes requested	15. Investigate cycle lanes on A25 as part of route to town	Low	More than 1 year	Kent Highways and Cycle Clubs	Medium
Lack of late evening bus services and infrequent bus services	16. 17 & 18 Try to get a bus service to the station after 8pm. Try to improve frequency of buses on route 401 plus better onward connections. Try to get more buses stopping on A25	Medium	1 year	Go Coachline, Arriva	Low
More places at local Primary Schools	19. Seek discussions with local and church education authorities	High	1 year	Local and church education authorities	Low
	20. Form a group to lobby KCC about the possibility of providing more places in local schools	High	Ongoing	KCC	Negligible
More places at local secondary schools	21. Support the Sevenoaks Grammar School Project and the new Christian secondary school	High	Ongoing	The two project teams.	Negligible
Poor access to high speed Broadband	22. & 23 Press for more fibre optic links and for wireless access for remote areas	Medium	1 year	BROpenReach Gigaclear CallFlow Solutions	Medium



Young People

Issue	Action	Priority	Timetable	Partners	Cost
Need for Youth Club and more information on what is available	24. Set up a working group for Youth Club see Appendix A for list of activities currently available	Medium	1 year	Schools and Churches	Low

Old People

Issue	Action	Priority	Timetable	Partners	Cost
More places at lunch club	25. Try to set up another lunch club	Medium	6 months	Churches Existing Group	Low
People needing help with day to day activities	26. Try to start a local volunteers group	Medium	1 year	Churches, Women's Institutes	Low
Need for more sheltered housing	27. Conduct follow up survey	Medium	1 year	Moat Housing association	Medium





Traffic

Issue	Action	Priority	Timescale	Partners	Cost
Dangerous junction A25/A21	28. Press KCC for a roundabout or traffic lights	High	More than 1 year	Kent Highways Parish Council	High
Speeding in residential roads	29. Pursue a 20 mph limit	High	1 year	Kent Highways Parish Council	Medium
Speeding	30. Request more speed checks.	High	6 months	Police and Parish Council	Medium
	31. Investigate Community Speedwatch Scheme	High	6 months	Police and Parish Council	Medium
Dangerous parking	32. Press police to enforce law on dangerous parking at junctions and pavements	High	6 months	Police and Parish Council	Negligible
Urge KCC Highways to make changes	33. Encourage residents to gather evidence	High	Ongoing	Residents, Parish Council and KCC	Low
Dangerous road outside George and Dragon	34. Continue campaign for improved signage and yellow lines	High	6 months	Parish Council and Kent Highways	Low
Dangerous parking outside Primary School	35. Campaign for double yellow lines	Medium	1 year	Parish Council and Kent Highways	Low
Danger to pedestrians on Cold Arbor Road	36. Campaign for widening road and providing a pavement or look into traffic calming measures	Medium	More than 1 year	Parish Council and Kent Highways	High
Restrict parking in Bessels Green Road	37. Support Bessels Green petition for double yellow lines	Medium	More than 1 year	Parish Council and Kent H	Medium





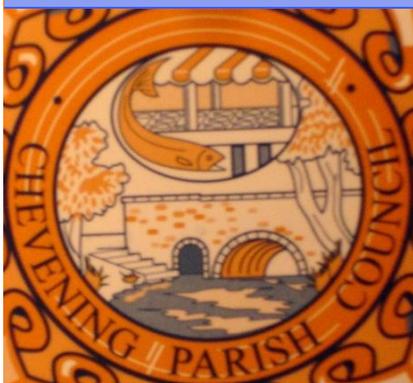
CHIPSTEAD LAKE (also known historically as Longford Lake)

Issue	Action	Priority	Timetable	Partners	Cost
Making the Lake a Community Asset	38. Encourage SDC to register it as a Community Asset	High	Ongoing	Parish Council	Negligible
Making the Lake a Community Asset	39. Carry out a study of implications	High	6 months	Group already established	
Footpaths and cycle routes requested around the lake	40. Negotiate with all who have an interest in the lake	Medium	1 year	All with an interest in the lake	High
Improve local support of Chipstead Sailing Club	41. Inform residents of Sailing Club activities and encourage them to sign up for social membership	High	6-12 months	Sailing Club and residents	Medium
Make more use of the Lake	42. Engage with the sailing club members to expand facilities and activities for social members		Medium	Sailing Club and residents	Medium





Appendices



Appendix A Sport Contacts

Sport	Contact
1. Badminton Parish Hall	David Chapman 01732-459412 Diane Outram 01732-454819 01732-451979
2. Better Body Gym	Angie Petrie 01732-463024
3. Brownies Parish Hall	Gemma Stepney 07825-045153
4. Chevening Amblers Cricket Club	Alan Black 07753-603944
5. Chipstead Football Club	Sue Wilson 01732-740155 www.chipsteadsc.org.uk
6. Chipstead Sailing Club	Ian Hooper 01732-457121
7. Chipstead Tennis Club	01892-826004
8. Fenton's Ice Curling (Tunbridge Wells)	07929-861394
9. First Class Football	Lyn Archer info@foxarchers.co.uk
10. Fox Archers	Janice Castle 01959-565468
11. Guides Parish Hall	John Sivyers 01322-437766
12. Holmesdale Angling & Cons. Society	Brenda Bennett 01732-835608 01732-452039
13. Holmesdale Bowls	01959 564564 www.judithessexschoolofdancing.co.uk
14. Holmesdale Cricket Club	Stuart t Thresher 01732 740113
15. Judith Essex School of Dancing	01732-452150
16. Knockholt Cricket Club	01732-470700
17. Knole Park Golf Club	01732-470700
18. Leisure Centre Badminton Club	01732 470700/701
19. Leisure Centre Karate Club	Tony York 01959 565409 www.tabletennis.otford.info
20. Martial Arts Leisure Centre	01732-773512
21. Otford Table Tennis Club	Helen Whitaker 01959-562192 07799-534191
22. Peak Fitness Club	Adam McEvoy 01959-562156
23. Pilates	Margaret Lee 01732-455127
24. Power Football at Valence School	01732-748010
25. Scottish Dancing	01732-463060
26. Sencio Swimming Club	Paul Tabor paul@7oaks-ac.org.uk
27. Sevenoaks Amateur Boxing Club	01732-453945
28. Sevenoaks Athletics Club	01732 741987
29. Sevenoaks Cricket Club	David Miller 01959 50928607825046605
30. Sevenoaks Town Football Club	Martin mal@qtechsource.co.uk
31. Sevenoaks Gymnastics Club	Glynis Burton, 01732 451889
32. Sevenoaks Hockey Club	01732-740476
33. Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Centre	01732-452027
34. Sevenoaks Lawn Tennis Club	01732-741957
35. Sevenoaks Rugby Club	www.sevenoaks-suns.co.uk/contact-us
36. Sevenoaks School of Dance	membsec@sevenoakssc.org
37. Sevenoaks Suns Basketball Club	07949-708949
38. Sevenoaks Swimming Club	Secretary 01732-457696
39. Sevenoaks Tao Kwondo	Helen Townsend 07500 444242
40. Sevenoaks Tennis Club	01732-458261
41. Swimming Lessons	020-888-33308
42. St Julian's Club	01959-562156
43. T'ai Chi	07525-424378
44. The Tennis Academy	Helene Jackson 07710 677675 or 01342 870805
45. Tsukuru Judo Academy, Orpington	01732-45143
46. West Heath Tennis	Attend Mondays 7.30pm
47. Wildernesse Golf Club	Kay Lilley 01732 458249
48. Wildernesse Squash	Matt Young 07952-965294
49. Yoga Class Parish Hall	Carolyn Atkins 07773641339
50. Youth Club Bessels Green	
51. Zumba in Parish Hall	



Appendix B Resources

Use these resources to find out about existing footpaths in the Parish:

- ❖ OS (Ordnance Survey) Explorer maps (specifically Sheet 147, 1:25 000, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge).
- ❖ KCC website
http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast/walking/walk_locations.aspx
- ❖ Download the **Explore Kent** app to plan walks, cycling or other days out

Police resource information

- ❖ Kent Police - When to dial 999 and when to dial 101:
- ❖ Call 999 to report a crime in progress or if someone's life is in danger or they are hurt
- ❖ Call 101 to report a theft after it has happened or to report nuisance vehicles
- ❖ Call 101 to report minor collisions or if you suspect drug use or dealing

Our three SDC Councillors:

- James London
- Anna Firth
- Robert Piper

Can you help?

- ✓ Will you volunteer to help implement some of the issues and ideas identified in this report?
- ✓ Would like to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area?
- ✓ Would you like to be notified via email about things happening around the Parish?
Please contact Mick Ryan at mick_ryan@dial.pipex.com
- ✓ Chevening News - To subscribe, please contact Peter Henderson, telephone number 457837
- ✓ Inform the Sevenoaks Chronicle about events happening in Chevening by contacting Jane Costley at chevening.events@gmail.com.

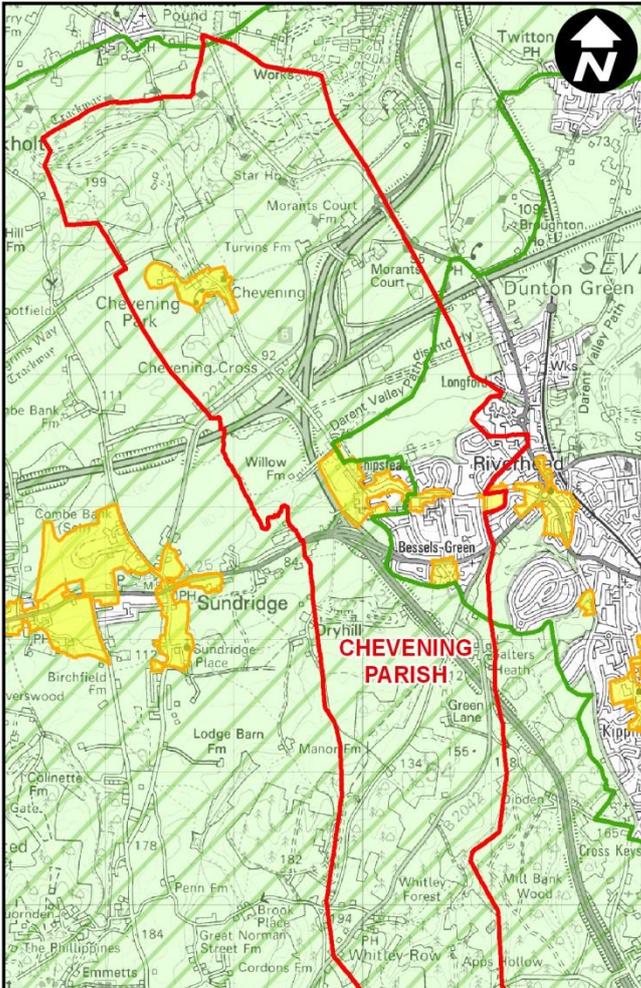
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Thank you to all of you who took part in putting this report together. Thank you to the Parish for completing the questionnaires. We really do hope to make a difference to the community in which you live. Will you volunteer to help implement some of the issues and ideas identified in this report.

Produced by the Chevening Community Lead
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Those who wish to learn more about the parish may wish to read :
A History of the Parish of live Chevening price £14.95,
the proceeds from which go to the Lucy, Countess Stanhope's Charity.
Copies available from Marcia Barton (01732 450831).

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