

G U R N A R D PARISH PLAN

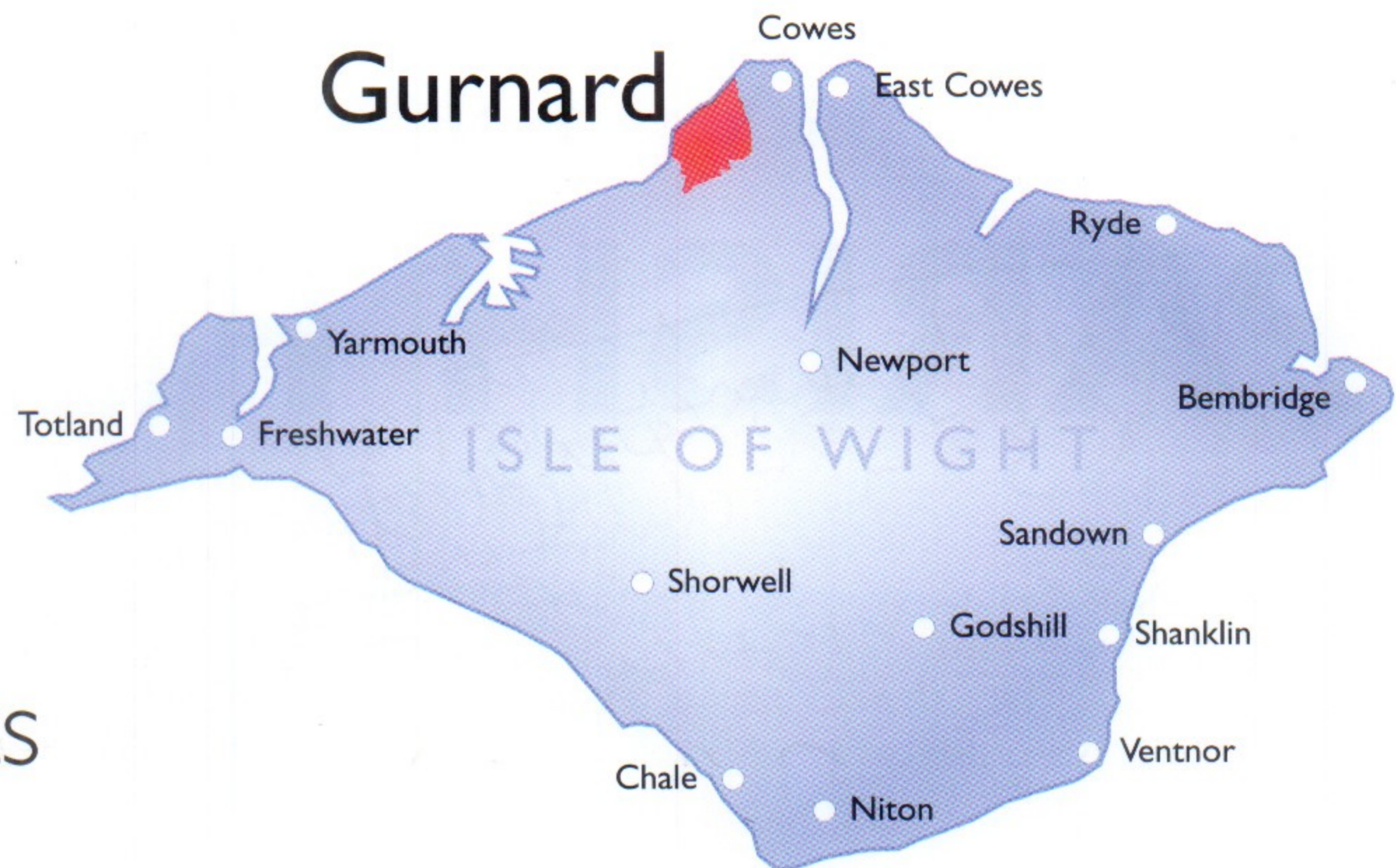


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WELCOME TO
GURNARD
 Please Drive Carefully

Foreword

The Countryside Agency, as part of its Vital Villages Programme, is supporting communities across the country to produce local plans.

The Gurnard Parish Plan is the result of extensive consultation amongst local residents to identify local problems and priorities. It sets out an achievable and long term vision for the future of Gurnard and includes a detailed action plan to achieve this vision.

Work on the Parish Plan started in May 2003 when Gurnard Parish Council agreed to form a Parish Plan Steering Group. A letter was sent to 32 local voluntary and commercial organisations and community groups (Appendix I), and a notice was placed on the village notice board inviting residents to an open meeting with the aim of forming a Steering Group.

This plan has been prepared by the Gurnard Parish Plan Steering Group. It is based on the consultation which we carried out with all local residents, including school age children. The

various forms of research undertaken, and their results, are described in this document.

We have aimed to portray the unique qualities of Gurnard which make it such an attractive place in which to live. The document then goes on to describe different aspects of community life and the local environment and how residents have indicated that these should be preserved, changed or improved. This led us to develop a series of key aims which reflect the aspirations of our community at the present time. An action plan sets out how we propose to achieve each of these aims.

The action plan will be reviewed regularly by the Parish Council and residents will be kept informed about progress made in pursuing these actions.

We anticipate that this document will be updated over the coming years to reflect changes in our community and the area in which we live, so that it continues to offer relevant guidance to the Parish Council and the Isle of Wight Council as well as to local community and commercial organisations.

The Parish Plan Steering Group

Historical background

The earliest evidence of a settlement in the Gurnard area was Roman. A villa was discovered in 1864 by Edwin Smith, but two years later it had disappeared as coastal erosion took its toll. Little more is known about subsequent settlements in the area until the Victorian period. Gurnard is not mentioned by name in the Domesday Book but the area was, until recently, in the Parish of Northwood. There are old place names - Gurnard itself being 'de Gonore' in 1280 and 'Gurnore' in 1333, Cockleton 'de Cochelton' in 1255 and Rew Street Farm was 'Rewstrete' in the 1300s. There was probably a village in the vicinity of the Luck, as this was an important landing place before the growth of Cowes, but erosion has removed all traces, including those of a fort built in the 17th century.

The 'new' village of Gurnard began to take shape in the 1850s. Captain James Wilkinson, R.N. retired to Gurnard Farm, where he died in 1851. He appears never to have married and had no heirs. Shortly after he died, some of his land was put up for sale as building plots along what are now Worsley and Solent View roads. Most of these plots were intended for villas and so were presumably meant to attract retired service personnel who were coming to the Island in large numbers owing to the presence of Queen Victoria at Osborne House. Edmund Pritchett, whose family were well-known local brickmakers, took the first plot and established a brickworks behind his house, Elim Villa (now the Portland Inn).

Another early building was the Gurnard Hotel (Bucklers View now stands on the site) which predated the first church! This latter was built in 1863 on a site halfway down what was then Gurnard Lane but is now Church Road. The village grew so rapidly that the chapel was soon too small and the present church was built in 1892/3 on land donated by Captain Thomas Hudson, R.N. of The Dell (now Gurnard Pines). The old church had been used as a school since 1871 and continued to be used as such until the present school was opened in 1906 after reports of 'serious overcrowding' in the old building. By the start of the twentieth century the Village

had a church, a pub, a school, a grocer, a Post Office, a dairy, a baker, a bootmaker and a reading room. The Coastguard Cottages had been built in Solent View Road in the 1870s and shortly before World War I a police constable was installed in Church Road. The War brought changes and losses but even after the War, the Village continued to grow.

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The social centre was the Marsh where the Regatta was held before the War as were fairs. Refreshment rooms were built in the 1920s. A gravel spit formed a natural lagoon which became a popular boating lake until it's equally natural disappearance.

The 1930s saw further developments, many instigated by the Westbrook family. Builders by trade, they bought up quite a few plots in the Village. They were instrumental in the founding of Gurnard Sailing Club in 1931, the first clubhouse being built on land which they owned. They were also involved in the founding of the Women's Institute in 1936 and the W.I. Hall was built on land donated by the family. Captain Hudson died in 1936 and The Dell was sold to a syndicate and became Gurnard Pines Holiday Camp just before World War II.

After the disruption of wartime, life eventually returned to normal and the Village continued to expand. Woodvale Road had been laid out in 1935 but was not developed until after the War. The only factory in the area was built by Readers (Isle of Wight) Limited in 1960. Gurnard Heights was built on the site of Bayview Caravan Park in the late 1970s but the biggest development was the building of houses on the 'barley field' (between Albert Road and Lower Church Road) in the 1960s which, with a few recent additions, brought the Village to the form that we see today.



Gurnard today

Gurnard is now a large rural Parish bordering the Solent which has changed little in appearance since the 1970s. There have been no major developments, just gardens disappearing as houses have been built to in fill the gaps. The population has stayed very much the same.

The village has lost several shops including the butcher and, recently, the Post Office. We still have a newsagent and a village general store. In the 1980s the Gurnard Hotel was demolished and replaced by Bucklers View, a sheltered housing scheme owned by Isle of Wight Housing Association, which comprises warden assisted flats for rent by the elderly.

The Parish has a thriving C.of E. Church, a Methodist Chapel, a Primary School and a Middle School, all of which are heavily involved with the community. The Primary School has been enlarged over the last 20 years, and now has an orchard, an environmental area, a large playing field and an indoor learner swimming pool, funded entirely by the PTA. This can be hired out. Both the Middle and High schools are within easy walking distance of Gurnard. The Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies have their own building. There is also a V.V.I. hall. Both of these are used by many other

organisations for social events. The Methodist Chapel has its school room which is used for smaller gatherings. We also have junior football and netball teams, all such an important part of village life.

The Parish Council has various functions, all closely related to village life and interests. It grew out of the Residents Association which came into being many years ago, primarily to look after village interests.

Over the past few years many trees and daffodils have been planted in Worsley Road as it has such wide verges. Planters have been situated throughout the Village and, to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, two sections of Worsley Road verges were replaced by raised beds and planted up with more exotic items and bedding plants. These beds are maintained by village volunteers.

For the Millennium, a granite horse trough, made in the Village, was sited at Pond Green with a time capsule on village life buried beneath it. This trough is kept planted throughout the year. Our latest asset is the clock, sited outside Bucklers View by the Gurnard Partnership. This has been planted around with containerised flowers.

There are some good walks with great views of the Solent. There is also a privately owned wooded area at the bottom of Worsley Road. The beach can be accessed through this via a winding path by permission of the owner. Past the Sailing Club there is a lovely flat walk to Cowes. The Sailing Club was rebuilt to a high standard, partly with the aid of grants obtained by the Club Committee. It is a great asset, used by many residents, both young and old. It also hosts many events, especially during Dinghy Week which takes place each year in the week preceding Cowes Week. We have, however, lost the highly popular raft which was moored a little way off the shore.

Also popular are the beach huts and 'The Green', an open space behind the huts where you get a very good view of Solent happenings. The Green has sadly lost its putting course. The sea water quality is now excellent due to the new, extensive, state of the art sewage system.

In the other direction towards Thorness you pass the Marsh. This has altered considerably with lots of the old chalets having been rebuilt. The old narrow bridge over the Luck has had to be rebuilt, to avoid collapse and to help alleviate flooding of the chalets, which may still be a problem. It has lost some character but children still love to catch crabs from it. The Luck itself is home to many local small boats. From the Luck you can get to Thorness via the Coastal Path which has good sea and farmland views. The

nearby Sticelett Copse is very good for bluebells. Sadly, although there are still local farms, there is less livestock in evidence than in previous times. One thing that is noticeable by its absence is the pig farm that used to be in the centre of the Village.

We now have two pubs, one old, one new, and several local eateries where you can get a good meal.

Over the years Gurnard Pines, a holiday village, has developed considerably with lots of semi-permanent residents. It has two large swimming pools, a gym and a restaurant. Local residents can become members.

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Traffic in and through the Village has increased dramatically and has brought with it all the usual parking and speeding problems. The school run continues to cause concern.

We have red squirrels, but tree felling and new house building can be a problem. There are several foxes around and rumours of badgers.

Amongst our other assets are a reasonable bus service, a mobile library which calls every three weeks and you can still get your newspapers and milk delivered.

We need more people to come forward to help run the many organisations that are so important to village life.

We must take care not to become a place where people do not know their neighbour, or say hello to others, a trend that second homes can bring about.

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The people who live in Gurnard

The population of Gurnard is relatively elderly compared with the rest of the Isle of Wight and the country as a whole. Gurnard also has a relatively high number of people who are of working age but are classified as being retired, according to the 2001 Census.



The Census highlights some of the key characteristics of the population of Gurnard. The resident population, as measured in the Census, was 1,696. This represents 1.3% of the Isle of Wight's total population. The average age was 46.2 compared with 43.2 for the whole Island and 38.6 for all of England and Wales. Nearly a third of Gurnard residents were over the age of 60 (32.6%) compared with 28.3% of all Island residents and just 20.9% of all the residents of England and Wales. Only 15.4% of Gurnard residents were under 16, compared with 18.2% of all Island residents and 20.2% of all the residents of England and Wales.

Of those residents who were 16 and over, 59.6% were married compared with 52.6% across the Island and 50.9% for all of England and Wales.

EMPLOYMENT

950 Gurnard residents (56%) were of working age with 61% of males being of working age compared with 51% of females. These figures were broadly consistent with the whole of the Isle of Wight but well below Great Britain as a whole, where 65% of males and 58% of females were of working age.

The proportion of Gurnard residents of working age who were retired (5.5%) is higher than that of the whole of the Isle of Wight (3.7%) and more than double that of the population of Great Britain (2.2%).

Of those Gurnard residents who were in employment, 46% regarded themselves as being professional or managerial, compared with 36% of all of the Island's working population and 40% of the whole Great Britain population. 23% of Gurnard residents aged 16 to 74 had "higher level" qualifications, compared with only 15.3% of all Island residents and 20.4% of the population of Great Britain in this age range.

Only a very small proportion of Gurnard residents (1.3%) were claiming Job Seekers Allowance, compared with the Island as a whole (1.9%) and the population of Great Britain (2.3%).



Community consultation

The section describes the consultation which has taken place amongst local residents to inform the preparation of this plan.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In May 2003, following a decision by Gurnard Parish Council to consult with local residents, a letter was sent to all local organisations and a notice was placed on the village notice-board informing all residents about an open meeting concerning the production of a Parish Plan.

The meeting, held on 21st May 2003 at Gurnard Primary School, was attended by 25 people. The Community Development Officer from the Rural Community Council gave a potted history of Parish Plans and the process to follow. From the assembled residents a number of names

were put forward to form a Steering Group for this purpose along with names of volunteers who would provide ancillary support.

The first meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group was in June 2003. We were told that we would not be able to commence the work until a funding application had been submitted and approved. This was left in the hands of the Parish Clerk who called the next meeting in March 2004 once funding had been approved.

We decided that our first exhibition would take place at the Gurnard May Queen 2004 event, for which we produced a publicity flyer plus a

form for the Camera Project. We had a map of the Parish, and several of our group were available on the day to talk to people about the Plan. This first exhibition was successful with lots of people talking about the Parish Plan and many residents expressing interest in the Camera Project.

Camera Project

The Project was structured to enable local residents to identify aspects of the Parish which they disliked, liked, or wanted to see improved. They were asked to maintain a list of the photos they took, along with an explanation of what they liked, disliked or wanted to see improved in respect of each image. They were also invited to list three things they would like to see provided in the Parish.

During June 2004 we started the distribution of 33 single use cameras. A deadline of the 22nd October was set for the return of the cameras so we could use the photographs at an exhibition on 8th November.

The exhibition was a great success with around 150 attendees. We gathered more suggestions for matters to be addressed through the Parish Plan, all of which were subsequently analysed.



Feedback from the Camera Project was used as a basis for developing the questionnaire.

Questionnaires

We produced two questionnaires. One was a general questionnaire (the Questionnaire) aimed at all local residents. The other (the Children's Questionnaire) was designed to obtain the views of children from both schools in the Parish.

The Questionnaire went through a number of drafts. The final version was distributed to all homes in the Parish with the November 2004 edition of Gurnard News, the Parish magazine produced by All Saints Parochial Church Council. By mid December we had received 112 of them for collation and analysis.

Shortly after Christmas 2004 the Children's Questionnaire was distributed to both Gurnard Primary School and Solent Middle School with a deadline of 18th March for their return.

Planning for Real

The children of Gurnard Primary School produced a model of part of the Village to form the basis of a "Planning for Real" exercise. This was the centrepiece of an event on 19th March 2005 which also featured the photos from the Camera Project and some initial analysis of the questionnaires. This exhibition was attended by 150 people including our local MP, Andrew Turner, and the Isle of Wight County Press.

A final exhibition was held at the May Queen 2005 event. This included the Planning for Real model, photographs and analysis of the data collected. This was intended to be the final exhibition before the draft plan was produced.



ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES

May Queen 2004 event

This event was not designed to produce any direct responses. It was intended to raise awareness of the process involved in developing the Parish Plan and stimulate requests for cameras for the Camera Project.

Camera Project

This event generated around 1000 photographs which were analysed into Likes, Dislikes and Requests for Improvements. Lists were then produced to reflect the contents of the photographs.

There were 376 “**Likes**” photos, with 222 on Structural and Landscapes, 83 on Commercial Facilities, 52 on Community Organisations and Facilities, 12 on Community Amenities, 5 on Community Infrastructure and 2 on Community Relationship.

For the 292 “**Dislikes**” the analysis revealed - 71 on Structural and Landscapes, 2 on Commercial Facilities, 0 on Community Organisations and Facilities, 95 on Community Amenities, 71 on Community Infrastructure and 53 on Community Relationship.

For the “**Request for Improvement**” there were 298 photos - 142 on Structural and Landscapes, 8 on Commercial Facilities, 24 on Community Organisations and Facilities, 25 on Community Amenities, 93 on Community Infrastructure and 6 on Community Relationship.

The things people would like to see provided in the Parish were listed separately.

See Appendices 3 and 4.

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire forms were circulated in November 2004 with the deadline for their return just before Christmas. The analysis was completed by March 2005.

The main questions asked were on existing village facilities, where the overwhelming response was that we should strive to keep all our current facilities. On building development, most respondents were in favour of affordable housing, free market housing and sheltered housing but were firmly against second homes and mobile home parks.

The next question was on population and facilities and this was where the Village was somewhat divided. While a lot of people wanted more employment, most wanted no more light industry or offices. Most people did not want an increase in the population. Of the various facilities that were commented upon, most people wanted more off-road footpaths, action on dog fouling, litter bins, public transport, speed limits, coastal protection, visible policing and community wardens.

The last section was an invitation to comment on, and add to, future projects (listed in

importance) such as sea wall maintenance, coastal footpath access, better public transport, cycle ways, play areas, a minibus and a pharmacy. A list was compiled from these comments.

See Appendices 5 and 6.

Children's Questionnaire

This was circulated in February 2005 and had been analysed by April 2005. The Children's Questionnaire was in the same format as the Camera Project, asking what would you like to keep, what would you like to improve and what new facilities/services you wish to be provided.

Out of the total of 37 items listed, the top items the children would like to keep were the School, Gurnard Pines, the Beach and shops. Choosing from a list of 77 possible improvements, 49% wanted the bumpy school road improved, 24% wanted less rubbish on the beach, 19% wanted the public toilets on the Green improved, 16% wanted improvements to the beach, 14% wanted more shops and better transport and 10% wanted road improvements. The "wish for" list generated 69 possible items including a play

area, a library, a nature reserve, more shops, an internet café, safe bike rides, a paddling pool, a leisure centre and a youth club.

See Appendix 7.

Planning for Real

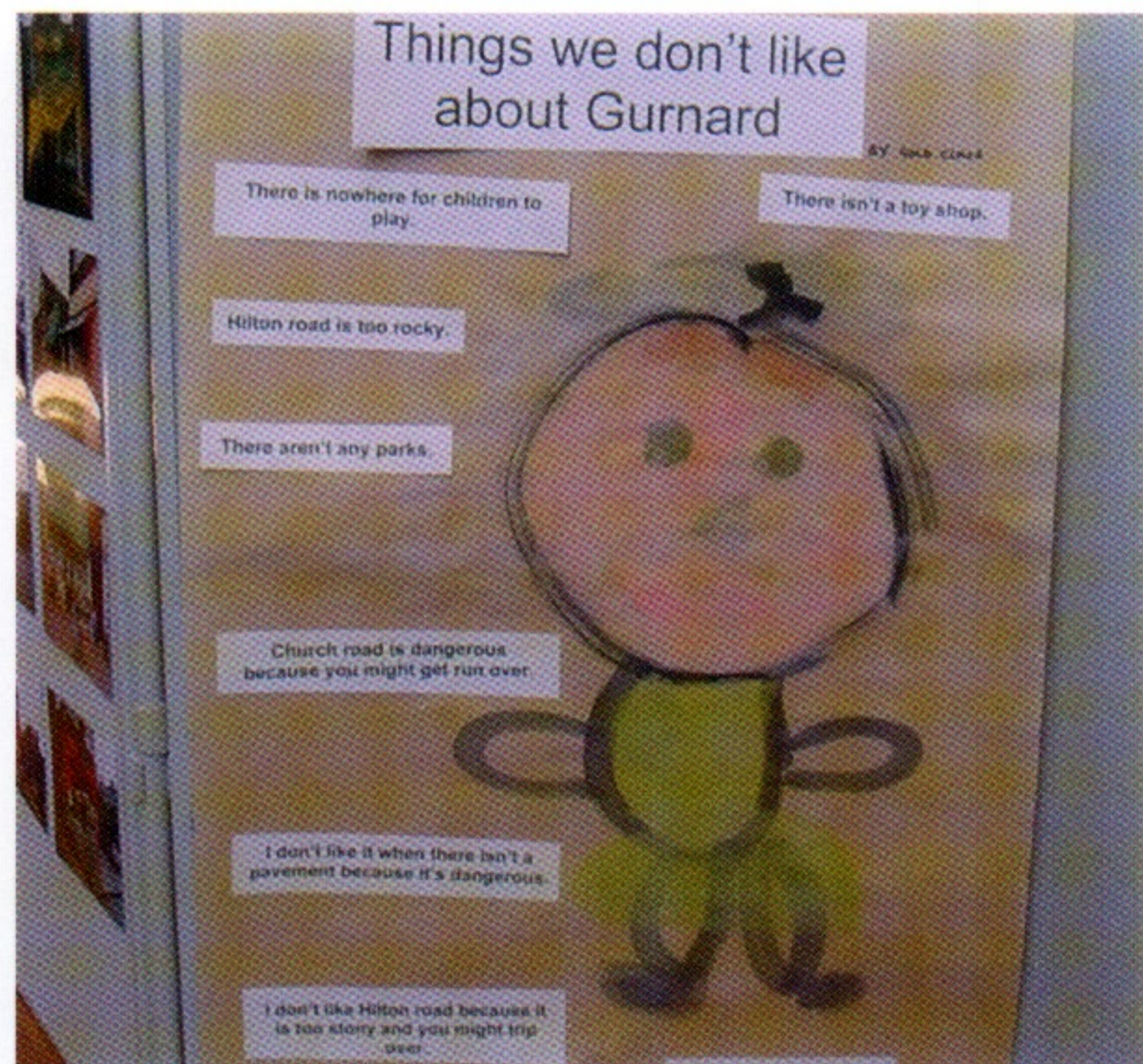
Attendees of this event were invited to write observations/comments on flags which they placed at the appropriate location on the model of the Village. The analysis of the comment flags was completed in April 2005. The items flagged seem to broadly underline the results obtained through the Camera Project, the Questionnaire and the Children's Questionnaire.

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See Appendix 8.

May Queen 2005 event

This exhibition was intended to be the culmination of our year's activities, to get the Village to speak out and give us further facts and figures on which to base the Parish Plan. Like its counterpart exhibition last year there was no intention for this event to produce any further comments.



Vision statement

Based on the views of local residents, the Parish Plan Steering Group has developed an achievable, long term vision for Gurnard. This is:

Gurnard will

- *remain a vibrant and caring community, focussed on the needs of its permanent residents*
- *maintain its current boundaries to help it retain its distinct and individual identity*
- *provide a safe and inspiring environment for residents of all ages*
- *attract and retain facilities which enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors.*

Planning policy and land use

The development policy for the use of land for the Isle of Wight and, therefore, for the Parish of Gurnard is controlled by the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) within its Unitary Development Plan (UDP).

This was created in 1996 after the Isle of Wight became one of the first Unitary Authorities. This system had replaced the Structure Plan administered by the Isle of Wight County Council and the Local Plans produced by the Borough Councils of Medina and South Wight.

Central Government now considers this system to be slow and unwieldy in its throughput for the planning requirements of the future and has tasked Local Authorities to produce a new Local Development Framework (LDF) to be more efficient and community conscious. This has been produced and is currently undergoing public consultation before final publication. It has to be implemented from 2007.

Communication with the IWC suggests that the LDF will follow similar principles to that of the UDP and be more wide-ranging in its scope of control.

For Gurnard the UDP includes areas set aside for:

- Education
- Permanent Holiday Accommodation
- Waste Water Services
- Open Space
- Site of Importance for Nature Conservation

(SINC)

- Areas in which development may be considered (UDP Envelope).

The sites for Education and Waste Water Services are clearly understood by the community as are the sites defined for Village Green and Open Space, albeit less clearly. The sites for Permanent Holiday Accommodation have become less clear because of the tendency for more of that accommodation to be used as permanent housing, without strict adherence to the regulations applied to either holiday accommodation or normal housing.

Those sites outside the development envelope or in SINC are often, by their very nature, the most contentious and desirable targets for development because they attract high value and high return projects.

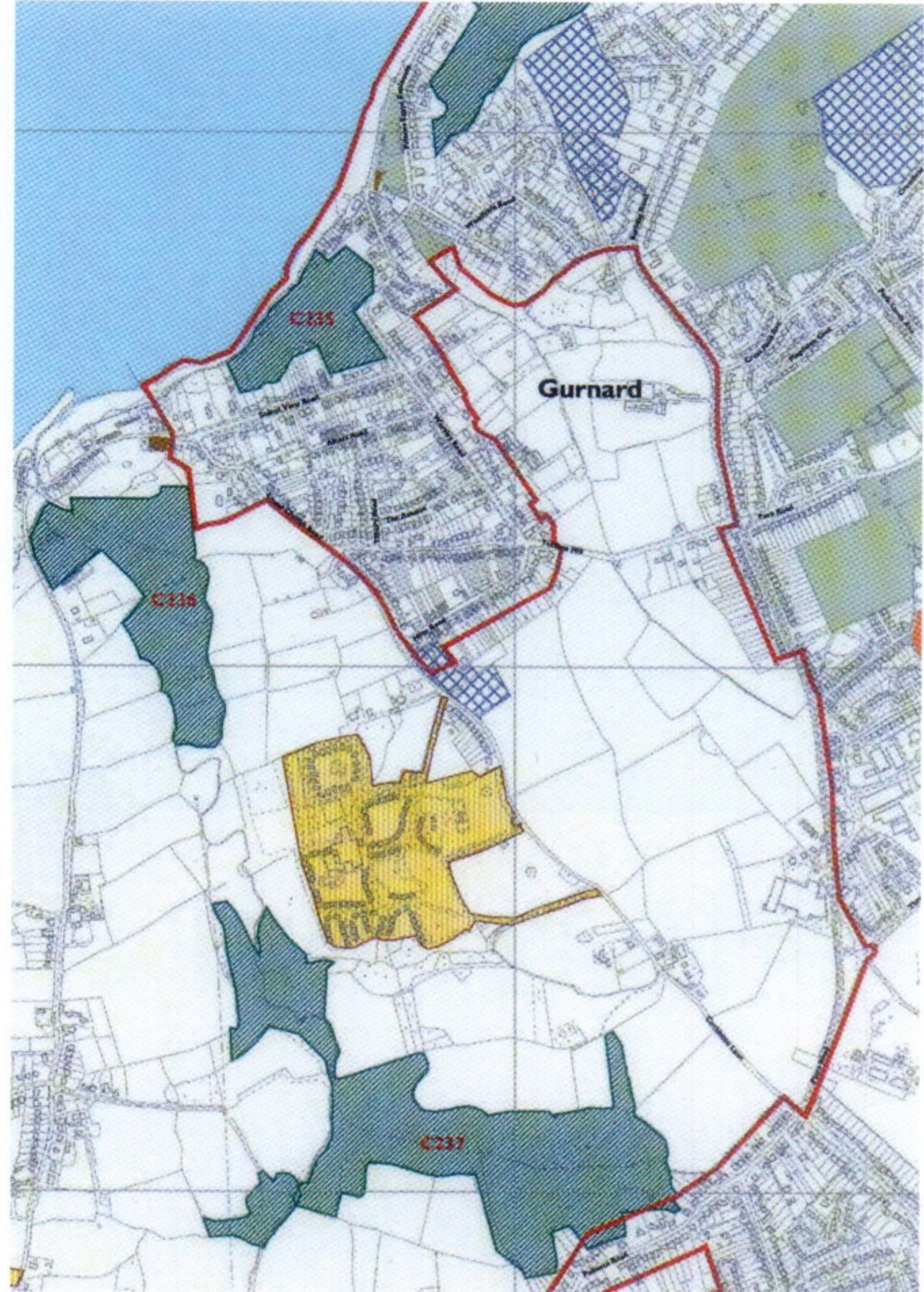
Those sites within the envelope are administered by well-defined guidelines but are contentious because of the effect they have on their immediate vicinity or the community in general. It is the declared intention of the new LDF to provide more community input to the decision-making process. It is not yet clear how this will happen.

It is clear from the results of the Camera Project and the questionnaires that Gurnard residents wish to retain the green field separation from Cowes and Northwood and the rural identity that it brings. There is also some concern expressed over increases in the level of 'holiday' relative to 'permanent' accommodation.

It is also a concern of the community that the existing road infrastructure of the Parish is inadequate for its current use. The surveys highlighted many examples of the difficulties experienced, all of which would be exacerbated with inappropriate development.

In common with all rural areas Gurnard is in danger of losing the few commercial enterprises that create its centre. These shops, cafes and hostelrys feature very strongly in the survey results as desirable village attributes. Similarly the schools, churches and community organisations are well liked and requests for their retention and support are clear messages for future development.

Whilst acknowledging that there are always improvements that can be made, it is the desire of the community to retain the existing ambience of Gurnard and this must be taken into account in any development plans for the area.



AIMS

- a **Protect the Gurnard/Cowes green barrier**
- b **Control holiday accommodation/second home development**
- c **Maintain uniqueness of Parish**
- d **Preserve and enhance services**
- e **Improve road infrastructure**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Notation	Policy No.	Notation	Policy No.
	Development Envelope G1,G3,G5		Proposed Mineral Site M2,M4,M9
	Employment Site E5		Wharf M6,TR15
	Airport TR19		Existing Railway TR18
	Education U5,U6,U7		Former Railway TR18
	Proposed Education U5,U6,U7		Proposed Public Right of Way TR17
	Tourist Development Area T7		Access Point TR7
	Hotel Policy Area T4		Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty C2
	Permanent Holiday Accommodation T6		Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) C10
	Conservation Area B5,B6		Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) C11
	Housing Development Site H3		Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Site (RIGG) C11
	Proposed Landfill Site W2		Historic Park or Garden B10
	Waste Water Site W5		National Nature Reserve C10
	Community Facility U1		Local Nature Reserve C11
	Burial Grounds and Crematoria U10		Open Space L4
	Town Centre Boundary R1,R2,R4,R5		Heritage Coast C4
	Sites for Retail Development R3		Inset Map
	Retail Only Frontage R5		Below Mean Low Water
	Mineral Site M2,M4,M9		



Traffic and parking

Traffic and parking have long been contentious issues in Gurnard, but in December 2001 it was decided that the views and comments of Gurnard residents should be sought and discussed by members of the Parish Council together with the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) Traffic Engineer, Gurnard Community Partnership and the local IW Councillor.

Following a local survey by the IWC Highways Department, a meeting was held which, after a preliminary statement by the IWC Traffic Engineer, discussed parking, one-way systems, speed and the impact that the local holiday camp (Gurnard Pines) has on Gurnard. The Parish Council established a Traffic Plan sub-committee to consider ideas, consult with the public and make recommendations

Since the plan was submitted in 2002, the first phase has been implemented. This consisted of alterations to the junction at the Portland Inn. Parts of the other phase are currently awaiting implementation.

for the Parish Council to put forward to the IWC for implementation. Safety was recognised to be the key issue. The sub-committee met for the first time in April 2002. It comprised three Parish Councillors, the IW Councillor, a Gurnard Primary School Governor, a Community Partnership representative and the Gurnard Primary School

Headteacher. The Parish Clerk was asked to attend for record keeping.

Meetings were held over the next few months. Public consultation took the form of a limited survey of residents in Church Road, The Avenue and Tilbury Road, an exhibition and letters from a variety of residents. This resulted in a Traffic Management Plan being submitted to the IWC Highways Department in October 2002. On the advice of the IWC Traffic Engineer the plan was divided into two phases.

Since the plan was submitted in 2002, the first phase has been implemented. This consisted of alterations to the junction at the Portland Inn. Parts of the other phase are currently awaiting implementation. As well as the work that the Traffic Plan sub-committee proposed, the IWC has put double yellow lines in Albert Road and around most of the corners and, through pressure from Rew Street residents, 30 and 40 mph speed limits have been imposed along Rew Street.

The Parish Plan consultation has identified further concerns and aspirations of local residents. These are:

- Imposition of lower speed limits
- Improvements to Hilton Road, the unadopted road running from Tuttons Hill to Cockleton Lane. The entrance to Gurnard Primary School is located at the lower end of Hilton Road.
- Improve pedestrian safety on roads
- Improve signage.
- Provide additional car parking.
- Introduce cycleways.



AIMS

- a Improve pedestrian safety on roads**
- b Achieve lower traffic speeds**
- c Improve traffic signage**
- d Improve car parking facilities**
- e Achieve dedicated cycleways**
- f Improve Hilton Road**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Public/community transport services

The majority of households in the Parish have access to their own private transport with some 82% of households owning at least one car. This leaves 18% of households who are wholly reliant on public transport. There is a network of four bus services that link Gurnard with the rest of the Island. These are the number 1, number 3/3A, 3B and number 33 bus services.



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- **The number 1** bus runs between Gurnard, Cowes, Newport, Ryde and Bembridge.
- **The number 33** bus runs between Cowes, Gurnard, Newport, Havenstreet, Haylands and Ryde.
- **The number 3/3A** bus runs from the Round House, on the outskirts of Gurnard, to Cowes or to Newport, Godshill and Ventnor.
- **The number 3B** bus runs from the Round House, on the outskirts of Gurnard, to Cowes or to Newport, Winford and Sandown.

Details of all of these bus services are included in Appendix 10 and full timetables can be found on the Southern Vectis website: www.svoc.co.uk.

Based on the responses to the Questionnaire, 77.7% of residents want better public transport, 17% have no firm opinion and only 5.3% feel that public transport does not warrant any improvement.

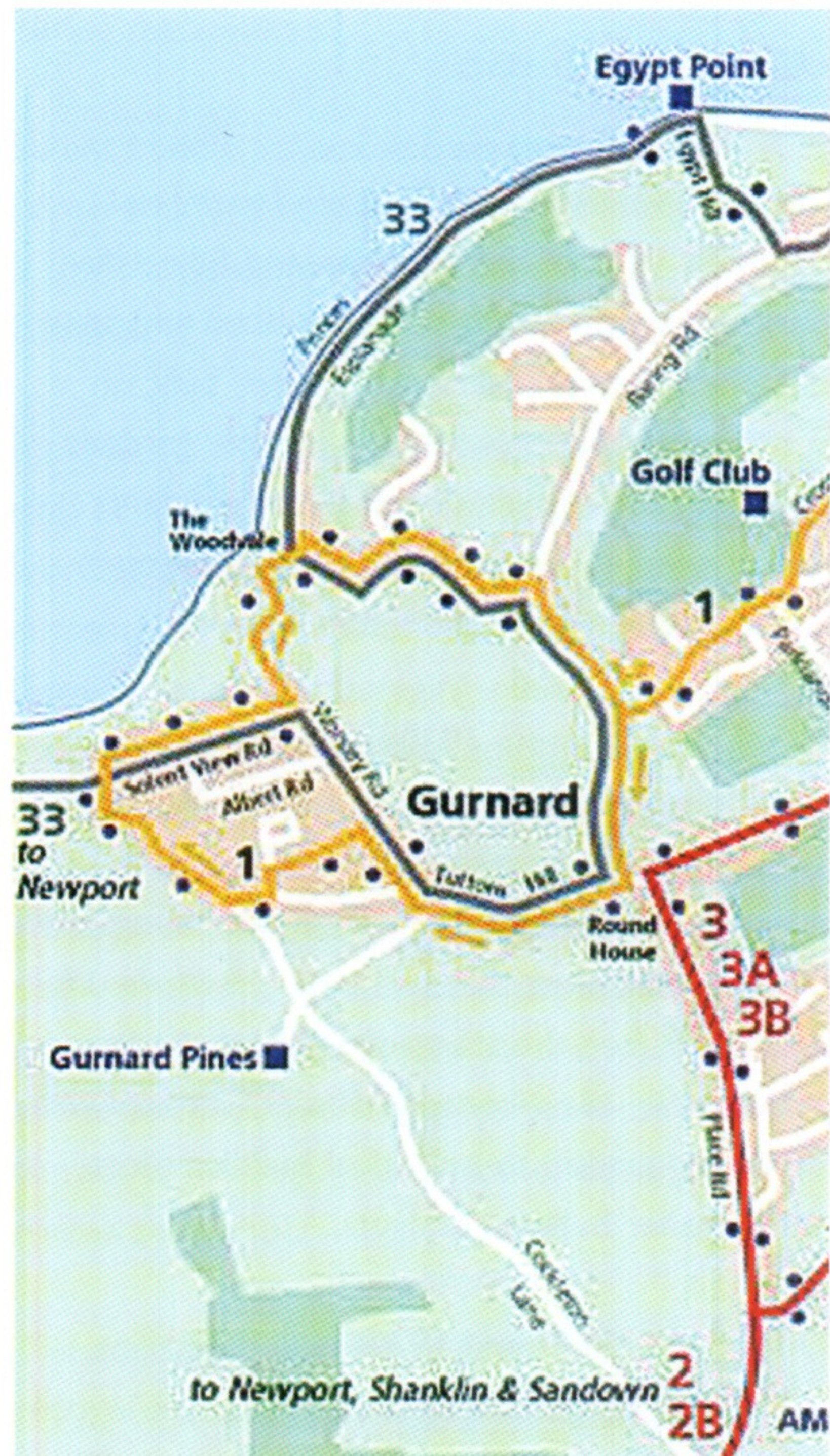
61.5% of residents feel that a Community Minibus would be a worthwhile project. However, 29.4% have no firm opinion and 9.1% feel that it is not a worthwhile project.

69.4% of residents would like to see cycleways along main roads, with 16.7% having no firm opinion and 13.9% not wanting any cycleways.

Six of the residents who participated in the Camera Project disliked the bus service, considering it to be inadequate and too expensive, and suggested it should be improved.

From the Children's Questionnaire only 2.7% of respondents wished to see a local bus service in Gurnard.

In summary, the majority of households own at least one vehicle, but there is a strong feeling that the bus service should be improved and the costs reduced. The majority of respondents also feel that the provision of a Community Minibus would be a worthwhile project.



AIMS

- a Improve bus services
- b Investigate community bus project and/or car sharing scheme

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Housing

The types of housing in the Parish vary greatly in size and style and reflect the main periods of the village development, as sections of land were made available from their original rural use.

The early development consisted mainly of detached villas of the Victorian and Edwardian periods together with some terraced and semi-detached houses. All of these were built on substantial plots or with long narrow gardens reflecting the expectation that the residents would need to cultivate and grow their own vegetables whatever their station in life.

Development in the 1930s was primarily for large footprint bungalows and chalet bungalows as family size decreased. In the 1950s the popular construction was for smaller bungalows on individual plots that had been earmarked for building before the stagnant years of the Second World War. New construction in Gurnard was becoming limited to individual building plots with smaller building budgets.

During the 1960s and 1970s new industries,

attracted to Cowes, had brought the requirement for more housing both in Gurnard and adjacent Northwood. The bungalow construction continued as major developments were built on previously green sites. Now more densely packed and including some new semi-detached houses, these were concentrated in two large areas, one central to the Village and the other at Woodvale.

Since that time many extensions and improvements have been added to the existing stock such that the bulk of the housing in Gurnard is of a high standard.

Of approximately 980 households within the Parish, some 53% are detached on relatively large plots of land. Only 13% and 5% respectively are semi-detached or terraced, most of which have long but narrow gardens.

Because of the popularity of Gurnard as a bathing resort for nearby Cowes during the first half of the 20th Century there has been an unusually high development of seaside and holiday chalets close to the beaches and cliff-tops. In addition, camping and caravanning accommodation was developed at Gurnard Pines Holiday resort and other smaller



enterprises. These temporary living facilities are, in the main, privately owned as holiday or second homes. Increasingly, they are being replaced or developed for use as permanent accommodation with full services and drainage facilities, so that they now comprise 27% of the total housing for the whole Parish.

The turnover of housing in Gurnard, primarily owner occupied, is low. Most estate agents have a waiting list of potential purchasers, which means that homes command a high price compared to neighbouring areas. This comparative lack of affordable housing places the first time buyer at some disadvantage. Rented accommodation in the Village is available primarily within large villa style buildings converted to flats for that purpose. Some of the holiday accommodation is now also available for short-term rental.

There is one sheltered housing scheme in the centre of the Village, currently providing affordable rented accommodation for 26 older residents. Bucklers View is owned and managed by a Housing Association. Apart from this scheme there is no other social housing in the Parish.

The photographic and questionnaire surveys suggest that the community is in favour of development of affordable housing to buy or

rent within the Parish, with approximately 50% of the replies in support and 20% firmly opposed. In addition, the community is firmly against any further development of second homes or holiday accommodation, with more than 70% of respondents opposed.

The incidence of second homes within the Parish is low other than in the holiday chalet category. However the relatively high house price scenario, normally associated with second home purchase, still exists and may prevent the younger people of the Parish from being able to settle their own families within their preferred environment.

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The Parish Council has to consider this problem in the future with a survey of the needs and the options available. It is recognised by Local Authority and Central Government and will need to be addressed in the new Local Development Framework.

AIMS

- a Increase availability of affordable housing for all age groups**
- b Discourage second home ownership**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.



Recreation, sports and leisure facilities



Sailing is the sport best provided for in Gurnard.

Of the other popular sports, only in the dim and distant past have there been adult football and cricket teams and a bowling club. Tennis courts, an indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium are provided at Gurnard Pines and a learner indoor pool at Gurnard Primary School. There is a Gurnard Youth football club, for which there are no facilities in the Parish.

Based on the responses to the questionnaire, 85% of local residents want to safeguard the Sailing Club.

There are no recreation or children's play areas other than the Green but these are available just outside the Village in Park Road, together with a skateboard area. The Beach is still popular but no longer has the diving board, raft or floats for hire.

There are many village organisations, which include the Afternoon and Evening Women's

Institutes, a Cottage Garden Society, Methodist and Church of England churches, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies. Horse riding is available for both children and adults. There are two public houses and three restaurants. The Isle of Wight Council Mobile Library calls every third week.

Other than the Coastal Path the only other public footpaths are from the south end of Rew Street to Thorness Bay and Pallance Road and from Woodvale Road to Cow Lane via Gurnard Heights.

These are residents' priorities for the Parish, based on the 118 responses to the survey on this issue:

- 82.4% would like better access to the Coastal Path.
- 68.2% would like a childrens' play area.
- 62.4% would like a recreation ground.
- 61.1% would like a community centre.
- 44.1% would like an activity trail.
- 43.2% would like a permanent library.
- 27.3% would like an internet café.

In the Childrens' Survey, the most popular things to safeguard were the Gurnard Pines facilities, the Beach and the Green.

AIMS

- a Improve access to the Coastal Path**
- b Provide children's play area**
- c Provide recreation ground**
- d Provide community centre to include library, internet café and other adult learning facilities**
- e Safeguard Beach, Green and other open spaces**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Crime, security, policing and Neighbourhood Watch

Gurnard is relatively crime free. Most of the reported instances are of a minor nature.

There has been some vandalism of property and cars, and, occasionally, to some of the planted areas. There have also been a few thefts from gardens.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, started in the late 1980s, seems to have had a deterrent effect, although it does not appear to have the full backing from the Police that was promised in the beginning.

According to the results of the Questionnaire, 80.5% of residents want a more visible police presence in the Parish. The local Policeman, when we did have one, gave the residents a

feeling of reassurance. Everyone knew him, and through him the Police were aware of local happenings.

Nearly 70% of those questioned would also like to have a Community Warden who would have similar duties to those of a “Village Bobby”. In a rural area, residents need to be reminded that they should always be alert and keep a general watch on their surroundings and property and report anything suspicious to the Gurnard Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

AIMS

- a **Promote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
- b **Increase Police and/or Community Warden presence**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Medical facilities

At present, there are no medical facilities in the Parish.

The area is covered by Cowes Health Centre and there are dentists and opticians in Cowes and Newport. 58.6% of the respondents to the Questionnaire would like to see a pharmacy in the Village. 18% were against and 23.4% had no firm opinion.

AIMS

- a **Provide better access to pharmacy facilities**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Commercial enterprises

Outside of the Village, Gurnard Parish is mainly agricultural.

There are livery stables and beef and dairy farming. Tourism is also an important feature, with a large holiday camp at Gurnard Pines, a caravan site in Rew Street (static caravans only - no tourers), a camp site at Comforts Farm, self catering holiday accommodation at Solent Lawns bungalows and a small hotel on Tuttons Hill. The only light industry is Readers in Place Road. They are importers of lighting, small domestic appliances and wireware for kitchens and bathrooms.

There are several small firms and sole traders in the Parish, for example, builders, gardeners, plumbers, taxi operators, a window cleaner and

a cattery. There are two pubs (one is also an hotel), three restaurants, a general store and a newsagent. The Post Office has recently closed. Between 80% and 97% of adult respondents wanted to keep these facilities. The Camera Project backed this up as 22% of the photographs recording 'likes' featured commercial premises - mostly the shops. In addition to the existing facilities, 58.6% would like to see a pharmacy in the Village. 27.3% would like to see an internet cafe but 37.3% were against the idea and 35.5% did not have a firm opinion.

AIMS

- a Safeguard existing commercial enterprises
- b Reinstate Post Office

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.



Newsagent



Site of former Post Office



General store

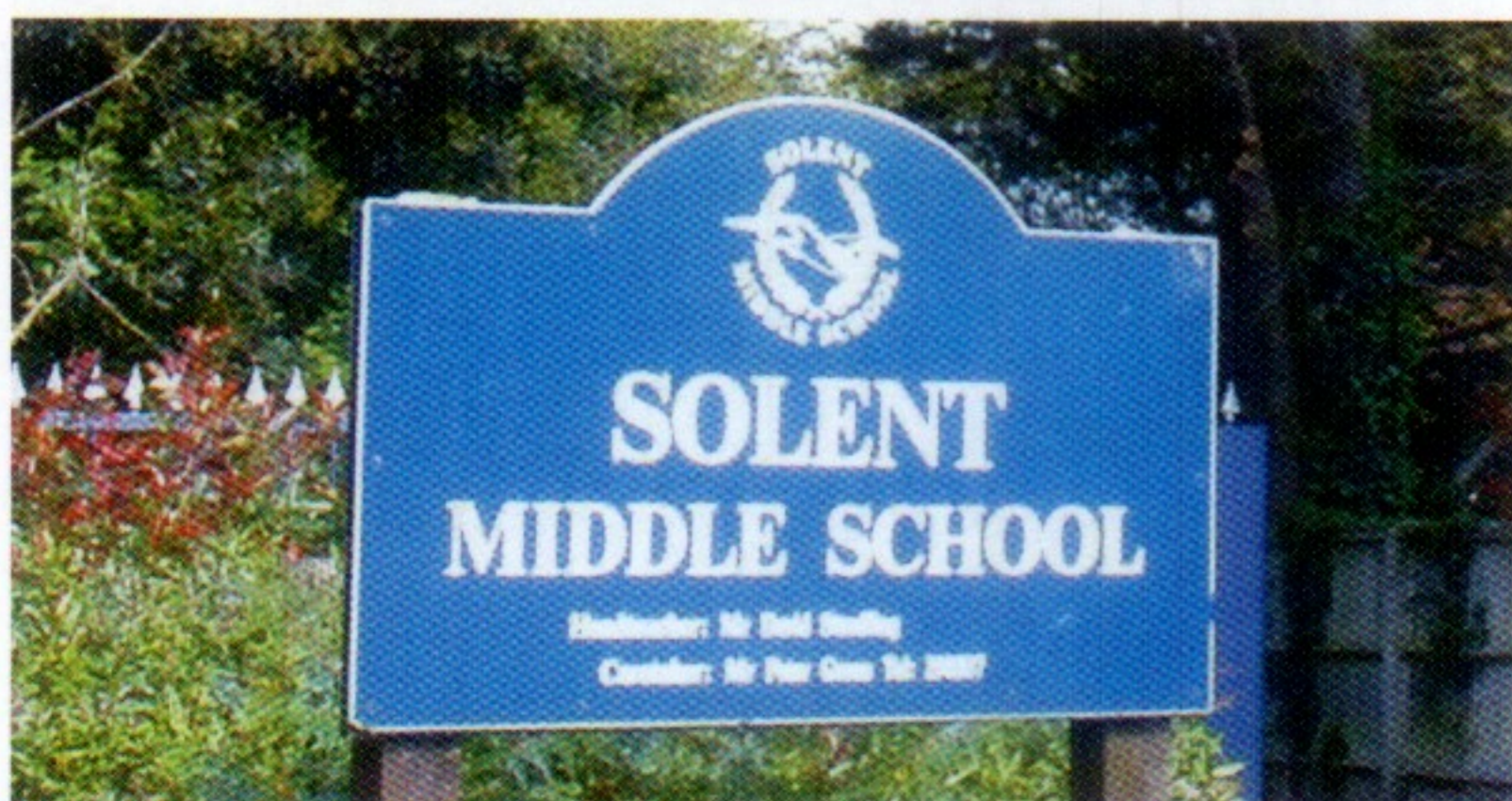


Holiday village

Education, schools and child care facilities

There are two schools located within the Parish - Gurnard Primary School, catering for children aged 4 to 9 years and Solent Middle School, catering for children aged 10 to 13 years.

Further provision for the young people of the Parish includes several child minders who look after children from birth onward, a mother and toddler group, which meets weekly in the WI hall, and an independent Pre-school which is located on the same site as Gurnard Primary School. There are a number of after school and holiday activities provided within the Parish by local voluntary groups. The results of the surveys show that people within the Parish are keen to keep the schools and see this as a high



priority. The results from the Children's Questionnaire also support this with the schools being seen as a very important part of village life.

Gurnard Primary takes children from the Parish and surrounding areas and at present has 180 children housed within 6 classes. The School allows its facilities to be used by the local community for specific events and also has its own learner pool, which is available for hire during the summer.

Solent Middle School also serves both the Parish and further afield with almost 360 pupils, it too allows community groups to hire its facilities.

Neither school at present offers a breakfast club or a specific after school club to cater for working parents' needs, as this is not seen currently as a high priority. However, the Government is encouraging schools to make more use of their facilities and the extended school's agenda promotes this, so provision may be made in the future. The survey results for all groups indicate that an area of concern is the traffic problems associated with school traffic; something which both schools are well aware of and are actively working with the local council to reduce, through promotion of healthier routes to school.

The continuing success of both schools is recognised as being a high priority to the people in the Parish.

AIMS

- a Safeguard local schools
- b Support Safer Routes to Schools initiative
- c Support Extended Schools agenda

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Communication

Gurnard has the normal communication links including the road network, post boxes, telephone boxes, local newsagents, local village shop, Parish noticeboard, and Parish maps.

In addition to these, various community groups have their own communication networks including All Saints Church, Gurnard Methodist Chapel, the Women's Institute, 1st Gurnard Scout Group, 1st Gurnard Guide Group, Gurnard Cottage Garden Society, Gurnard Sailing Club, Gurnard Partnership, Gurnard Primary School, Solent Middle School, Gurnard Neighbourhood Watch and Gurnard Parish Council. There are also the links provided by the local pubs and restaurants as well as Gurnard Pines Holiday Village. However, each group has members who are intertwined with other groups, providing a network of people who communicate with each other, thereby providing a support network for the residents of Gurnard. The Parish Council also has a website, (www.gurnardpc.co.uk), which provides up-to-date information about Gurnard and the groups listed above, along with contact details. All Saints Church also produce a monthly Parish magazine, which is supported by local groups and advertising by local businesses. This is delivered to every household in the Parish, providing a conduit for village information and news. There was a Post Office until 30th March 2005. It closed due to lack of funding by Post Office Ltd, but reinstatement is being investigated.

Both the Questionnaire and the Camera Project show that there are very high levels of support amongst the local community for retaining the village general store and the newsagents. As this



research was conducted before the closure of the Post Office, almost all local residents indicated that it should be retained, with a small number of people saying that its services should be improved.

The Questionnaire also revealed that 27.3% of respondents would support some form of internet café facility. However, 35.5% had no firm opinion on this issue and 37.3% of respondents did not want an internet café. Given the wide use of computers and the internet this cannot be ruled out as a vital link for members of each organisation to communicate with other members, but also to communicate with other organisations within the Village.

The communication network within the Parish is considerable. However, unless residents are part of that network access to information about activities and initiatives within the local community may be limited. The suggestion that a local internet facility, combined with local training to assist people who may not be computer literate, could be a step that may be considered, in order to reduce exclusion for people who do not have a home computer. This in turn may start a new communication network, which may develop into an additional organisation within the Parish.

AIMS

a Maintain and improve communication networks in the Parish

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Isle of Wight Council services

As a Unitary Authority, the Isle of Wight Council is responsible for the delivery of a broad range of services to local residents.

A number of these are considered elsewhere in this document. For example, education, traffic management, pavements, planning policy and recreation, sports and leisure facilities. Other Council services which were addressed by local residents as part of the community consultation are identified below:

LITTER MANAGEMENT

The inadequate capacity of litter bins together with the low frequency of their emptying were identified as issues of concern in both the Questionnaire and the Camera Project. These are particular problems in the area around the Beach and the Green in summer.

RECYCLING

Despite doorstep collections of paper, newspapers, glass, kitchen waste and textiles and the availability of "green bags" from Parish Councillors, there were suggestions for other recycling facilities to be provided.

DOG BINS

Dog bags are available for all dog owners through the Parish Council, but all three surveys drew attention to a lack of dog bins and their clearance. There was a specific suggestion for additional dog bins at various locations.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The need for improved maintenance of the public toilet block on the Green was identified by residents as part of the photographic survey.

FOOTPATHS

All three surveys highlighted a desire amongst local residents to improve existing footpaths, or create new footpaths, in and around the Village.

STREET LIGHTING

The Camera Project identified the need for improved street lighting in some areas.

GREEN SPACE AND BEACH MAINTENANCE

This is an area of the Council's service on which many residents hold strong opinions. Few of these residents were critical of the Council, but used the consultation to identify initiatives which would improve the general environment. Suggestions included:

- Sea wall to be repaired and maintained
- Beach to be cleared all year round
- Beach to be enlarged to its original size
- Beach between Sailing Club and the Marsh to be upgraded and a walk installed
- Install a new swimming raft
- Plant palm trees on Princes Esplanade
- Maintain all hedges.

AIMS

- a Maintain and improve liaison with Isle of Wight Council at all levels**
- b Ensure adequate waste management is in place**
- c Maintain and improve the public toilet provision on the Green**
- d Protect and improve the condition of footpaths, green spaces, beach and associated facilities**

See detailed Action Plan on pages 26-29.

Action plan

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Planning Policy and Land Use (page 12/13)				
a Protect the Gurnard/Cowes green barrier	Monitor all proposed development, to encourage community involvement and to offer support as circumstances demand.	IW Council and local community.	On-going.	-
b Control holiday accommodation/second home development				
c Maintain uniqueness of the Parish				
d Preserve and enhance services				
e Improve road infrastructure				
Traffic and Parking (page 14/15)				
a Improve pedestrian safety on roads	Continually monitor with the support of a dedicated working party.	IW Council and Hampshire & IW Constabulary.	On-going.	Working party.
b Achieve lower traffic speeds				
c Improve Hilton Road				
d Improve traffic signage				
e Improve car parking facilities				
f Achieve dedicated cycleways				
Public/Community Transport Services (page 16/17)				
a Improve bus services	Liaise with transport providers, and also with other parishes through the IW Association of Parish and Town Councils. Raise awareness and facilitate where possible.	Isle of Wight Rural Community Council and other parishes.	Medium term.	-
b Investigate community bus project and/or car sharing scheme				
Housing (page 18/19)				
a Increase availability of affordable housing for all age groups	Carry out housing needs survey.	Isle of Wight Rural Community Council, Housing Associations and IW Council.	Short term.	-
b Discourage second home ownership	Monitor planning applications.	IW Council.	On-going.	-
Recreation, Sports and Leisure Facilities (page 20)				
a Improve access to Coastal Path	Seek improvements through IW Council and local landowners.	Isle of Wight Council/local landowners.	Medium term.	-
b Provide children's play area	Identify suitable locations and investigate possible sources of funding.	Isle of Wight Council.	Medium/long term.	Working party.
c Provide recreation ground				
d Provide community centre to include library, internet café and other adult learning facilities				
e Safeguard Beach and Green open spaces	Monitor and encourage proper use.	Isle of Wight Council.	On-going.	-

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Crime, Security, Policing and Neighbourhood Watch (page 21)				
a Promote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Identify a local coordinator and offer support.	IWC, Neighbourhood Watches & Police.	On-going.	–
b Increase Police and/or Community Warden presence	Maintain liaison with Cowes Police. Investigate possible appointment of Community Warden.	Police/DEFRA.	On-going.	–
Medical facilities (page 21)				
a Provide better access to pharmacy facilities	Investigate possibility of providing pharmacy delivery service in the Parish.	Local pharmacies and Health Centre.	Short-term.	–
Commercial Enterprises (page 22)				
a Safeguard existing commercial enterprises	Encourage use of local retail outlets and other businesses.	Local businesses.	On-going.	–
b Reinstate Post Office	Continue to campaign for rural status, with a view to the possible setting up of a satellite branch.	Postwatch, IW Council, Post Office Ltd, IW Member of Parliament.	Short-term	–
Education, Schools and Child Care Facilities (page 23)				
a Safeguard local schools	Maintain good communication links with both schools and the IW Council.	IW Council and Governing Bodies of Gurnard Primary School and Solent Middle School.	On-going.	–
b Support Safer Routes to Schools initiative				
c Support Extended Schools agenda				
Communication (page 24)				
a Maintain and improve communication networks in the Parish	Encourage and support communication links between local groups/organisations and the wider local community fully utilising local press, noticeboards, school newsletters, Gurnard News, Gurnard Parish Council's website and all other means as available.	Community groups and schools.	On-going.	–
Isle of Wight Council Services (page 25)				
a Maintain and improve liaison with Isle of Wight Council at all levels	Actively support Parish Liaison.	IW Council.	On-going.	–
b Ensure adequate waste management is in place	Monitor need and provide as required.	IW Council and Island Waste Services.	On-going.	–
c Maintain and improve the public toilet provision on the Green	Investigate all means of funding improvement.	IW Council and Rural Community Council.	On-going.	–
d Protect and improve the condition of footpaths, green spaces, beach and associated facilities	Carry out a feasibility study on all points in this section.	IW Council and Environment Agency.	Medium/long-term.	–

Appendix I

LOCAL COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS, AND VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACTED BEFORE THE FORMATION OF THE GURNARD PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

Gurnard in Bloom
Gurnard Cottage Garden Society
Bucklers View sheltered housing scheme
Hillbrow Private Hotel
Starbell Riding Stables
Martin's Taxis
Butchers Farm
Dukes Farm
Basketts Farm
Gurnard Village Partnership
Readers Ltd
Gurnard Post Office
Gurnard Netball Club
Gurnard Pines
Gurnard Tennis Club
Woodvale Hotel
Marsh Road Residents Association
Gurnard Scouts and Guides
Gurnard Youth Football Club
Watersedge Restaurant
Starfish Restaurant
Sunnycott Caravan Park
Portland Inn
Gurnard Primary School
Londis Store
Gurnard Newsagents
Bowsprit Restaurant
Gurnard Sailing Club
All Saints Church
Gurnard Methodist Church
Gurnard WI

Appendix 2

GURNARD PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

All members of the Steering Group live in the Parish.

Sheila Caws is on the General Committee of Gurnard Sailing Club. She has been involved with the Brownies, Guides and the Church. She has also been a Governor of Gurnard Primary School. Sheila has written a history of Gurnard Village.

Richard Day has been Vice Chairman of Gurnard Parish Council for the past year. He is also Vice Chairman of the Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Tony Hathaway represents the Gurnard Scout and Guide Headquarters Committee.

Thelma Hoare has been the Sheltered Housing Manager of Bucklers View for the past seven years. She is a member of the Gurnard Village Partnership.

Liz Jackson is Headteacher of Gurnard Primary School.

Graham Lloyd is a Churchwarden of All Saints Church and is also a member of Gurnard Village Partnership. He has been a village resident for over 60 years.

Bryan Salter has been Chairman of Gurnard Parish Council for the past three years. He has lived in Gurnard for more than 40 years.

Brenda Schofield is a Committee Member of the Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society and the Gurnard in Bloom Jubilee Fund Committee.

Belinda Williams is Secretary of Marsh Road Residents Association.

Appendix 3

RESULTS OF CAMERA PROJECT

Section	Number of Photographs recording...	Need to Improve	Total
	Overall		298
A	Structural and landscape features		142
	Footpath fencing and maintenance	45	
	Beach/ Water and seaside facilities	22	
	The Green/ Childrens play facilities	18	
	Buildings and street furniture maintenance	13	
	Loss of views (Worsley Road N end copse)	11	
	Create Marsh/Gurnard coastal path	10	
	Create Marsh nature park	7	
	The Green landscaping	6	
	Beach rubbish and flotsam clearance	4	
	Village Square/Central focal point	4	
	Flower beds and ornamental trees	1	
	Inappropriate development	1	
B	Community Amenities		25
	Lack of rubbish bins and their clearance	8	
	Toilet maintenance	6	
	Benches and maintenance	5	
	Lack of dog bins and their clearance	4	
	Bus service	1	
	Affordable housing	1	
C	Commercial facilities		8
	Gurnard Pines improve accessibility	3	
	Post Office additional facilities	2	
	Portland brighten up for younger clientele	2	
	Shop litter at Londis	1	
D	Community Organisations and facilities		24
	W I/Scout/Church Halls/improve and maintain	19	
	Bucklers View/ improve aspect to road	2	
	Churches improve facilities	2	
	Bucklers View/ use garden as village centre	1	
E	Community Relationship		6
	Overhanging hedges	3	
	Parking illegal Green and Beach	3	
F	Community Infrastructure		93
	Road and footpath signage rationalisation	22	
	Hilton road surface/pavement etc	17	
	Dangerous road/too narrow Cockleton Lane	12	
	Road and pavement maintenance	11	
	Dangerous road junctions at Portland Inn	10	
	Dangerous road/too narrow Church Road	6	
	Dangerous road/too narrow Rew Street	4	
	Dangerous road/speeding Tuttons Hill	3	
	Street lighting	3	
	Dangerous road/too narrow Shore Road	2	
	Lack of payphones	2	
	Dangerous road/too narrow Albert Road	1	

Appendix 4

CAMERA PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Things people would like to see provided in the Parish

Camera No

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| 1 | Children's Playground | 32B | Car park for parents in school grounds off Cockleton Lane. |
| 1 | Directory of Peoples skills - develop a barter system of what people can do for others' in the Parish - to develop Parish as an even more cohesive unit | 32B | Hilton Road resurfaced |
| 1 | Annual Parish Party to raise funds for the Parish and have fun to celebrate Gurnard | 35 | School 'Yellow Bus' service for Primary/Middle School pupils to ease congestion |
| 1B | An all purpose Community Centre with off street parking - A Vision that holds all Community interest at heart | 35 | A film/video/book shop |
| 2B | Children's Play Area | 35 | Gurnard Pines – Open up more for the community? |
| 2B | By-Law to prevent bonfire lighting during the day | 36 | A facility for older teenagers, perhaps a meeting place for young people, where they can get away from their parents, if only once a week. |
| 2B | Double yellow lines on bends to prevent overnight parking and parents parking on the school run – Particularly Woodvale Road/Baring Road | 36 | Facilities for holidaymakers, which have reduced over the years. Mini Golf used to be on Village Green. There used to be a Diving Platform in Gurnard Bay |
| 3 | More lowered crossing points - particularly from the flats to Post Office by the Clock | 36 | Scope for villages to tap into private resources i.e. Gurnard Pines. Perhaps an arrangement for villagers to have the hire of the pool one afternoon/evening per month. Not all people can afford membership and steep entry charges and are unable to get to the Medina Leisure Centre very easily. |
| 3 | A collection point where repeat prescriptions could be left | 36 | Provision for Cash Dispenser at the Post Office |
| 3 | More litter and dog bins | 36B | Community Centre/Village Hall |
| 3B | A water play park for children - would get lots of use a be very appropriate | 36B | Playing Fields |
| 3B | A sand play area like the one at Appley Ryde - where there are pulleys and a chute for sand pouring (See Pictures) | 36B | Children's Playground |
| 6 | After School clubs - Various themes (Gardening, Language, Dancing, Skating, Cycling, Cookery (Anything)) With a wide variety I'm sure you could cater to spark some interest for most children. Parent help could be a consideration on the cost side and for knowledge on different subjects. | 37 | A fortnightly collection of garden waste by Island Waste Services. |
| 13B | A self filling rock pool for swimming off the beach | 37 | A footpath up through the Jordan Valley from the Beach to the dip in Tuttons Hill (probably quite possible). |
| 17 | Bottle Bank | 37 | Car Parking for parents collecting children at Gurnard Primary School. |
| 17 | Traffic calming Cockleton Lane, so people are aware of pedestrians – children in particular | 37B | Better and cheaper bus services. |
| 17 | No further expansion of Gurnard Pines | 38 | Restrictions on Jetskies in Gurnard Bay. Before they get out of hand. |
| 18 | A park with quiet areas for reflection – which could be part of the 'welcome to Gurnard' area. Maybe with benches, water fountains, pond etc'. | 38 | Safety Railings at front of parking bays outside Watersedge Restaurant. |
| 18 | Community centre which could be used for all – maybe an amalgamation of existing facilities for Scouts and WI to one modern building | 38B | Better purpose built Community Centre |
| 26B | New road junction – Tuttons Hill, Hilton Road, Church Road, Worsley Road by Post Office – with pedestrian crossing | 38B | Better facilities for teenagers |
| 27 | Make a reservoir and Leisure park behind the Marsh | 38B | Better and cheaper bus service to make independent travel more accessible to teenagers. |
| 28 | A focal point – Create a Piazza similar to Cowes 'Painters Arms'. | 39 | Community Hall |
| 28 | Every means by which villagers are encouraged to be a cohesive Community | 39 | Grassed area to hold different events on. |
| 28 | Speed width restrictions | 39 | Village History. |
| 29 | Designated cycleway from the Round House to the centre of the Village and down Hilton Road | 40 | Cash point facility, perhaps at the Post Office. |
| 29 | A bus service that serves people to and from the Village late in the evening. | 40 | Allow pavement parking, where two exist i.e. Albert Road. It Happens anyway and yellow lines only pushes the problem elsewhere. People wont get rid of their cars because of them. Yellow lines also create rat runs, whereas densely parked cars slow traffic down, or create free car parks on development land rather than housing. Gurnard doesn't need housing, it needs parking, or allows one ORP space per house for those without drives and fine those who have them and don't use them. |
| 29 | A Permanent crossing from the top of Tuttons Hill (by Portland Inn) to the top of Hilton Road | 40 | Later, more frequent and cheaper bus services throughout the week (including weekends) to reduce the need for car ownership. |
| 30B | A warden controlled crossing at Tuttons Hill/Hilton Road | 40 | On the positive side there is something about Gurnard, which photos' can't describe. A sense of community without being nosy and obtrusive, tranquil without being dull and those qualities should not be lost. Every evening when I come home I leave my days' worries on Tuttons Hill with the horses and pick them up again in the morning. PLEASE DON'T TURN GURNARD INTO COWES!! |
| 30B | A litter bin next to the bench in Worsley Road opposite Solent View Road Junction | 40B | Village Stocks! Particularly for those caught vandalising the flowerbeds |
| 31B | Volunteer service to assist elderly and disabled with minor tasks i.e. bulb changing etc'. | 40B | A special crossing point from Post Office to Bucklers View, vision is often impaired by cars parked outside the Post Office |
| 31B | Central Community Centre | 40B | A much larger waste bin outside the Watersedge, particularly during the Summer season |
| 31B | Community Warden Service | | |
| 32 | Rubbish bin at Round House end of Tuttons Hill | | |

Appendix 5

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

	YES	No firm opinion	NO	Total	YES as %	No firm opinion as %	NO as %
Repair/maintenance of sea walls	102	10	5	117	87.2%	8.5%	4.3%
Better access to coastal footpaths	89	17	2	108	82.4%	15.7%	1.9%
Better public transport	94	28	4	126	74.6%	22.2%	3.2%
Cycleway along main roads	75	18	15	108	69.4%	16.7%	13.9%
Children's play area	75	25	10	110	68.2%	22.7%	9.1%
Playing field/recreation ground	68	31	10	109	62.4%	28.4%	9.2%
Community Minibus	67	32	10	109	61.5%	29.4%	9.2%
Community centre	66	25	17	108	61.1%	23.1%	15.7%
Pharmacy	65	26	20	111	58.6%	23.4%	18.0%
Adoption of private roads	54	38	18	110	49.1%	34.5%	16.4%
Activity Trail	52	52	14	118	44.1%	44.1%	11.9%
Library	48	41	22	111	43.2%	36.9%	19.8%
Child care 0-14yrs	47	46	18	111	42.3%	41.4%	16.2%
Internet cafe facilities	30	39	41	110	27.3%	35.5%	37.3%

■ Highlights over 50% support

Appendix 6

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Clock should be changed
- Hilton Road to be adopted
- Palm trees to plant on Esplanade
- Worsley Road to revert to its original width, with parking on both sides
- Church Road to be one-way
- Albert Road one-way
- Speed camera in Solent View Road
- 25 mph speed limit throughout Village
- All signage to be updated
- Sea wall to be repaired and maintained
- Play area to be installed in Village (older children in mind)
- No tents on the Green
- New Community Centre
- More seats and bins
- Beach enlarged to original size
- Beach to be cleaned year-round
- Pavements to be on every road
- Football area, with permanent goal posts
- Permanent access to beach through Spencer's Wood to be maintained
- Moored raft off the beach for swimming
- Shore Road one-way
- Improved transport
- No verge/pavement parking
- Police beat officer to be more evident
- Nature/Heritage Trail
- Ensure old buildings and trees are protected
- Cash Point in Village
- Bigger pubs
- Car Park in Village (maybe the Marsh)
- Dog bins to be of better design
- Recycling facility
- No public money for private businesses
- Mirror to be erected on Shore Road bend
- Rumble strips (speed control) to be installed
- Enclosed bus shelters at all stops
- Beach between Sailing Club and the Marsh to be upgraded, and a walk installed as at Totland
- Community Centre, to include internet café and Further Education (all ages)
- 24 hour Community Warden Service
- Better traffic speed control (Rew Street)
- Traffic calming in Church Road
- Better communication of Village events
- Parking bays to build in Worsley Road and Solent View Road.
- Remove abandoned cars (Hilton Road)
- Make Luck Bridge more pleasing on the eye
- Footpath along Luck River bank
- Protect Gurnard boundaries, identity and gap with Cowes
- Reduce double yellow lines
- Improve Rights of Way
- Provide a dog walking field
- Restrict further development
- More tubs and flower beds in Village
- Develop sea front facilities
- Preserve Village atmosphere – no more holiday accommodation to be built
- Provide more Village events, such as music/book festivals, golf team events, treasure hunts
- Re-launch Gurnard in Bloom.
- Chevron parking in Solent View Road
- One-way system throughout Village
- Village Christmas tree and lights
- Outlaw bonfires during the day
- Take steps to reduce fly-tipping (e.g.: Winding Way)
- Combat anti-social behaviour
- Install mini-roundabout at Portland Inn junction
- Maintain all hedges
- Provide baker and butcher in Village
- Princes Esplanade traffic calming
- Footpath/bridle way to link Gurnard with others in area
- More double yellow lines!
- Ensure Princes Esplanade remains free for parking
- Dog bin on Marsh Road by Coastal Path
- Resident's concessions for Gurnard Pines complex
- Stop further development at Gurnard Pines
- Restaurant/take-away in Village
- Combine Scout HQ and WI Hall facilities to one Community Hall
- Pharmacy facility at Bucklers View
- Volunteer Care Line for elderly/infirm

Appendix 7

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Each child was asked "What 3 new facilities should be provided in Gurnard?" ...

The children suggested the following in words or pictures	Age 6/7	Age 8/9	Age 10/11	Age 12/13	Total suggestions	As %
Play Park (Gurnard Pines? the Green?)	13	16	10	3	42	26.25%
More shops, (gift, sports, specialist, clothes, cake, video, flower)	4	7	4	3	18	11.25%
Library	1	5	8	1	15	9.38%
Nature Reserve (Duck Pond)	1	6	5	2	14	8.75%
Internet café		3	1	1	5	3.13%
Paddling Pool (Water feature?)	1	2	2		5	3.13%
Safe bike rides	2	1		1	4	2.50%
Leisure Centre		1	3		4	2.50%
Youth club			2	2	4	2.50%
Swimming pontoon (raft)	1	3			4	2.50%
Sports field (Cricket, football)		1	3		4	2.50%
Vets		1	2		3	1.88%
Indoor Play area (inc Ball Pool)	1	2			3	1.88%
Sports hall (basketball)				3	3	1.88%
Village Hall		1		1	2	1.25%
Goal posts		1		1	2	1.25%
Theatre			1	1	2	1.25%
Swimming Pool	1				1	0.63%
Dinosaur museum	1				1	0.63%
More cafes	1				1	0.63%
Allotment space	1				1	0.63%
Pirate ship	1				1	0.63%
Church	1				1	0.63%
Ice cream van	1				1	0.63%
Doctors surgery	1				1	0.63%
New Public House		1			1	0.63%
New roads		1			1	0.63%
Mini Golf course		1			1	0.63%
Path on Tuttons Hill		1			1	0.63%
Friends in village		1			1	0.63%
Disco Hall		1			1	0.63%
More access to the Pines		1			1	0.63%
Fish and Chip shop		1			1	0.63%
Larger Pre-school		1			1	0.63%
Better Bus service		1			1	0.63%
Skate Park			1		1	0.63%
More doctors			1		1	0.63%
Better sanitation			1		1	0.63%
Education facilities			1		1	0.63%
More stables			1		1	0.63%
Boarding kennels			1		1	0.63%
More activities for children			1		1	0.63%
Cinema				1	1	0.63%
Total Suggestions	32	60	48	20	160	

■ Top eleven

Appendix 8

PLANNING FOR REAL EXHIBITION FEEDBACK

These are suggestions made by residents, using flags placed on the Planning for Real model of the central part of the Village.

Jenny's field off Cockleton Lane

- Skateboarding/Rollerblade rink
- Adventure Park
- Pool with slide
- Football pitch
- Forestry area
- Flats

Field adjacent to Jenny's field (down towards Lower Church Road)

- Water Park
- Playground

Cockleton Lane

- New bus route
- Traffic Island at Lower Church Road
- River footpath to Pallance Road (from Lower Church Road)

Marsh Road

- Improve the Beach
- Salty Seadog to open as Café
- Pavement to install
- Adventure Play-Area

Solent View Road

- Prevent parking on grass verges

Worsley Road

- Youth Club
- Clothes Shop
- Food Take Away
- More local shops
- No Parking
- Improve visibility at Church Road junction
- Post Office at Newsagent
- Library at Scout Hut
- Youth Club/Drop-in Café at Scout Hut
- Skills exchange at Scout Hut
- Fun Fair behind Scout Hut
- New Community Hall, to cater for all (WI, Scouts and Guides etc.) (2)

Tuttons Hill

- More pavements (2)
- Cycle lane

- 20 mph limit
- Pedestrian Crossing at the Portland Inn (2)
- School Patrol at Portland Inn
- Daisy Turton sign

Hilton Road

- Clear dumped car
- Safe routes to School
- Traffic calming
- No HGV's
- Phone box at top of road
- Roundabout at Tuttons Hill/Worsley Road end
- Achieve IW Council adoption of road
- Restrict school parking
- Maintain road (pot holes etc.), but NOT made up
- Tarmac road
- Cattery

Primary School and surroundings

- Use big field for recreation and football pitch
- Sainsbury store next to School
- After school clubs (2)
- Summer clubs (2)
- Sound proof rehearsal room
- Youth support and counselling
- Toy Shop
- Preserve the orchard
- Daisy Turton sign
- I like the school (4)

Shore Road/Winding Way/Spencer's Wood

- Conservation area
- Dog walking area (2)
- Nature Reserve (2)
- Make tight bend safer
- Speed camera
- Controlled crossing (lights)
- Ban cars from bottom end of Shore Road (safer)
- Stop over-development and garden in-filling with development
- Bed and Breakfast top of Winding Way
- Affordable Housing/Orchard/Theme Park at Solent Lawns

Woodvale Area

- Footpath from Woodvale to Tuttons Hill up the river
- New house – Woodvale Road
- Shops at top of Woodvale Road
- Car Park at Woodvale Hotel

Baring Road

- Woolworths
- Beach
- Games Shop

Beach and Sailing Club Area

- Forestry area by river
- Another café
- Swimming Pool (2)
- Taxis
- Pub
- Sand play-path
- Beach parking
- Off-shore diving platform (3)
- Beach shop
- Outside showers
- More litter bins
- Children's play area - wet path (2)
- Watersedge Restaurant is accident black spot (turning head)
- Cycle storage
- More regular beach cleaning – more sand less stones!
- Demolish beach huts
- Keep beach huts
- Skateboarding/rollerblading facility by Sailing Club

General

- Parking on Village Green
- More dog bins and dog wardens! (2)
- Playground
- Prosecute litter bugs
- Disabled parking around Village
- Under 5's playground
- 6-12 Adventure Playground
- Like the Church (2)

(2), (3), (4) etc. indicates number of flags in Village Model at that site.

Appendix 9

HOUSEHOLD COUNT

Road/Area	Total	Detached	Semi-Detached	Terrace	Holiday Chalet Style
Albert Road	54	20	16	18	
The Avenue	49	31	12	6	
Baring Road	9	9	0		
Church Road	113	69	32	12	
Cockleton Lane	34	30	4	0	
Gurnard Heights	23	23	0		
Gurnard Pines	186				186
Hilton Road	46	29	14	3	
Marsh Road	43	7	0		36
Place Road	24	18	6		
Rew Street	110	82	8		20
Shore Road	71	48	0		23
Solent View Road	59	36	14	9	
Tuttons Hill	9	9	0		
Woodvale Road	70	68	2		
Worsley Road	63	39	24		
Totals	963	518	132	48	265
Totals as %	100	54	14	5	27

The numbers are approximate and were assembled by a review and count on the Parish OS map.

Appendix 10

BUS SERVICES THAT LINK GURNARD WITH THE REST OF THE ISLAND

NUMBER 1 BUS

The number 1 bus runs between Gurnard, Cowes, Newport, Ryde and Bembridge with bus stops at the Round House, opposite the Portland Inn, The Avenue, Church Road, Lower Church Road, Solent View Road, Shore Road, Woodvale Road and up Baring Road towards Cowes. The service runs approximately half hourly from 07.32 until 14.07 with a final service at 16.37, which only runs as far as Newport. Return buses from Newport run half hourly from 08.05 until 14.05 then at 16.05 and 16.35. these services only run Monday to Saturday. There is no Sunday or Bank Holiday service.

NUMBER 33 BUS

The number 33 bus runs between Cowes, Gurnard, Newport, Havenstreet, Haylands and Ryde. There are stops in Princes Esplanade, Woodvale Road, Baring Road, Worsley Road, Solent View Road, Marsh Road, Rew Street and Hillis Corner running to Newport, and on to Ryde. The service runs five times a day Monday to Saturday between approximately 08.10 and 17.00, the first bus only running as far as Newport. The return service runs four times a day Monday to Saturday from Newport at 10.15 until 17.47. There is no Sunday or Bank Holiday service.

NUMBER 3/3A BUS

The number 3/3A bus runs from the Round House to Cowes or to Newport, Godshill and Ventnor. The only stop within the Parish is at the Round House, the service is therefore only suitable for people who are able to walk to or get a lift to the Round House. This service runs regular journeys to Cowes from 06.37 until 23.22 with an hourly service from 07.07 until 23.22 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The service from the Round House to Newport, Godshill and Ventnor runs hourly from 08.56 until 16.56 with additional services to Newport running regularly from 06.56 until 23.38 Monday to Saturday. There is no Sunday or Bank Holiday service to Godshill or Ventnor; however there is a service to Newport, which runs hourly from 07.33 until 23.38 approximately.

NUMBER 3B BUS

The number 3B bus runs from the Round House, to Cowes or to Newport, Winford and Sandown. The only stop within the Parish is at the Round House. This service runs nine times a day Monday to Saturday from 08.53 until 17.23 to Cowes. The service from the Round House to Newport, Winford and Sandown runs ten times a day from 07.54 until 16.26. There is no service on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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