
Duffield Parish Plan

**Final Plan
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Town Street Duffield and Duffield seen from Duffield Bank

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THE PARISH

The parish of Duffield, containing our large urban village, is set in the valley of the river Derwent about five miles north of the city of Derby. It has a pleasant rural setting on the southern fringe of the Peak District while having good road and rail links for both public and private travel. The A6, the former trunk road from London to Carlisle runs through the village and is here called Town Street. Our Local Authority is Amber Valley Borough Council within the county of Derbyshire and our Parliamentary Constituency is West Derbyshire. We have had our own Parish Council since 1897 and a Village Community Association since 1972.

The People

The population numbered about 4,600 at the 2001 census having risen from 2,000 in 1901. The recent census showed an age mix of one quarter under 18, one quarter retired, and half in the 18 - 60 range. About one-third of residents have lived in their present home for more than 15 years. Out of about 1900 households, nearly 84% are home owners. The number of graduates is almost twice the national average. A high proportion of professional people live in the parish – about 12% of the working population compared with 2% in Amber Valley. Our most famous past resident must be Ernest, later Lord Hives, who was the major moving force of Rolls Royce from 1936 to 1956. He was responsible for the Merlin engine which powered the Spitfire during World War Two.

The History

Set as it is in the fertile, though occasionally flooded, Derwent Valley at the confluence of the Derwent and Ecclesbourne Rivers, Duffield and the surrounding areas have attracted settlers for a long time. The old village was founded on the ridge of higher ground between the two rivers.

Iron Age Celtic settlements dating from around 400BC are suggested by some physical evidence and local place names. '*Chevin*', meaning '*High bare ridge*' dominating the north of the village, stems from the celtic language as does the name '*Derwent*', meaning '*River abounding with oak trees*'. Following their invasion of Britain in AD43 the Romans established a military presence and mined lead in the hills to the north-west of the village. A Roman road to transport the ore can still be seen crossing the Chevin on its way to join the famous Roman thoroughfare of Rykniel Street near Breadsall. However, the first written record is in the Domesday survey of 1085, commissioned by William the Conqueror to catalogue his new realm. Duffield (under the name '*Duvelle*') is mentioned as having been confiscated from the Danish Earl Siward who was probably the same man who fought the Normans alongside Hereward the Wake. It had become an estate of the de Ferrers family and contained a priest, a church and two mills. There were then probably about 250 people living in the village – quite a significant number compared with about 1,000 in the town of Derby.



Duffield has an historic tradition of independence. Some say that this stems from a long time without a resident Lord of the Manor. The de Ferrers family lost their local possessions to the king in 1266 and their castle, if it ever was finished, was demolished. The mound with traces of foundations and a well is today administered by the National Trust. The Duchy of Lancaster became the non-resident landlord and when Henry, Duke of Lancaster, became King Henry IV in 1399 the village became part of the royal hunting forest known as Duffield Frith.

St. Alkmund's Church Duffield

The most well-known servant of the Frith was the Deputy Steward at the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. He was Anthonie Bradshaw, an independent and idiosyncratic man, a lover of his native Derbyshire, whose recently restored monument is in the parish church of Saint Alkmund. The Frith came to an end in 1634 when most of the Commoners were arbitrarily excluded from the land they had formerly farmed. After the Civil

War, Parliament returned the land to the Commoners in 1650 and so it remained until the enclosures of 1786 when 117 people received allotments.

The oldest building in the parish is the Parish church, dedicated to Saint Alkmund, a Northumbrian prince and Mercian martyr of 800AD. It was built in stone in the twelfth century near the Derwent bridge half a mile from the village on the site of the original Saxon church of wood. Many additions have been made to it, most obviously the tower in the fifteenth century and the spire somewhat later when the tower had stopped subsiding. There are several other interesting buildings in the village - Duffield Hall was built in the early seventeenth century and after belonging to various families and a time as a girls' boarding school was rescued from dereliction in 1977 by the Derbyshire Building Society who now use it as their Headquarters.

The Coming of the Railway



What an impact the coming of the railway in 1840 must have had upon the village! Jobs and travel outside the former confines of horse-drawn transport would become available. The Census for the following year shows the inhabitants to be engaged in 79 different occupations - only a few as yet specifically on the railway. A Railway Agent, a Contractor for Public Works, 4 Civil Engineers and 2 Railway plate layers are mentioned.

Initially on the Derby to Leeds route (and now part of the Midland Mainline from London to the North), the railway link meant that Duffield could begin to look outside its own borders for occupation and income.

The Derwent of course was the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Cotton and silk mills were founded only a few miles away and the whole valley is now a World Heritage Site on the strength of it. At the 1841 Census only 5 people worked on the new machines. The most common occupation was that of the 148 home framework knitters or knitware finishers.



Duffield was the first station travelling north out of Derby and by the end of the century many managers and chief officers of the Midland Railway Company made homes here. The large houses built then on Castle Hill, Avenue Road, Lime Avenue and Chadfield Road were built with them and their families in mind. Expansion of the village continued with the building of Broadway in 1927. The building of Council houses began in 1937 and continued after

Broadway

the war. The greatest development however took place starting in the 1960s with the building of new houses occupying the whole area between Broadway and the old village centre. In-filling continues, with the loss of industrial sites. Most recently, the village vigorously protested against the building of between 65 – 95 houses on the site of the former Dye Colour Works but the Office of the Deputy Prime-Minister said it must be so, regardless of problems of acute congestion on narrow roads and the risk of flooding.

Duffield Today

Today nearly 90% of people living in Duffield, work elsewhere. What industry there was within our borders has nearly all moved elsewhere in order to ease the passage of huge transport vehicles or to assist the business utilise the capital available from high land prices. We have the pleasure and problem of being the home of a very successful state comprehensive school. Ecclesbourne School was started in 1958 as a grammar school and built up a good academic reputation which continued after it became a comprehensive in 1976. Unfortunately the desire of parents to enter their children for this school has created a premium on house prices of about £50,000 - £60,000 on a three or four-



bedroomed house here compared with one in Belper only three miles away.

We have a Voluntary Aided Primary school based on a foundation of 1565 with about 270 pupils, an LEA Primary school of about 345 pupils, the renowned Secondary School of about 1,400 pupils including a sixth form and a good selection of pre-school nurseries and play-groups. At the other end of the age spectrum there is a Day Centre run by a village-based trust, several small estates of sheltered housing, a Residential Home and a Nursing Home.

William Gilbert Primary School

Village amenities include five Churches, a Family Practitioners Medical Centre, a Post Office, a Public Library, a wide variety of shops including a Chemist, hairdressers, a barber, two banks, five pubs, a veterinary clinic, a solicitor, a dentist, an optician, five garages, one selling fuel, a restaurant, a cafe and several take-aways. Public Transport by bus, coach or train is frequent.

The parish now is well supplied with clubs and societies. There are tennis, squash and golf clubs. Eyes Meadow and Grays Recreation Ground belong to the village and provide a home for both organised and informal cricket and football teams and many other activities. The Scout & Guide movement and the Air Training Corps are active.



Duffield Meadows Primary School



There is a good sense of community fostered by the Parish Council and Duffield Community Association.

This is a lovely place to live and we should like to use this opportunity to help everyone who lives here to feel part of the Parish Plan and part of making it happen.

DUFFIELD PARISH PLAN

1. What is a Parish Plan?

In 2002 the Countryside Agency began this initiative to encourage small villages to improve their quality of life and to set out a vision for each village to guide its future development. The Parish Council was encouraged to apply for a grant of up to £5,000 from the Agency to meet up to 75% of the cost of preparing such a plan. The Plan should identify the things that the village wants to do to improve its community and what is important to keep. It should also include a plan for action for each need.

Duffield is a large urban village but the Parish Council considered that such a Plan would be helpful and that the best way to proceed was to see if enough people in the village were sufficiently interested to create an independent and actively minded committee to pursue the idea.



Some Members of the Steering Group October 2004

Well, we want to be a Vital Village – the Government says we can, the Countryside Agency says we can, we think we are, now is the time to prove it. The following pages of this report contain the thoughts and aspirations of over 800 households which responded to the questionnaire delivered to almost every house in the parish. There were other opportunities for children and adults to respond at their Schools and Public Meetings and at the Carnivals and the Garden Fête and many did so.

2. How the Plan was prepared

- July 2002 An appeal in *Duffield Scene* for interested people to contact the Parish Clerk.
- September 2002 Letters to Community groups to establish representatives.
- December 2002 Inaugural Meeting attended by representatives of the Parish Council, the Community Association, the Parish Church and Parish Hall, the Methodist Church, Ecclesbourne School and eleven other interested parishioners
It was agreed to seek further advice from the Countryside Agency and from Derbyshire Rural Community Council.
- February 2003 Open meeting attended by Joe Dugdale of the DRCC and 27 parishioners representing the groups previously named and the Emmanuel Community Church, the Women's Institute, the Duffield Indoor Bowls Club, local Businesspeople and themselves.
People agreed that although Duffield is a good place to live, not everyone is equally catered for or satisfied. There is room for improvement and it was felt that the provision of a Parish Plan should be approved in principle and that real benefits should accrue from the people of the village talking to one another in order to establish agreed priorities.
- April 2003 ***It was agreed to create a Steering Group, with sub-groups looking at specific areas such as Transport, provision of facilities for Youth, etc. The group felt that we should work most effectively if Duffield proceeded on its own, not linked with any of the surrounding villages.***
Many thanks to Penny Whiting who agreed to be the first Steering Group Chairman.

Thereafter meetings of the Steering Group took place monthly, working through issues such as a formal Constitution, a Business Plan, and Publicity, Youth Representation, Finance and the format of

the village-wide consultations. We appreciate the contribution made by four sixth-formers from Ecclesbourne School who joined us in their last year at school.

During the summer of 2003 we organised an exhibition of children's pictures about their hopes for Duffield and took stalls at the Carnival and the Vicarage Garden Party asking people to fill in 'Post-it' notes about the suggested topic headings. These were

Transport

Entertainment

Environment

Post Retirement

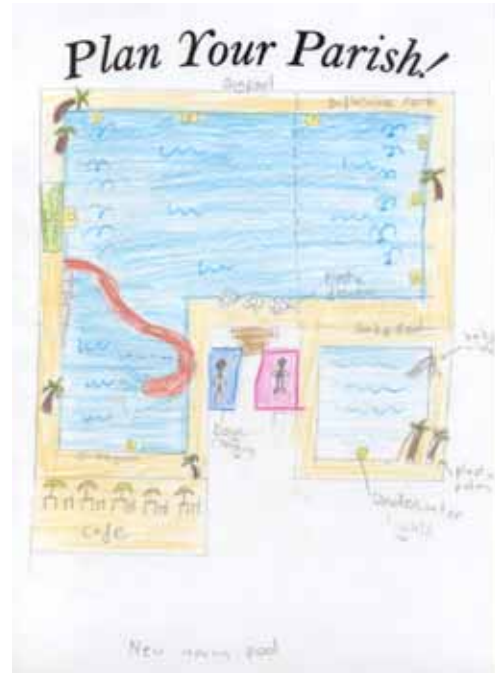
Sport

Facilities for Youth

Business & Organisations

Home-bound people

There was a good response to this and the results are included in this preliminary report.



Some of the Children's Ideas



The Grant

After an interval when all grants were suspended, we were told in December 2003 that a grant of £3,000 had been approved. We thank the Midlands Co-operative Society for their grant of £50 and the Parish Council for the time put in by Sally Bygraves (Assistant Parish Clerk).

We purchased a software package from the University of Gloucestershire which incorporated a huge number of possible questions about village life from which one could pick together with the means to appraise the answers. This cost £75 and we felt it provided better value for money than engaging a consultant.

During the summer of 2004 Philip Baxter became Chairman, the consultation process was agreed, the preliminary questionnaire was created, tried on a small sample of people, handed out from a stall at the Carnival, re-drafted and finally delivered to most homes in the village.

3. Learning what you want

We were very pleased with the response. Of the 126 questionnaires distributed at the Carnival, 67 were returned and of the 1,850 delivered to homes, over 800 were returned. The age spread of the respondents bears a reasonable similarity to the 2001 Census figures. The analysis of the results has been carried out by Donald Armstrong and Alan Wisdich on behalf of the group and especial thanks are due to them.

From answers to structured questions we obtained information and an indication of preferences. From written comments we obtained views on specific matters, some of which we had not included in the general questionnaire. The written comments are reproduced in full in an Appendix, even though some are similar. We thank those who wrote down their views.

The succeeding pages are the result of our enquiries and we set out the findings of the research, consultations and discussions. We hope that we have identified the issues which need to be tackled and the opportunities which could lead to action.



**Sport on
Eyes Meadow**



4. What you do want



Transport

- More parking needed for shopping and also near homes.
- General Traffic Control measures including more one-way systems. Congestion in King Street and near the schools received special mention.
- Less traffic passing through Duffield. This was the most common comment, including from multiple car users
- Improve cycle routes.

Sport & Entertainment

- Requests for Leisure centre, Sports Hall, covered swimming pool.
- Running track round Eyes Meadow. Astro turf area.
- More Evening classes & Adult Education classes.
- Provision of bus service to the Meteor Centre, cinema and Roller World.

Youth

- A leisure centre, Sports Hall, covered swimming pool and Astro turf area.
- Youth club needed urgently but premises and helpers a problem.
- Skateboard area.
- BMX track.
- More/better child play equipment on Grays Rec.
- Non-Sport clubs – Metalworking, Car maintenance etc.



Helicopter Landing at Gray's Rec

Environment & Way of Life

- Promote healthy way of life.
- Millenium Meadow. Not wildlife friendly. More flowering shrubs to replace trees and attract insects, bees and butterflies.
- More recycling.
- Less dog fouling.
- Tidy man full time.
- Community composting.
- Improved rights of way.
- Energy saving. This has many aspects. The Duffield interest mainly concerns combustion products from gas and petrol/diesel because on still days these stay in the valley and reduce air quality. There is a national interest in reducing carbon use.



- Repaired pavement surfaces (footpath = inter-road links) (footway = walkway beside road)

Business & Organisations

- Resolution of conflict within village between need for local jobs and dislike of non-housing developments.
- Tourism seen as desirable but little support for new developments.
- Village guide book needed.



Town Street – Tamworth

Street corner

- Shops desired but among these are the shops that we had and we closed because we did not support them (delicatessen, greengrocer, radio/TV, hardware, decorator, etc).
- General support for small business (non-industrial) but some strong views that the residential nature of Duffield, as a dormitory village, is preferable.

Post Retirement

- Better bus services from the Broadway/Wirksworth Road end of the village.
- Clearer, more level pavements for those using an electric scooter or with poor eyesight.
- Voluntary help scheme.
- Revival of Group Rambles. People would like to walk the roads but want company.
- Seats on Gray's Rec.



Home-bound People

- Some 7½% of respondents needed help at home
- Voluntary help scheme

5. Action Plans

Each of the areas described above for which actions have been identified have been examined by a sub-group. The action plans for each of these sub-groups are detailed below.

Transport

What is proposed?

- Ways of reducing the volume of traffic through the village.
 - Weight restrictions on the A6.
 - Traffic lights at the Avenue Road / A6 junction.
 - Reduction in speed limit to 20 mph through the centre of the village.
- Traffic calming in the side streets off the A6.
 - School transport policies.
 - Puffin crossings at Park Road and Cumberhills Road.
 - One way traffic in King Street and Hazelwood Road.
 - Landscaped traffic calming schemes.
- Improvement to parking facilities in the village.
- Improved cycle paths.
- Encouragement to use public transport.

Why are the actions needed?

The actions which have been proposed are in response to the transport difficulties highlighted by the village questionnaire.

Who will be responsible for the actions?

- Reducing traffic volumes to be discussed between the Duffield Parish Council and Derbyshire County Council.
- School transport policies to be discussed with the three schools in the village.
- Remaining traffic calming actions to be discussed with Derbyshire County Council.
- Parking facility improvements to be discussed with local property owners and Amber Valley Borough Council.
- Improvements to cycle paths and local encouragement to use public transport are still items under discussion within the Transport sub-group.

When will the actions be taken forward?

Transport sub-group has conducted considerable background research into the above actions. Discussions regarding progress on the actions will continue through the following months.

How will the actions be implemented and how much will it cost?

All actions will be followed up by the Transport sub-group. While costs have not yet been determined, it is hoped that the majority of the costs involved will be covered from Derbyshire County Council funds.

What is proposed?

- Youth club (with youth leader).
- Improved sports facilities.
- Improved child play facilities.

Why are the actions needed?

The village survey was very clear in highlighting that facilities for children and young people were extremely poor in Duffield. Improved facilities for children and young people are desperately needed in the village.

Who will be responsible for the actions?

Working groups will be formed by village residents to progress these projects.

When will the actions be taken forward?

A working group has been formed to progress the Youth Club project with a youth survey in progress to establish youth club requirements. An investigation is underway into possible locations for a youth club. A preliminary costing has been received from Groundwork Erewash. Potential sources of funding are also being explored. A meeting has been arranged with Duffield Parish Council to discuss a potential location and sources of funding.

Currently the village is being canvassed for members to form working groups to progress the improved sports facilities and improved child play facilities. It is hoped that these working groups will begin meeting during August and September 2005.

How will the actions be implemented and how much will it cost?

- Set up working group for each project.
- Each working group is to produce a detailed plan and feasibility study including possible location within village.
- A detailed plan costing will be required for each project including estimates of running costs.
- A survey of potential funding sources will be conducted and then used to gain funds for the project work.
- Presentation to Duffield Parish Council.

What is proposed?

To improve the recycling provision for individuals in the Parish of Duffield. There is a particular need for green recycling in the village with the success of the green collections which was trialled by Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) highlighting to villagers the ease and importance of recycling. AVBC are considering the implications of introducing this scheme across the Borough on a permanent basis and such a decision should be made by the end of July 2005. Failing the provision of such a service high levels of support have been given to the provision of a Community Composting Scheme. Talks with AVBC and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) indicate support for such a scheme. The provision will be located on private land within the village boundary but away from residential property. It is anticipated that such a scheme will be run in partnership with all local authorities with the intention that it becomes partially self supporting.

The provision of recycling collection points for plastics remains ongoing with talks continuing between the Environmental Group and DCC and AVBC. The Environmental Group intend to continue to lobby AVBC and DCC to make available such a provision in the village.

Why are the actions needed?

The Parish Plan identified that parishioners supported recycling and would like to see the current provisions expanded. The Environment is of a particular concern for many parishioners and this concern reflects the national view. Recycling is also an important issue for Borough and County Councils as they have been set specific government targets on recycling following the closure of many landfill sites. Whilst many parishioners appreciated the collection of green waste during the trial by AVBC, specific comments were made that green waste should be recycled locally with compost being made available for residents.

Who will be responsible for the actions?

The working group members will together with Business, Borough and County Council representatives establish a forum whereby information concerning the establishment and ongoing provision of such a scheme can be determined. Following the dissolution of the working groups, the scheme would be run by local businesses with ongoing support and input from the Borough and County Councils.

Working Group members will initially lobby AVBC for the provision of a Plastic Recycling point but following the dissolution of the working groups the Parish Council will be asked to continue with this on behalf of the village.

When will the actions be taken forward?

The action will only be taken forward if AVBC fails to provide a green collection service for the village of Duffield. This will be known by the end of November 2005. Lobbying for plastic recycling centres commenced in June 2005 and is anticipated to continue until centres or collection services to meet these needs are met..

How will the actions be implemented and how much will it cost?

The Community Recycling Centre will be implemented following full consideration of cost and implications to the community with capital and revenue grants being required to support and operate the scheme. Such a scheme will require a business plan to determine costs and the County and Borough Councils will work with interested businesses to establish set-up and ongoing costs of such a scheme. It is anticipated that some costs may be met through the sale of compost and recyclable waste bags.

What is proposed?

1. Provision of a village map.
2. Improvements to Duffield Castle to make the site more attractive to visitors.
3. The establishment of a Business Network group for individuals and groups operating a business in the Parish of Duffield. The network would operate through email and face to face communication and a page would be allocated on the Parish Council website giving a directory of businesses operating in the village. It is anticipated that a newsletter containing information from members would be circulated on a quarterly basis. It will provide an organised forum through which local businesses can network, support each other and build commercial relationships.

Why are the actions needed?

The village map and improvements to Duffield Castle would improve the tourist potential of the village. These were issues of specific interest to villagers.

The Parish Plan identified that Parishioners would like a publication where they could find out what businesses were operating from the village. By providing a business directory on the Parish Council website this can be continually updated at no cost to the members or Parish Council. The Plan also identified concerns regarding the sustainability of businesses in the village. The Group is designed to encourage businesses through support, contacts and networking.

Who will be responsible for the actions?

1. Discussions are ongoing with the Duffield Community Association (DCA) with regard to the village sign.
2. Since the National Trust (NT) is the owner of Duffield Castle they will be progressing improvements to the castle grounds.
3. The Working group members will set up the initial meetings and with the help of the Parish Council members establish a process by which members can enter their details on the internet. Members will become responsible for the administration of the group and input to the newsletters

When will the actions be taken forward?

1. Initial discussions have taken place with the DCA and it is expected that the format for the sign together with a location will be agreed by the end of August 2005.
2. A meeting of the NT took place in May 2005 to discuss the improvements to Duffield Castle. It is expected that work will start towards the end of 2005.
3. An initial meeting was held in early June 2005 with internet access being available by mid July 2005. The first network meeting will take place later in July 2005.

How will the action be implemented and how much will it cost?

1. Collaboration between the DCA and the Parish Plan Business Group. It is anticipated that costs will be in the region of £500.
2. NT will undertake the work themselves at their own cost.
3. The growth of the group will be dependent upon word of mouth communication. Publicity will be used through the Parish Council newsletter to inform businesses of events and these will be placed on the website for access. It is anticipated that set up and on-going costs will remain minimal as all communication will be via email and face to face meetings will be self supporting. The intention is that this service does not charge membership fees but is self supporting through time contributions of the benefiting businesses.

Post-retirement, Home-bound people

The purpose of this sub-group is to examine the concerns of people in our village in this age range or social situation and to develop plans helpful to them. Between February and June 2005 a volunteer group of seven people met together twice to talk through the suggestions made in the preliminary plan. In addition, a consultation session held at the Weston Centre Lunch Club involved about twenty other people and a drop-in public exhibition produced a good response, very largely from this age group. A question and answer session about the Amber Valley Social Car scheme and public transport was held at a Fellowship Lunch at the Parish Hall. Individual comments and suggestions have been received from five other interested residents, all with mobility difficulties.

What is proposed?

1. A plan of the village showing all the existing sets of dropped kerbs.
2. A list of places where dropped kerbs are needed.
3. A list of pavements which urgently need repair.
4. A way for blind or partially-sighted people to know they are at a bus-stop.
5. A simple booklet explaining what local help is available for:

Transport	Home Help	Personal Care
Befriending	Entertainment	

Why are the actions needed?

It soon became apparent that the focus was not so much on Post-Retirement as on Post (or never) driving one's own car. While someone of any age or health situation can drive their own car they have access to facilities limited only by their income. Without a car and with mobility problems or increasingly poor health people need a lot of help to accomplish previously straightforward daily tasks.

Who will be responsible for the actions?

1. Local volunteers, together with Derbyshire County Council Highways and Environment.
2. Local volunteers with the help of electric scooter drivers.
3. The same people will assess the pavements while searching for dropped kerbs.
4. This will have to be discussed with DCC Highways & Environment Department.
5. Local volunteers with help from all the local agencies, both government and voluntary.

When will the actions be taken forward?

As soon as the Parish Plan is agreed.

How will the actions be implemented and how much will it cost?

1. Volunteer time will be free.
2. Dropped kerbs cost £1,800 per pair and come out of an annual DCC Highways budget of £50,000 for the whole of S.E. Derbyshire
3. Pavement repairs cannot be costed at this time as it depends upon the degree of repair.
4. The booklet research will be volunteer led.
5. Production of the booklet will be financed by local advertising and grant-making bodies.

The group feels that by the scope and depth of consultation engaged upon, these projects have been shown to have village support amongst those most closely affected. The group looks forward to bringing the plan to its conclusion for the benefit of the village..

Sample Numerical Data from the questionnaires

Each returned questionnaire has been given an individual number but questionnaires cannot be linked with the person who filled it in. The responses have similarities and analysis has used sampling techniques. All returned forms have been included in the analysis. The tables below show some responses from the indicated forms.

More women than men filled in the forms.

There are more cars than houses.

Village banks, Post Office and pubs are well used.

From a sample of 125 forms

The family structure was found to be as follows

	0-4	5-10	11-15	16-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Male	12	10	10	3	10	26	32	6	14	16	2
Female	8	9	13	7	5	25	28	8	20	19	4

This is generally as expected from the Census figures, with women living longer than men

The age of the person filling in the form was as follows

	0-4	5-10	11-15	16-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-64	65-74	75-84	85+
Male	0	0	1	0	2	8	12	2	9	12	2
Female	0	0	0	0	0	20	18	3	13	9	2

More women than men

When asked what facilities are needed for the 8 – 16 age group the responses were

	Yes	No
Play park	77	10
Skateboard Park	49	21
Youth shelter	45	18
BMX track	36	22
Tarmac area	34	24

When asked if they would use the following the responses were

	Yes	No
Bottle bank	94	9
Newspaper collection	94	11
Public tip	76	15
Garden waste skip	62	22
Tin cans bank	55	26
Clothing bank	50	25

When asked what could be done to improve the village the responses were

Reduce traffic	71
More recycling	69
Improved public transport	35
Community composting	34
Improved public rights of way	32
Energy saving	28
More employment locally	28
Car sharing	20
Advice on healthier lifestyles	13
Nothing	1

From a sample of 416 forms

Place of work	All 416 forms	From a sample of 191 forms	
		Male	Female
At home	12	2	3
Duffield	25	3	6
Belper	11	2	5
Darley Abbey	1		1
Kedleston	1		1
Derby	86	16	21
Alfreton	1	1	
Ashbourne	1	1	
Chesterfield	1		
Codnor	1		1
Etwall	1		1
Heage	1		
Heanor	1		
Ilkeston	5	3	1
Long Eaton	1		
Matlock	5		2
Middleton by Wirksworth	1		1
Ripley	4	1	1
Somercotes	1		1
West Hallam	1		1
Derbyshire	6	1	
East Midlands	1		1
Castle Donington	2	1	
Leicester	2		
Huthwaite	1		1
Mansfield	2		
Nottingham	3		
Barton under Needwood	1		
Burton	4	1	1
Lichfield	1		
Birmingham	3	1	
Nuneaton	1		
Peterborough	2	2	
Warrington	1	1	
Manchester	1		
London	1		1
United Kingdom	1	1	

Total employed respondents: 194 in 416 houses

The above data demonstrates the difficulty of organising a car-sharing scheme for travel to work.

From a sample of 216 forms

Respondents who have difficulty leaving home were asked what sort of help they needed.

Responses were as follows.

Handyman help	8
Shopping	4
Being taken out	2
People calling to chat	1
More money	1

From a sample of 225 forms

The mode of travel to work is as follows

Car/van	Walk	Public bus	Train	Cycle	Motorbike
89	9	7	5	2	1

Roadworthy Vehicles in use

Cars	275	In a sample of 100 forms	
Motorbikes	14	48 households had	1 car
Van	7	35 households had	2 cars
Cycle	42	5 households had	3 cars
Lorry	1	1 household had	4 cars

Making the average number of cars per household over the whole sample 1.22

In homes with cars the number of cars in a sample of 100 homes were

	1 car	2 cars	3 cars	4 cars
Houses	48	35	5	1
		plus	2 vans	
			2 motorbikes	
			27 bicycles	

Hence 1.37 cars per house.

Overall the responding homes had about 1.2 cars per home.

When asked for preferences for business the responses were as follows

	Yes	No
More small business	161	27
More tourism	98	44
More jobs	78	44
More small industry	33	88

From a sample of 215 forms

When asked how visitors should be encouraged the responses were as follows

	Yes	No
Camp sites	27	137
Touring caravan sites	23	138
Permanent caravans	3	146
Bed & Breakfast	134	56
Guest Houses	107	63
Hotels	54	108

When asked about the provision of large amenity buildings the responses were as follows

	Yes	No
Youth Club	83	12
Sports Hall	69	23
Arts Centre	23	36
Concert hall	22	44
Theatre	12	50

When asked about local provision of social facilities the responses were as follows

	Good	Reasonable	Poor
Children up to 16	5	17	20
Young people 17 - 25	1	13	22
People 26 - 60	8	23	7
People over 60	8	22	2



Duffield Bridge

APPENDIX

The following comments are taken directly from the completed questionnaires, some with minor editing for clarity. No suggestions have been left out. The numbers identify the forms but there is no way that the individuals can be identified. A Q* refers to a question number.

100. Duffield is an excellent place to live, especially for young people. Community spirit, school are major plusses. Pubs are good; the White Hart much improved under new management. Tennis, golf, squash clubs are excellent and provide good social facilities for members. A sports hall, which the school has wanted for years, and a concert/theatre venue would be excellent and would bring in events from outside.

Shop/Newsagent etc are also major plusses for the village. Shouldn't expect Duffield to provide too much employment.

School/people/environment are the strengths and play to these. We do have the Derbyshire, who are good employers.



Duffield Tennis Club

101 One of the attractive features of Duffield is the abundance of green space surrounding the village. I would strongly object to parts of it being tarmaced or concreted over for large play areas / BMX circuits / skateboard parks. The majority of children in Duffield come from affluent families who have cars and regularly take the children out of the village for diversions. Also, in my experience youth shelters encourage drug use. Why not encourage children to take part in healthy pastimes such as cricket, football, fishing even. Furthermore the activities you do suggest seem slanted towards boys. Lastly if boys do want to skateboard, what's wrong with using Appletree Medical Centre car

park? It was supposedly built for the Community and many of us donated money, so why do they object to the car park being used out of hours?



Appletree Medical Centre

102. Control parking, especially on pavements and parking in turning bays.

103. No more housing estates

please!!!

104. When the village was smaller, everyone was concerned about the welfare of neighbours, young and old. Now families live here a short time to educate their children, then move on, and have not any desire to take part in village activities. Hence lack of help with the Carnival. In old days everyone would pull their weight to make it a family village success day. Now it is left to a few. Everyone is busy rushing about in two cars, causing chaos near the schools. Let children learn to walk again to learn road sense. Start supporting the churches again on Sunday mornings and visit supermarkets on another day, or Sunday afternoons. That would make Duffield a better place, like it used to be.

105 This is a really good and important exercise. I've always felt saddened that more commitments have prevented our taking part more actively in village life, but Duffield has been a wonderful place

to bring up our family, and our children felt great love and loyalty to it. This is a good time to be consulting on its future. I hope it will be possible to restore a village feel to it, and to get people shopping here again. The loss of good specialist shops over the years (deli / greengrocers / wineshop / etc.) and the awkwardness of parking when time is always short, is a major reason why I, at least, no longer shop regularly on my own doorstep. If it's within your remit, I hope something can be done to stop the continuing loss of wildlife, both plants and birds, from the agricultural land around the village. It has been dramatic and very saddening to observe over 16 years.

The local environment offers lots of opportunities for activity that is not organised, like walking and running, our household does both almost daily. We make our own entertainment or go outside the village. Apart from pubs there is little else. Q233 asks about various options but one single multi-purpose venue would be an asset to village life. Maintaining and restoring our diminishing biodiversity is of primary importance to my family and me.

106. If you want to improve the area for cyclists, the footpath between Duffield and Allestree could easily be converted to foot/cycle path. A skatepark can be used by bikes and skaters. This would kill two birds with one stone

107. Duffield is a lovely place with beautiful countryside and an active community. BUT there is not enough for those on the fringes of this largely affluent community. There are lots and lots of people in the top-of-the-range cars in huge houses but I haven't seen any evidence of helping the elderly community. Many, many people speeding around in 40 zones. King Street is a race track at times.



No recycling provision at all for King Street – not sure how many other roads are the same. Some seem to put out papers and garden waste but having recently moved here, we have heard nothing about such schemes. Young people need something to do. They are a really important part of the community. Rural communities often suffer petty crime, vandalism and intimidation because young people have no positive outlet for energy. Good idea to do this survey, thanks.

The Methodist Church on King Street in a quieter moment

108. The condition of the pavements around Park Road is very poor and uneven, particularly for the elderly. The condition of New Zealand Lane is also poor, particularly when various services have dug trenches across the roads and have not properly re-instated the surface, approx every 20 yards.

109. Would like to see improved playground facilities in Duffield please.

110. Duffield is a lovely place to live and bring up children. Our social activities/friendships were primarily initiated through NCT coffee mornings when our daughter was born and school-based functions. These led to more lasting friendships and social activities. I think the young people of Duffield are surprisingly tolerant of the lack of activities in a non-sporting sense in the village. Our daughter plays hockey in Belper; our son has played tennis and football in the village. I'm unaware of any other youth activities. Currently our daughter goes to Mickleover for the Duke of Edinburgh award. Most parents in Duffield network well and become aware of opportunities outside and are able to transport and anywhere accordingly. If the young people had to rely wholly on Duffield it would be a different situation. NIMBYism may feature, given the cross section of ages in Duffield. It is a tough nut to crack and I wish you well. Publicise any further initiative and I may be able to help.

111. Although I appreciate my nearness to shops and transport, I consider moving from Duffield because of the perceived poor air quality in the village. I suffer as a result.

112. I belong to a walking group outside Duffield but still miss Mr Webster's Saturday afternoon walks. He would be difficult to replace because apart from his personal qualities he was extremely knowledgeable about the footpaths within a 15 mile radius of Duffield and was an excellent naturalist. I cannot speak for the 8-18 year olds in Duffield as my grandchildren live away from Duffield. It seems however that resources should be put into –

- a sports hall that could be used by the schools and some sessions for the retired during the day, and then for youth groups and adults in the evening (a complex similar to Ashbourne including a swimming pool would be ideal).
- a youth club building; either a coffee bar attached to the sports hall or a separate building. The problem would be cost because possible sites in Duffield such as the old WI hall or the site in Wirksworth Road have been developed for housing.
- the urgent need for safe outdoor space is highlighted in the recent fuss over youths skateboarding on the medical centre car park. Better to improve the security of the buildings and let them use the space until adequate provision is made.

Finally too much money has gone to the Millennium Meadow and not enough to other needs. It has become a dog-walking path for car driving dog owners.

113. Duffield is an excellent residential village surrounded by beautiful countryside and within easy reach of Belper, Derby and the major road network. It offers a good range of local facilities including schools, recreational, transport, shopping etc. To sustain and improve the amenities it will need modest growth both residentially and commercially and residents should refrain from objection to development schemes wholesale as in the past. They have only a catalogue of failures [LIST of sites]. Their success was to stop the road from Hawleys to Wirksworth Road, but at the cost of road congestion in King Street. The last thing Duffield needs is a Parish Plan, drafted by a small-minded minority under the auspices of the Countryside Agency (whatever that is), restricting the organic growth of the village. We would be better of working with Amber Valley Borough Council.

114. Because of the long walk and poor bus service for those elderly people living up the Wirksworth Road, getting to the shops and doctor has to be planned very carefully and there is a limit to what people can carry. Years ago these things didn't bother us but now they do. Personally I can only do a decent shop and take stuff to be recycled when a family member is free to come and take me. I don't really think the village can take more housing yet. I am tempted to hope that I could get a new apartment nearer to transport and the doctor but I doubt if I could afford it. I love my home and don't want to move. It's mostly senior citizens who use the bus stop at the Broadway/Wirksworth



Road junction, those of us who walk along from Meadow Vale have been asking for the hedge to be cut for months now, it is really dangerous for those with poor eyesight. It's growing right across the tiny narrow path and there is a bank on the other side. All of us get scratched on the thorns. Amber Valley takes our names but do nothing until it suits them [hedge was cut end August].

north

The Colour Works Site from the

115. I think this questionnaire is a brilliant idea. I hope that you get the support you need.

116. Street parking is a problem in Park Road, especially at the end nearest the school. This refers to house-owner parking, not school parking. Cars make very good chicanes. It is impossible or very difficult for emergency vehicles.

117. It is very worrying that planning permission continues to be granted for additional housing such as Hawleys and Cumberhills Farm, when traffic and local facilities, particularly schools, are already very busy. The countryside around Duffield is beautiful and everything should be done to stop further building taking place on this land.

118. I am physically disabled as the result of a road accident but get some help from Social Services and have a marvellous immediate family. I have been very impressed with the attitude of local people. My youngest child (11-15) has plenty of opportunity for sports/socialising due to the schools and sports clubs. Not so much my eldest (16+) who is not so interested in sport. Overall I am very happy here in Duffield and would like to keep the relatively small community-minded environment I have found so far.

119. Roads and pavements in certain areas of Duffield are diabolical – especially New Zealand Lane and Wirksworth Road, which are on the Ecclesbourne School route and a bus route. Pressure should be placed on the County Council to sort this out before a major accident occurs.

120. The facilities which are in Duffield are varied but it is the inability of easy access for all which puts them out of reach for everyone. The dropped kerbs do not facilitate freedom to use motorised scooters through the whole parish. The frequency of public service buses is admirable, as also I would like to say are the really helpful shopkeepers

121. Amber Valley Borough Council should be pressed to include a new road from Duffield Meadows to Wirksworth Road in their Local Plan, because it does not appear at present.

122. Visit West Park in Long Eaton, Erewash, any summer evening and see it being well used in the skateboard and BMX areas; see a couple of cricket teams practising; see a marching band practising and large numbers of children and young people enjoying themselves safely with very little vandalism or sense of trouble. Long Eaton is a much less affluent area than Duffield but Duffield looks low-life in comparison, with more vandalism, inconsiderate behaviour and more dog-shit per square metre than any other place I have seen. Local planning approval of excessive housing for the infrastructure makes many residents wonder who is in whose pocket? Roads approach gridlock every morning, especially parents driving less than half a mile to school. This questionnaire was an opportunity missed to ask about transport infrastructure; traffic management; the School Run; child-care facilities; neighbourliness programmes for the older or vulnerable people; facilities for young people (ask open heuristic questions not closed irrelevant ones); facilities and policies that promote and encourage social responsibility and cohesion. Duffield also seems to suffer more rowdy behaviour at closing time than inner city areas. I know several people who are looking to move out of Duffield as soon as they secure school places. Duffield is in sharp decline. No pubs in Duffield are family-friendly. They're all aimed at young session drinkers. This is an appallingly poorly researched and phrased questionnaire.

123. I believe that a huge improvement could be made to Duffield life if there were better community policing / anti-vandalism strategies. Although we have suffered no major vandalism, there has been a succession of minor problems - garden damaged - youngsters climbing over gate into back garden – street furniture damaged – groups of youngsters behaving in a rowdy manner late at night. All this makes one wary if not frightened and must be worrying for elderly residents. Duffield could present a more friendly face to visitors - “Welcome to Duffield “ sign – directions to Millenium Meadow, tourist info board etc. Speeding cars on housing estates is a major problem. We have witnessed many ‘near-misses’ on New Zealand Lane. Monitoring on A6 is constant but non-existent on other roads.

124. We live on St Alkmunds Close. Park Farm, Lidl, Morrisons at Meteor Centre are good places to shop but without a car there is no bus service to get you there. There is Belper of course but it's nice to be able to shop around.

125. I am concerned that the essential village atmosphere is being rapidly eroded by the apparent willingness to approve new building development plans regardless of the impact on the environment and undue pressure on the village's facilities. Cynics would say that the carrot of increased council tax into the Council's coffers is proving too great an attraction for common sense to fight. Road access,

pressure on schools and flooding dangers facing the village should be high priorities rather than accepting often obtrusive housing development with little forethought on village impact.

126. It would be lovely to see a child friendly policeman/woman always around the village (not just the main roads) so that children and adults feel safe and protected



127. In our opinion Duffield is really only in need of one main change and that is the A6. The traffic has become much worse in the 20 years we have lived in Duffield. Noise from the A6 can be heard from as far as Hazelwood Road so goodness what must it be like for people living on the A6.

128 Is there any possibility of an indoor swimming pool and gym in Duffield?

Town Street looking north

129. Add a recycling site at the rear of the White Hart car park, convenient for those on foot or in cars Eyes Meadow is an undervalued resource – suggest car boot sales – farmers markets. Signs on A6 in the village should direct visitors to the cricket ground and nature reserve. The Weston Centre with its central location could be utilised as a youth club in the evenings, manned by a committee of volunteers. Closed businesses such as Berkeley Wines should not be allowed to remain vacant for long times, it is an eyesore. More recreation area facilities are needed for teenagers.



Cattle in the meadow opposite the Derbyshire Building Society

130. The field opposite the Derbyshire Building Society is underused. I suggest that it is acquired by the Council and turned into a small park with winding paths and a few trees. In one corner an adventure playground (similar to the one at Carsington Water), could be made for young children

131. The condition of the road New Zealand Lane is appalling – it needs completely resurfacing to make it safe for cyclists and motor cyclists, and to reduce damage to cars.

132. I believe the children coming to school from the top of Broadway and Cumberhills Road are in urgent need of a pedestrian/zebra crossing. The cars come in four directions and are usually driving at more than 40 mph. It takes ages to cross the road and it is not safe for children to go alone. Any kind of crossing has to be better than none. We do not want to wait until

someone's child is killed or badly injured before something is done about it. Please take urgent note. Thank you.

133. Nothing has been mentioned in this questionnaire about the disgraceful state of the pavements on the Hall Farm Estate. I have been in contact with the authorities and they say there is no money left to do them this year. I wonder what they would say if we told them that we had not enough money to pay our Council Tax this year. The only way I can get to the village shops is by battery scooter and the pavements are too dangerous to be used by an elderly person on a scooter.

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134. It's about time the youth of Duffield had a good youth club.
135. Your survey was far from neutral and clearly had an agenda. Try providing more walks around Duffield. Renovating the castle site would be nice and provide a History Centre. Getting Derbyshire County Council to resurface some of the local roads – especially Wirksworth Road would make the village more presentable. Please do not even consider introducing caravan or camp sites – just take a look at Matlock Bath and Matlock for the reason why.
136. As the questionnaire is specific to the person filling it in, I wonder how you can gauge the opinions of the young people themselves. I feel you should do a questionnaire specifically for the under 16s and distribute via youth groups, with extras for them to take for friends who are not in groups.
137. There are lots of family activities here in Duffield, which is wonderful. But how about those of us whose children are grown? A wine tasting group or supper group would be brilliant. How about a newcomer welcome pack for those new to the area ?
138. DCC Highways depot produces noise levels well above Health and Safety recommendations. It should be relocated to Denby. Evenings, weekends are spoilt by banging, crashing, engine revving etc.
139. Generally the Duffield environment is very good, young people do need more to keep them out of mischief and interested. The Air Corps are doing well and attract a good number; and Ecclesbourne School seems to give a decent grounding except for lapses in courtesy when meeting them in the street or shops. After 26 years we are well content with Duffield, thank you.
140. Our family uses a car to go to Meadows School although it is only 10 minutes walk away. If the route was safer and it was easier to be on pavement or cycle track, we would walk most days. There are good pubs and takeaways. There is a good mix of bank, Building Society, P.O., Chemist, Doctor, CoOp, video shop, garage, hairdresser, etc. Good bus availability even though we don't tend to use it. Belper Leisure Centre would be a fabulous facility to have in Duffield. The tennis club is good but lacks a covered court. Access to the pool at Ecclesbourne School isn't well publicised, also the pool isn't covered. Local walks need better publicity and signposts – we tend to find them by word of mouth eventually.
141. My husband and I feel that parking in Duffield is a priority due to the use of Wirksworth Road as a parking place for the 6th form students. As we have lived here for 30 years plus, Duffield and its car users have grown but parking facilities have not changed, and with more people travelling to bring their children to and from Ecclesbourne School, Meadows School and William Gilbert, this situation can only get worse. Wirksworth Road has become a single track road and some other arrangement needs to be made before there is a serious accident.
142. Most events, clubs, facilities in Duffield seem well organised for the older residents but very very poor for the 0-16 age group.
143. Duffield is a good place to live. It is obvious that a group of people take a lot of care and trouble to keep it that way, including the Parish Council. One thing that I would change if I could, would be to stop the low flying noisy paragliders and powered hang gliders flying directly over our gardens.
144. Many of us would value an improvement in surfacing of footpaths in the village – the walk to school is fraught with bumps. Dog fouling on the path to Meadows School is disgusting and hazardous to health. Could CCTV for a brief spell improve things? Speeding on the approach to Duffield via Wirksworth Road (at Fairlawns) would definitely bring revenue for speed cameras. Many of us are concerned for our children's safety along this road. We feel people in Duffield are generally keen on recycling. Would household recycling bins be of further help?
145. Please NO more land lost to new housing. The infrastructure of the village is bursting at the seams.

146. Provide access to Eyes Meadow from the Carwise Garage end of town, to open the area for easier access. Perhaps use the existing station bridge with extension. Riverside public footpath/cyclepath to Belper and Derby should be opened. Develop Duffield castle site as an attraction – more information tidier site to make it a tourist attraction. Open school swimming pool on all summer evenings. Need a family friendly pub with play area. [Scarsdale]. Make the river Ecclesbourne a feature through the village; develop cafes, restaurants, social areas, along the river away from the road.

147. Improve cycle routes along Derwent to Derby and Belper– cycling on A6 is dangerous. School children could use this to get to school and others use it to work or shop. Seek a return of bus routes through the estates. Provide traffic calming on Wirksworth Road to prevent cars travelling at speed. Introduce residents-only streets with car parks on the edge of the village for dropping of children.

148. There are no facilities for recycling plastic. Information about waste recycling should be displayed on the village notice board.

149. [edits] No more house building. Improve recycling opportunities, Organise a team of volunteer litter pickers. Provide simple facilities, such as a decent play/meeting space for young people up to 16. Increased library opening hours is welcome; ensure that the library is not taken away. Traffic calming



is necessary on many roads such as Duffield Bank. Local footpaths need foliage clearance and some seats need repair.

150. In order to provide employment within the village (desirable) areas of land will be built on (not desirable). Duffield would really benefit from a swimming pool. There was a proposal for Ecclesbourne pool to be upgraded and opened to the community. [edits]

Duffield Library, next to the apartments built on the site of the Abbeydale China Works

151. [edits] I have recently moved into the village centre [edit], being older and less able. I hope to receive help from Amber Valley and am looking forward to joining in village events. I may even get an electric scooter.

152. No mention of church activities. Look at the state of footpaths, for example Park Road where no work has been done for 40 years but this is not the only road with problems. Traffic congestion around A6/King St/Crown St/Holloway Road will need serious consideration before very long.

153. The park is a disgrace – poorly fitted and hardly maintained. Last time I visited there was broken glass and nettles growing. It's an embarrassment to an otherwise wonderful place.

154. I find it sad that Duffield is becoming pretty much a residential community only. The land previously occupied, for example, by the colour works, Hingley's wood yard, Uptons coal yard was quickly acquired for housing. There is little or no land now that could be put to light industrial use. If such industry could be encouraged/ provided for, it would give the area a more balanced feel.

155. I would like to be able to attend an evening / WEA class in Duffield at a reasonable cost. I think the opening of the new chippy in Duffield is a disgrace, bringing filth and smell to the village centre. The Weston Centre is wonderful. The Library staff are marvellous. Pavements are a disgrace and lethal to life and limb. We are very lucky to be able to live in such a super village. Who would want to live anywhere else? Good luck to the survey.

156. We need a very good village hall, with good car parking, not a cheap kitchen with a small sink, but a good kitchen, a small stage and comfortable **raked** seating, good acoustics and away from the railway noise and road noise. This could be rented out for concerts, big family occasions, weddings, plays.

157. I live very close to Gray Rec and would like to see better equipment for children to play on. The things on the Rec are very old and inadequate for the amount of children playing there. It would benefit parents and children if it were to be improved. Using natural products such as wood would mean they blended with the environment. Both big swings have been removed in the summer holidays. This seems most unfair to me, not to have swings in the play area. It would also be good if the two trees that we have lost could be replaced. The log that was left was lovely for children to climb on but this has now been taken away.

158. There is a severe lack of facilities for children over 8. I regularly drive to Denby Rec where there is a great skate park, tarmac for basketball. If Denby village can provide these facilities, why can't we? I thought the man who wrote an article in the Duffield Scene a couple of months ago about children getting told off of using Appletree car park when there were no other places for them, was correct. Admittedly we have open grass areas but if two children want to play, football is not the answer. A sports hall and swimming centre would not only provide things of the young but also for the elderly. Swimming is great exercise for those with joint problems.

159. I think that a keep fit track around the edge of Eyes Meadow would be an asset, something they have abroad; good fun for all the family. There is still need for education for dog owners. I often see older people allowing their dogs to foul the meadow, not bothering to clean up.

160. There is no parking area for the Duffield Scouts, why cannot they use the Catholic Church space. On occasions it is difficult and dangerous to drive along Hall Farm Road

161. Pavement from Duffield along A6 to Allestree would benefit from a cycle lane.



162. Make King Street one way from A6 to improve traffic and safety at the HSBC corner. Use Eyes Meadow near the pipe as an area for skateboarding and BMX track. Provide a youth club for teenagers. This will keep them off the streets and avoid trouble. Community policing is needed in Chapel Street to avoid vandalism, intimidation and drug dealing.

Derbyshire Village of the Year in 2001

163. This survey is too late for businesses etc. Planners have already co-operated with housing developers to change industrial sites to housing, viz Kennings, Hingleys, Hawleys, Abbeydale etc. the adjacent green fields have already been earmarked for more housing by both planners and developers.

164. Duffield is prone to flooding; why no questions on relief of flooding. The channel running down the gutter of Wirksworth Road fills with debris. Who cleans it out? Why are gullies near HSBC blocked? People should be made aware of how to report such problems.

165. I am sorry to see individual shops closing – greengrocers, delicatessen, dress shop. I am pleased to see new hairdresser, bakers shop, coffee bar, new dress shop.

166. [edit] Having recently moved here I find it a pleasing place to live and hope to send my young son to the local schools when he is old enough. I think the key to this village is not to get too large and try to be too many things. It's important to support the current local businesses and in turn this will create a sense of community. Please no huge car parks, supermarket or any more roads. The A6 is quite big enough.

167. Can we have some traffic calming measures on the A6, from Carwise out to the Avenue Road, such as speed cameras, speed bumps, speed advisory signs (light up if cars too fast) and play

facilities for children, new or existing, should be flood-lit at night, to maximise use and to deter vandalism.

168. Playground in Rec is entirely unsuitable. It has outdated and dangerous equipment (high open-stepped slide and ridiculously impractical helicopter climbing frame, that my children have fallen off despite proper supervision. Inspiration could be drawn from the River Gardens play area in Belper. The train station is highly unsuitable for those with young children, and the disabled, having no easy access to the platform for buggies/prams/wheelchairs. Mode of transport to and from school needs to be reviewed. Very few individuals, especially for primary level, live far from the schools and encouragement to walk would improve the individual's own health, the health and safety of others and the environment.

169. As a joint venture the village and Ecclesbourne School could upgrade the swimming pool and then run it for the benefit of the school in school hours and for the community during the holidays.

170. Recently care of weeding the footpaths has been neglected, leaving the impression of untidy and run-down appearance. Local authority contact is not very responsive. William Gilbert parents drop off children and park in dangerous positions. A6 through Duffield carries heavy goods vehicles that are getting longer and heavier and some restriction or diversion is needed. Perhaps a surcharge for using A roads. Both golf and tennis facilities are excellent, as is Eyes Meadow for football and cricket. The Millenium Meadow should be carefully preserved for the future (make it a dog-free zone).

171. At the age of 94 and being house-bound for many years, I find this questionnaire difficult to answer

172. We need more shops of all kinds but not TWO chippies and TWO florists.



On Gray's Rec

173. The volume of traffic on the roads through the village is of great concern when cycling and horse riding. Something needs to be done to make these activities safer, particularly as there are so many riders in the village. Also I always insist my children cycle on the pavement, even though this is not legal, because of the danger of cycling along the A6. Perhaps we could have a cycling lane that could also be used by riders.

174. I think that the 60+ group are well catered for in the village. Young and teenagers I suspect are not. However as my children have now grown up, I don't feel able to comment on what is available. A gym/leisure centre/sports hall would be my choice of activity to have locally at the present time. I travel into Derby for this facility. It would be great to walk there if there was one in Duffield. Possible venue – near Golf Club.

175. I agree that facilities for children need reviewing. I have three children and have to go to Belper, Little Eaton or Allestree if they want decent play facilities. Could you consider an indoor young children's play centre. I have to travel to Ripley or Spondon for my nearest soft play area. Also, my son goes to Belper three times per week for sports and I wish there were something nearer. I noticed a section regarding voluntary workers. I am sure that more people would volunteer to visit the elderly or disabled if a scheme was in place.

176. Duffield's principal problem is the traffic on A6. This is growing annually and there is a desperate need for a bypass. The youth 12-19 have nowhere to congregate and socialise, particularly at night / evenings.

177. Duffield lacks an adequate village hall. The majority of villages in this area, some one tenth the size, now have very good and well designed public halls. The best we have is the Weston Centre which is too small and poorly designed. It would be appreciated if the Parish clerk would make himself available in the village (eg Weston Centre) weekly perhaps, to discuss Parish matters for onward transmission to the Parish Council. The Clerk lives in Matlock – very difficult to speak on the telephone – and the Council meetings are held in the Chapel in the evenings and hence the elderly find it impossible to attend. They then have virtually no contact with the Parish Council.

178. I think that whist drives do not now exist.

179. I definitely think we need more facilities for the young people in the village. There could be a lot more on the Rec and please stop people going on there with dogs. I am 66 years old and have lived in the village all my life and there is not as much for the young people now as when I was young. We had a lot more things in the Rec. People complain about the youth's skate boarding on the Appletree car park but where else do they have to go, all anyone thinks about in this village is taking all the land to build houses.

180. Parking for residents on King Street is diabolical, particularly when people are taking and collecting children from the nursery, which covers longer periods of time than normal school hours (from 8 am to 6 pm). Also when there is a meeting at the Masonic Hall residents are unable to park anywhere near their homes until late in the evening. Traffic on King Street is far too busy for such a narrow road especially during school run times; frustrating and potentially dangerous. I suggest parking permits for residents with two or three spaces outside the nursery for parents only. Perhaps land over the railway [opposite the butcher] could be used. Also the Masons had an arrangement with the Methodist Church for parking. Could this be renewed? A one-way system is needed and if this happens, could residents be allowed to dig out their gardens to allow off-street parking? These problems need urgent attention. I feel it is only a matter of time before there is an accident. I love my cottage and would like to spend the rest of my life here but the thoughtlessness of some people makes me want to leave.

181. Unless new traffic systems are designed then more congestion will occur in the Kings Street / Hazelwood Road areas.

182. The one major improvement that would improve the environment for all in Duffield would be a scheme to reduce or deter the amount of traffic which pours through Duffield from dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

183. [edit] Duffield has not exploited its position within the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site. We need display boards and a village guide book, giving details of historic buildings and sites.

184. I think Duffield needs more sporting facilities such as a decent astro-turf pitch with changing facilities and club house near to football pitches which can be used all week long.

185. The area of Duffield I live in is blighted by a garage being allowed to blatantly trade off the grass verge and from a residential property in the vicinity. No one dare to challenge his money.

186. Duffield is a lovely place to live and this would be eroded if we try to increase business use in the locality. I don't think this applies to sporting businesses such as a new sports centre because this is a business that focuses upon leisure time for residents. Duffield has a nice shopping area. It is a commuter village with a good heart and I don't think we should try to make it into a mini-town, such as Belper.

187. I would like two new seats on Gray Rec, one on the base where there was a former seat and one at the top of the Rec on an existing base. Thank you for the benefit of OAPs.

188. We certainly do not need more tourist or camping provision. We also don't need to significantly change the local employment opportunities beyond the current small businesses. Let's not spoil what isn't broken. My biggest complaint is inconsiderate dog owners letting their animals foul everywhere. This is disgraceful and must be stamped out.

189. Why are so many people hanging around Wirksworth Road corner at night? I've lived here 23 years and it's never been as bad as it is now – and they look rough. Are they Duffield kids? Why is the traffic so bad in term time, why can't more kids use the bus or walk? It's getting beyond a joke. Is there going to be even more traffic with all the house building taking place? Duffield has certainly gone down-hill in the last 10 years. I know people who have left because it's not as pleasant as it was. It's starting to look scruffy with all the caravans and camper vans parked in people's drives

190. Improved train services would aid the traffic issue, especially commuter services to and from Derby

191. Parking is only available by courtesy of the White Hart for shoppers. The only other parking is on Town Street and Chapel Street. It can be difficult at times.

192. The village needs a village hall with a stage for use by the community that is independent of the school hall. Charges for use would be set by the village. Public transport is an important factor for residents without their own transport and for the elderly when their driving days are over.

193. Why does everyone assume that young people require sports related or group related activities? Some younger ones **hate** group sport – what about reaching other types. What about courses on wood working, metal working, technology, car maintenance, railway club etc. Something useful and informative, rather than potentially destructive. They do sports a-plenty at school. Use Ecclesbourne School for more adult and or evening courses, not just yoga, keep fit, etc. Languages for example.

194. A bus shelter is needed at the White Hart. Trans Peak stops here and is often late, causing hardship for elderly people who are encouraged to use public transport but can find standing painful, especially in bad weather. If a shelter is not possible, please place a seat neat the bus stop. Trees and shrubs are overhanging some pavements making passage difficult.



There is a huge problem with dog dirt on footpaths near the Meadows School and recreation ground.

Town Street showing the local Co-op & White Hart bus-stop outside Duffield News

195. I believe that the Ecclesbourne School should be relocated to the Flaxholme council yard with further land being compulsorily purchased. This would allow for better growth for the school, reduce congestion in the village and allow re-development on the school's existing site. I believe that further residential development should be halted until we can truly gauge the impact of Ecclesbourne Meadows.

196. Whilst we support the garden waste and newspaper re-cycling initiative, the practice of some householders of leaving bags on pavements when no collection is due, results in unsightly pavements. These bags may remain on the pavements for up to four weeks until collected.

197. Duffield Community Association should be supported and publicised because it has need of new people to allow it to continue to do good for Duffield. The collection service for newspapers and compost is good. It could be extended to a weekly service rather than setting up a central collection point. A sports hall / leisure centre / pool, could occupy all ages and incorporate skate board and youth activities / club.

198. It seems a shame that the swimming pool at the school in the village is only suitable for summer use – is there any way that support could be given to the provision of a building to enclose it and add changing rooms, so that it could be a year-round facility ? This could be funded partially by making it accessible to the public for a fee out of school hours, but this needs capital input to get a project off the ground.

199. I have always thought that we need to have a cricket and football ground and swings on the meadow area opposite The Derbyshire. Eyes Meadow is too remote. A bypass should be built to take A6 traffic. Heavy traffic goes through the village at too high a speed and system needs to be set up to control this. Road humps on entering the village could be installed, as they have in France.

200. The initial Parish Plan meeting implied that all age groups should be included in determining the needs of the village. This questionnaire requests the opinion of one member of the family. There are no specific questions for children and teenagers. No questions regard access / availability of sports facilities – football, tennis, golf, swimming – or the need for other sports in the village. The Duffield to Wirksworth railway line would have made an excellent footpath / cycle / pony trail – another Tissington trail – on our doorstep.

201. This questionnaire is very badly designed and will be difficult to process accurately and quickly. There is too little indication of how the respondent should enter the reply. A mixture of circling answers, ticking boxes, and in some cases nowhere to put the answer, is messy. In view of the expense and importance of this survey some professional advice in the design should have been taken.

202. Public sports facilities are poor or poorly provided. As a newcomer to the village I find sports facilities poor unless you can afford to pay private club prices, e.g. tennis club. There are few cycle paths and bridleway routes are not clearly identifiable. I very much like Duffield but it is focussed very strongly towards the very old and very young – with little in between, which will hinder the village's development as the elderly pass on.

203. The bus route from Wirksworth Road to town should be as it was when it first started - every hour - as then many older people would use it, and we need it.

204. Information about events makes no reference to the DCA Newsletter as a source. This is received by about one third of Duffield households.

205. There is a need to put a stop to the ever increasing infill housing developments that are taking place within some of the gardens in the village. This is to the detriment of the area and its appearance. This also overloads the infrastructure.

206. Duffield desperately needs more facilities for young people such as a youth club, indoor football facilities.

207. Availability of affordable housing for first time buyers brought up in Duffield is important. A traffic calming scheme for Town Street is critical. Improved street lighting is required. There should be better use of Eyes Meadow for recreational purposes.

208. Please urge those in control to view and improve the hazardous state of our residential pavements.

209. Design of questionnaire is inadequate. Little opportunity to express alternative opinions.

210. A joint community / schools sports hall would benefit everyone in the community. Located either on school grounds or on Eyes Meadow.

211. What about local public tennis courts at reasonable prices?

212. The playground on the recreation ground is suitable for children up to 8 years old but older children (15, 16) take over the play area and break the equipment. The Eyes Meadow is too far away

from the village for parents to allow children to go there on their own. It wasn't so bad when a regular groundsman was working down there.

213. The state of the pavements in Duffield is a disgrace. There is graffiti in the pedestrian walk ways and also at the railway station which reflects badly on Duffield. The litter bins near Ecclesbourne School are inadequate. Whilst it is no problem collecting waste on the pavement it is not possible to collect the debris thrown into the school grounds. By the looks of the packaging it is the late night take-away eaters that are the culprits. Some action needs to be put in hand to catch the litter louts.

214. The branch railway line could be used by many more people if converted to a cycle/walking track rather than a railway enthusiasts' occasional line. Perhaps dual function would be worth investigating. It would provide safe, healthy recreation and linkage to the Tissington and High Peak trails for locals and tourists alike.



215. I like Duffield as it is, a residential area surrounded by countryside. I do not want big developments, camp sites etc. If I want them I'll go to a town or city. Keep the developers away and the Councillors who support them. We are a village not a town; keep it that way.

WI & Silver Leaves at the Carnival in 2004

216. [edit] After being born in Duffield in 1919 I must say that vast changes have taken place but not all for the better. We have not got the variety of shops so it means travelling to Derby, Belper or elsewhere for quite a few things. I am also disgusted by the state of old Duffield. This includes roads, pavements in Tamworth Street / Holloway Road area, with general filth and trees growing out of walls. I also feel sorry for the teenagers who badly need a skating area, youth club etc.



217. We lost approx 100 jobs in Duffield with the closure of the colour works. I understood this was due to the failure to grant permission for a new road and the building of 150 houses. We now have over 150 houses and no jobs. Had the houses been built, how many would have been real starter homes. This is the largest handicap for the younger generation getting married. They cannot afford to buy property in this district and have to move out.

218. There is a great need for facilities for the 11 to 18 year olds. There needs to be a football pitch and posts during the summer months. There also needs to be a basketball court. These could be placed on Eyes Meadow. The Ecclesbourne School could also be used (tennis courts etc) during summer months and school holidays. It is very underused. Young people are in need of these facilities urgently so that they are not bored and hanging about on street corners.

219. [edit from three page note] Heavy A6 traffic spoils the village and there is local congestion, with little parking. The Broadway/Wirksworth Road/Town street triangle could be made access only for road traffic. Traffic lights at A6/Avenue Road would make it easier for local traffic to join A6 and ease the congestion at A6/King Street junction. Make the White Hart car park a pay-and-display area to provide the White Hart with some income and formalise public access. A modern sports hall is needed for badminton and other sports.

220. Our priorities should be

1. Permanent residential village policeman
2. Regular gully cleaning to prevent flooding after heavy rain.
3. Reinstatement of full-time road man for street and pavement cleaning
4. More visual road signs with better indication of the general 30 mph limit in Town Street.

221. Considering that we have such a vibrant school, lots of older people, lots of responsible high earners, it should be possible to steer the village facilities such that it becomes a vibrant community rather than a commuter/dormitory village. Local business and industry is important. Try to curb further residential development, business and general facilities is the need.

222. More fitness activities needed for both adults and children. Funds are required to get the swimming pool covered for the use of the community out of school hours.

223. Duffield needs a large community centre providing facilities for both young and not so young, for use on a daily basis, as well as for occasional meetings. Also we need a fresh cake/bread shop. We do not need two fish-chip shops and two florists. We appear to be having two of similar shops instead of fresh ones. Please may we have some sort of sports hall, with a small swimming pool. Ecclesbourne pool is not the answer. We have talked about putting a roof on that pool for the last 35 years to my knowledge. I like living in Duffield but it is expensive as you get older and retired. Most evening or sporting facilities have to be paid for. Also the council tax is high, but that is another issue

224. Facilities for 13 to 17 year olds are awful. There is nothing for them to do and nowhere safe to go. There should definitely be a youth club or space for the young, which could be used for other people too, on different days. Duffield seems to care for the old more than other age groups. Young people should be given a chance to do other things. I fully support the opening of a youth club. With the right people running it, it would be hugely successful. You could charge £1.50 to get in, less for the 8 year olds, and make money to keep it going. [aged 17]

225. In general Duffield is a pleasant place to live and we are very happy here.

226. More indoor sports facilities needed.

227. Overwhelming problems are Congestion: Car parking facilities: Population increasing every year and is not catered for in regard to parking.

228. I find recycling in Duffield and Amber valley area is itself rubbish. Everyone has lots of plastic bottles etc but no provision is made for their disposal. I take mine either to Park Farm or Morrisons. Safeway at Belper do not cater for this. Also – green bags of garden waste can be left out on pavements for well over a week and look unsightly.

229. You have not addressed the obvious untidiness of Duffield. The gutters are weed ridden and there are a lot of awful and neglected areas such as adjacent to the Scout Hut from the A6, never ever addressed. Tamworth Street is a complete mess. Nobody appears to notice weeds any more. Finally when the grass verges are cut throughout the village, the contractors could not be worse. The mess they leave is disgraceful. Duffield??? more like Ruffield.

230. I have lived in Duffield all my life and have seen various open spaces taken up for housing. It's pretty obvious from the Hawley site that the next move will be housing further up Wirksworth Road. Is it a case of who you know in the planning departments?

231. Listen to what the residents say and take notice of the community. Act decisively on what and when it is needed before it is just rejected or not even carried out. Encourage people to be proud and

safe where they live. Be able to give a choice, not just a take it or leave it attitude, such as the closure of residential homes for the elderly or disabled. Respect the equal opportunities act for all including visitors or residents. Do not let yourselves or any of the local/national authorities 'Pass the buck' or just waste time at meetings. Encourage the residents to give and act upon reliable help, before [a problem] has a chance to escalate. Have more local input and a chance to have the real local opportunity to help and improve the area. Get the other local/national authorities to help now and improve the future for all. Have other activities in the area besides sport.

232. There is a need for a speed camera on the main road; too many motorists are speeding, many doing 50 to 60 mph.

233. Duffield could do with a general hardware and paint shop [we had one in Meadow Vale].

234. Bigger litter bins are needed, particularly along Wirksworth Road, because of Ecclesbourne School. There is a bad general litter problem. Roads and pavements are in a state of poor repair. A really desperate need for a Village Hall. In Town Street do we need two fish and chip shops? Building of houses is reaching saturation point. Parking of caravans and business vehicles/vans is blocking side roads and makes for a scruffy environment. The library is far too small. Too many businesses are run from home, with consequent clutter of vehicles.

235. The public toilets in Chapel Street are disgusting and a disgrace to Duffield. They need a complete refurbishment and regular good cleaning. I wrote to Amber Valley about the toilets and received a negative response. If Derbyshire Dales and Peak Park can provide good conveniences why can't Amber Valley. The toilets are on the trunk road and provide a vital service. Parish Council please do something about them.

236. Please is it possible to have the grass collected after the verges are cut. It is an eyesore all the year round.

237. I think each household should have the chance to respond for every member. Taking just one person's individual view is likely to be unrepresentative, because needs vary.

238. As grandparents keen on walking we can find our own leisure interests but when our grandchildren visit us there is only the Rec available, which is poor. Considering the number of children/teenagers who come into



Duffield or are resident in Duffield, I think a Sports Hall would be appreciated and would also be used by all age groups. The Ecclesbourne School had plans for a sports hall some years ago – could a Lottery Grant for a similar venture be obtained.

239. The environment will come under increased pressure over the next few years – already we have lost much of the amenity value of the lovely fields behind the Colour Works site. Could the Labour and Liberal parties jointly promote an Environmental Action Group ?

240. We need - an occasional police presence (a visit by a vehicle on some other emergency will not do) - a campaign by a nasty traffic warden - just a bobby who parks his Panda and walks around 2 or 3 roads and allows (not avoids) eye contact.

241. I think that the Ecclesbourne MIDAS project should get as much support as possible to create a community sports facility. I would like to see some leisure facilities put on Eyes Meadow such as a large children's playground with lots of equipment for ages 2 to 14; a crazy golf course – a maze.

242. We badly need greatly improved toilet facilities. A regular train service to Derby is needed, at least at peak times 0730-0900 and 1630-1730 at 20 minutes interval, with an integrated shuttle bus to Derby centre.

426. The questionnaire is more appropriate for younger people.

474. I have added local history group and antiques circle to N233.

786. Why no mention of our excellent Community Association?

807. Too much traffic through Duffield.

867. Build a dual-use sports centre at Ecclesbourne School. This would act as a focal point for the community and could put on diverse events such as football and cat/dog shows.

900. Facilities for teenagers and youngsters need to be improved and the three schools play a part in this. Facilities for mid-age and elderly are already in place. People cannot expect to be spoon-fed for their social life, they must be prepared to go out and find out what is available. The Community Association tried hard to keep things moving but when less than 30 people attend the Association's AGM, what chance have we got.

906. Facilities for the disabled in Duffield are very poor. I am one of 9 disabled people who rely on an electric wheelchair to be able to shop or get to the post office/bank and the pavements/access are very poor in the area. Street lighting needs improving and in some areas trees block the effect of street lights.

911. Currently we end up driving to take the children to Little Eaton Park which is better equipped and a generally nicer design of park than Duffield. The nearest skate parks are at Belper and Derby. There is also nowhere safe for children to ride their bikes.

916. The village has no free unsupervised facilities for 10-16 year olds to have physical activity (apart from football pitches which are excellent). An all-weather and floodlit area would be excellent. We should be providing areas suitable for this age group to encourage physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. These areas need to be free to use (I recognise that the tennis and squash clubs are excellent). The play area at Gray's Rec serves only young children and favours the north of the village. The flood plain opposite my house on the A6 would make a good site for play areas. [presumed opposite Church View]. Eyes Meadow could have timber framed play equipment which would allow all to enjoy physical activity whilst dad/brother are playing cricket or football. A basketball court and/or hoops would be good. Please provide more dog poo bins.

918. Whatever developments are provided, they should not include building on green areas in Duffield. This would damage the environment of the village, increase pollution and increase the risk of flooding.

922. I feel very safe growing up in Duffield. [aged 13]

924. I would definitely not like camping or caravan sites in Duffield as this would encourage gypsies to settle there with all the squalor and crime that goes with them. I think that this is a very serious issue.

928. Bus link needed to the Meteor Centre, could pass through Allestree. This would serve shops, cinema, Rollerworld, with early evening and late evening return. Some young people now walk. Cycle lanes within the village will help cyclists.



**Duffield out in force,
in September 2004, waiting for the Round Britain Cycle Race, sponsored by the Derbyshire
Building Society**