

ELVASTON PARISH PLAN 2022 – 2032

The next 10 years 2022 – 2032, Commissioned by Elvaston Parish Council,
Your parish, your community, your future

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FOREWORD

Elvaston Parish Council is delighted to receive the final copy of the parish plan, commissioned in Spring 2020 and produced by Rachel Scott of rms sports consultants in June 2022 in a voluntary capacity.

The parish council is confident that following this robust consultation process, notwithstanding, being in the grip of a global pandemic (Covid-19), supported by keen volunteers and an active and enthusiastic steering group, this plan reflects the views and opinions of parish residents and will set the council's strategic objectives for the next ten years as well as informing investment priorities during this time.

In line with best practice guidance on public consultation, strenuous efforts were made to engage with all residents, with additional support offered to vulnerable and / or isolated individuals. A variety of media was utilised to promote meaningful engagement, with everyone in the parish having had the opportunity to contribute to the final product.

The parish council will now lead the delivery of the objectives detailed in the reports action plan, though ultimately will require the active support and participation of volunteers and residents to do this, so recruitment and ongoing engagement of volunteers will be crucial.

Fiona Keppel-Spoor
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

PREFACE

This document has been produced by rms sports consultants in a voluntary capacity for Elvaston Parish Council. rms sports consultants specialises in community research and consultation, project development, bid writing and grant funding advice to support sports, recreation, leisure and community-based projects.

This document has been drafted by rms sports consultants and was originally presented to Elvaston Parish Council on the 4th April 2022 as a draft document. It has been proof read by Elvaston Parish Council and was ratified by Elvaston Parish Council at the meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022, 7.30 pm, Elvaston Village Hall, Elvaston, Ref 27/2022-23 Parish Plan. A steering group meeting was held on Monday 1st August 2022 and revisions were made to the plan with these being ratified by the Elvaston Parish Council on Monday 8th August 2022.

Please note that the information herein may include inaccuracies or typographical errors. rms sports consultants accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage associated with the use of these report findings.

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GLOSSARY

Local Authority Areas

Please note that Elvaston Parish is located in the county of Derbyshire which is administered by Derbyshire County Council. It sits within the district of South Derbyshire which is administered by South Derbyshire District Council and is within the Aston electoral ward / division.

Aston Division / Aston Electoral Ward

Aston division or Aston Electoral Ward in the east of South Derbyshire is semi-rural in nature, with dispersed pockets of populations including Stenson Fields to the west of the division and Aston on Trent and Shardlow on the eastern boundary (Derbyshire Observatory, Undated).

Numerical presentation throughout this report

Please note that all percentage figures are written in numbers throughout.

HEADLINE RESEARCH RESULTS

The headline research results below summarise the key findings from the overall community consultation and research process undertaken in the production of the parish plan. It is organized into six key themes including: 1) Community, 2) Conservation, 3) Environment, 4) Facilities and amenities, 5) Governance and 6) Wellbeing.

Community

- Population in the parish was 1801 in 2011 and expected to rise to approximately 6416 residents by 2028 following house building in Boulton Moor
- An annual programme of community activities, events should be maintained and improved going forwards in partnership with the Elvaston Communities Group
- Top five ranked community activity needs: exercise and keep fit classes, youth and children's activities and clubs, rambling club/walking group, running club and pilates
- Top three community events included Christmas tree switch on, street parties and fete
- The community would like to see the provision of a parish newsletter in hard copy
- Community engagement worker to assist with community development would be of benefit
- Three hundred and three names submitted as part of the survey to volunteer

Conservation

- Preservation of the rural character of the parish should be of the highest priority with 98% of survey respondents citing this as important to protect and conserve
- The production of a Neighbourhood Plan to consider spatial development
- Elvaston Castle and Country Park ranked number one priority according to areas of concern
- High level of concern relating to flood risk locally with 71% of survey respondents stating that flooding is a serious problem locally
- 96% of survey respondents stated that local initiatives to recycle and reduce energy consumption to develop a more sustainable community was important locally

Environment

- Fly tipping received a majority score for fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied
- Top three areas of concern relating to cleanliness across the parish included dog fouling, litter and fly tipping
- Anti-litter campaigns should be used where possible to reduce the level of litter in the parish

- 99% stated that the preservation of established trees, hedgerows and conservation meadows was important locally
- Traffic volume, noise pollution, speeding ranked 2nd in negative aspects about the parish
- Inconsiderate car parking in Elvaston and Thulston mainly caused by visitors to Elvaston Castle and Country Park

Facilities and amenities

- Top community amenities required in parish – 1) local shop, 2) community building at Boulton Moor, and 3) children's play areas (Boulton Moor & Ambaston)
- 29% level of dissatisfaction relating to the provision of teenage play areas
- Top five sports facility needs; play areas, cycle provision, improved village hall/use, tennis courts and sports ground
- Top five street furniture needs; waste bins, post box, benches, dog bins and improved signage
- Need for a pavement along Snelsmoor Lane to connect with Elvaston Castle and Chellaston to aid Active Travel

Governance

- Councillor representation should be reviewed to reflect growing population at Boulton Moor
- 60% of survey respondents would like to see Boulton Moor become a parish council in own right

Wellbeing

- 11% stated that they had felt lonely or vulnerable either before or during the Covid-19 lockdown and interest shown in befriending scheme
- The prevalence of children being overweight at reception age in the Aston ward (which includes Elvaston parish) is 27.3% compared with 22.6% in England
- 93% of survey respondents declared that they felt safe in their home and 58% had not been a victim of crime locally in the last five years
- Awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was poor with 58% not knowing if their area was in a scheme but 50% were interested to find out about the scheme
- 105 comments received on how to improve disabled access and provision with the top suggestions including additional pavements, improved pavement maintenance and improved bus services

INTRODUCTION

This plan has been developed to drive forward parish council community objectives and budgets to identify priorities and opportunities to improve the lives of local people throughout Elvaston Parish over the next ten years. It has consisted of a comprehensive community consultation process and the production of an action plan which addresses cohesion and participation relating to community, social and environmental issues.

It is important to note that this plan is not a Neighbourhood Plan but is a Community Led Parish Plan. 'A Neighbourhood Plan considers spatial development for the location and type of housing, affordable housing, regeneration of derelict land, design, infrastructure, green space, conservation, specifications for development and type of use' (ORCC, Helping Communities help themselves (2015), page3).

Purpose and Scope

This process has included a detailed review of community needs involving extensive community consultation to identify current provision, opportunities and needs. The purpose of the plan is:

- To review current provision including community needs
- To identify development programmes, projects and initiatives which could be accessed
- To identify the main strengths and weaknesses relating to community provision
- To examine all findings and opportunities and recommend how all aspects of community provision can be improved by the parish council over the next 10 years

Methodology

A steering group was set up in August 2020 comprising of approximately ten members including the following people listed in alphabetical order (by surname):

1. Emma Beech, Parish Councillor representing the urban ward area
2. Colin Bennett representing Elvaston Communities Group
3. Kevin Birch representing Ambaston
4. George Dodson, Parish Councillor representing the rural ward areas
5. Fiona Keppel-Spoor, Parish Clerk
6. Sarah Leuenberger representing Elvaston Castle Action Group
7. Amelia Lockett representing Thulston
8. Rachel Scott, rms sports consultants
9. Faye Simnett, Parish Lengthsman
10. Katrina Woodward representing Thulston

Unfortunately, no resident came forward from the community to represent Boulton Moor and Elvaston.

The methodology consisted of a series of different consultation techniques including a street survey as stage 1 and a web-based resident survey as stage 2 and appropriate desk research, as follows:

Stage 1 - Street survey

A street survey consisted of four pop up displays held at Thulston on Saturday 12th and Wednesday 16th September 2020 from 8 am until 6 pm and at Boulton Moor on Saturday 19th from 8 am until 6 pm and Wednesday 23rd September 2020 from 8 am until 4 pm.

Residents were asked to name three positive aspects about living in the parish and three areas of concern or things to improve about living in the parish. One hundred and twenty-two post cards were submitted by residents which resulted in a 3.8% response rate. Recorded postcards by area included:

Ambaston	1
Boulton Moor	23
Elvaston	7
Thulston	40
Not disclosed	51

See **Appendix A** for the full results of the street survey. The street survey results were then used to inform the design, scale and scope of the questioning in the stage 2 web-based resident survey where more detail views were captured.

Stage 2 - Web based resident survey

The street survey findings informed the design of the main resident web-based survey. It included 84 questions across 18 separate themes:

1. About your household
2. Appearance and conservation of the parish
3. Car parking
4. Community activities, sport and recreation
5. Community promotion
6. Community safety
7. Community services and amenities
8. Community spirit and events
9. Elvaston Castle and Country Park
10. Flood alleviation, atmospheric and noise pollution
11. Governance
12. Health and social care
13. Public transport
14. Recycling and energy efficiency
15. Rights of way
16. Road safety
17. Volunteer engagement
18. Other comments

A letter was distributed to all parish residents containing the web link on the weekend of the 13th February 2021 and the survey deadline was midnight on Monday 1st March 2021. Eleven paper copy surveys were requested and all paper copy surveys were returned so every resident was given the opportunity to respond and input into the parish plan process. The main survey received 300 responses in total. See separate supporting information file for the full results including all answers to all open-ended questions included in the survey.

Children and young people's survey

A separate web-based survey was set up for children and young people aged 5-16 years which included five open ended questions on participation in activities, needs and dislikes. This was completed by nine children in total.

Community group survey

Survey questions were circulated to 11 local parish groups to identify the challenges being faced (before and during Covid-19) in running these organisations. Two completed surveys were returned from Boulton Moor Joggers and Elvaston Communities Group.

Desk research

Desk research was undertaken and includes reference to relevant reports and websites to support the development of the plan, which are fully detailed under Bibliography and References pages 127 - 130.

Reports:

1. Cheshire Community Action Supporting our Rural Communities, Parish Plan Guidance, Introduction to Parish Plans
2. Doynton Parish Plan Questionnaire 2009
3. My Community Locality, Social survey toolkit, Neighbourhood Planning programme
4. Office of National Statistics, Census 2011
5. ORCC, Helping Communities help themselves
6. ORCC Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, Questionnaires
7. South Derbyshire District Council, Adopted Local Plan, South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1, South Derbyshire Changing for the better

Websites:

1. Active Travel England
2. Age UK
3. Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire
4. BiffaAward
5. Bustimes.org
6. Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust
7. Elvaston Communities Group
8. Elvaston Parish Council
9. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
10. Derbyshire Constabulary
11. Derbyshire County Council
12. Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch
13. Derbyshire Observatory
14. Derbyshire Voluntary Action
15. Environment Agency
16. Foundation Derbyshire
17. Harrington Arms
18. Keep Britain Tidy
19. National Association of Local Councils
20. Open Spaces Society
21. Persimmon Homes
22. Plantlife
23. Police UK
24. Public Health England
25. Rewilding Britain
26. RHS
27. Severn Trent
28. Skylink

29. SLCC
30. South Derbyshire District Council
31. Sport England
32. The Friends of Elvaston
33. The National Lottery Community Fund
34. The Trent and Derwent Parish Churches
35. The Tree Council
36. Veolia Environmental Trust
37. Woodland Trust

Furthermore, a specific examination of grant funding opportunities is detailed in **Appendix B**.

Report context

The overall document is set out into five broad sections with Section 1 being the introduction, Section 2 being the overall research findings from the consultation process and desk research, Section 3 being the main conclusion, Section 4 containing all the supporting appendices and Section 5 being the Action Plans.

OVERALL MAIN RESEARCH FINDINGS

Elvaston demographics

All the data below relating to population, house types, age, ethnicity and socio- economic status, public rights of way and distances to key destinations has been supplied by the South Derbyshire District Council Planning Policy Officer. Information relating to crime, health, and transport has been obtained from appropriate websites which are fully detailed under bibliography and references.

Population and household occupancy

The total population in 2011 was 1801 and the total number of household spaces including vacant dwellings was 704 (2011 Census).

Current number of households

In 2022 the current number of households is 694 (2011 Census) (not included vacant dwellings above) + 545 new homes recorded as having been completed between 1st April 2011 and 31 March 2020 (SDDC monitoring) = 1239 households.

Population and growth

The total current population estimate is $1801 + 1395 = 3196$ residents. This includes 1801 plus occupants of 545 new homes completed between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2020 (545×2.56 (average household occupancy, Elvaston Parish, 2011) = 1395).

Predicted population growth to 2028 (the end of the Local Plan period):

The South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan allocations include 1255 additional dwellings plus planning consent for 3 individual dwellings = 1258 additional dwellings. Therefore, 1258×2.56 average household occupancy 2011 = 3220 additional residents by 31st March 2028. The total population estimate 1st March 2018: 3196 (current estimated population) + 3220 additional residents = 6416 residents.

Table 1 – Population profile by location

Area	Number of dwellings	Approximate
Ambaston	50 dwellings (with average of 2.56 persons per dwelling)	128 persons
Elvaston	100 dwellings	256
Thulston	200 dwellings	512
Boulton Moor	1750 dwellings	4480
	These numbers have been supplied by the Parish Clerk (03.04.22)	5376

Population by gender

The total number of males is 913 (50.69%) and females is 888 (49.31%) = 1801 (2011 Census).

Current house types

The South Derbyshire District Council monitoring records of home completions between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2020:

Table 2 – House types

Type	Number	%
Detached	747	60.29
Semi detached	310	25.02
Terraced	160	12.91
Flats	22	1.78
Total	1239	

Detached houses make up 60% of all dwellings in the parish with semi-detached accounting for 25%.

Age structure

Based on 2011 Census:

Table 3 – Age structure

Age	Number	%
0-4	99	5.50
5-7	65	3.60
8-9	38	2.10
10-14	123	6.82
15	18	1.00
16-17	49	2.72
18-19	39	2.16
20-24	95	5.27
25-29	77	4.27
30-44	436	24.20
45-59	483	26.81
60-64	103	5.71
65-74	115	6.38
75-84	50	2.77
85-89	3	0.16
90+	8	0.44
	1801	100%

Those aged 30 – 59 years account for 51% of the parish population according to the 2011 Census data.

Ethnicity structure

Based on 2011 Census:

Table 4 – Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	%
White (including Irish, Gypsy, Traveller, other)	1645	91.34
Mixed race	31	1.72
Asian/British Asian	100	5.55
Black/Black British	18	1.00
Other Ethnic Groups	7	0.39
	1801	

The parish population is predominantly white (91.34%) according to the 2011 Census data.

Socio Economic structure

Based on 2011 Census:

Table 5 – Socio economic status

Category	Number	%
Sec 1 Higher Management, Administration, Professional	254	17.14
Sec 2 Lower Management	344	23.21
Sec 3 Intermediate Occupations	201	13.56
Sec 4 Small employers, account workers	122	8.23
Sec 5 Lower supervisory and technical occupations	106	7.15
Sec 6 Semi routine occupations	165	11.13
Sec 7 Routine occupations	79	5.33
Sec 8 Never worked and long term unemployed	41	2.77
Sec L15 Full time students	85	5.74
Not classified	85	5.74
	1482	

54% of the 2011 Census parish population accounted for higher management, administration, professional, lower management and intermediate occupations.

Crime data

The Police UK top reported crimes during January 2022 included the following offences for the Melbourne area which includes Elvaston Parish. As follows:

Violence and sexual offences	28
Shop lifting	7
Anti-social behaviour	6
Other theft	5

Forty-six crimes reported in January 2022 including 28 violent and sexual offences within the Melbourne area.

Health data

According to Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) the following statistics relating to ethnicity, deprivation, housing, employment, long term health conditions, children’s weight, child and maternal health and behavioural factors, have been noted and recorded below.

Table 6 - Ethnicity and language 2011

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Black and minority ethnic population	268 (4.0%)	4,084 (4.3%)	19,592 (2.5%)	7,731,314 (14.6%)
Population whose ethnicity is not white UK	399 (6.0%)	5,686 (6.0%)	32,652 (4.2%)	10,733,220 (20.2%)
Population who cannot speak English well or at all	18 (0.3%)	292 (0.3%)	2,192 (0.3%)	843,845 (1.7%)

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020), Office for National Statistics (ONS) Census 2011)

Black and minority ethnic population accounts for 4% of the population in Aston compared to 2.5% in Derbyshire and 14.6% nationally.

Table 7 - Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
IMD Score 2019	8.7	14.5	18.4	21.7

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) Ministry of Housing and Local Government 2019)

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Income deprivation number of people	269 (3.9%)	8,220 (8.3%)	87,801 (11.2%)	7,036,442 (12.9%)
Child poverty number of children	40 (3.6%)	2,153 (11.4%)	20,428 (15.2%)	1,777,642 (17.1%)
Older people in deprivation number of older people	121 (6.5%)	2,247 (9.7%)	24,749 (11.7%)	1,790,712 (14.2%)

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) Ministry of Housing and Local Government 2019)

Income deprivation accounts for 3.9% of people in Aston compared with 11.2% in Derbyshire and 12.9% in England. Child poverty accounts for 3.6% in Aston compared with 15.2% in Derbyshire and 17.1% in England. Older people in deprivation account for 6.5% in Aston compared with 11.7% in Derbyshire and 14.2% in England.

Table 8 - Housing and living environment

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Older people living alone 2011	318 26.7%	4,072 27.8%	43,270 30.3%	2,725,596 31.5%
Overcrowded houses 2011	46 1.6%	1,260 3.2%	12,224 3.7%	1,928,596 8.7%
Fuel poverty 2018	296 10.0%	4,067 9.8%	37,404 10.6%	2,400,297 10.3%

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020)
ONS Census 2011 / Department of Energy & Climate Change)

Older people living alone in 2011 accounted for 26.7% of people in Aston compared with 30.3% in Derbyshire and 31.5% in England. Overcrowded houses in 2011 accounted for 1.6% in Aston compared with 3.7% in Derbyshire and 8.7% in England. Fuel poverty accounted for 10% in Aston compared with 10.6% in Derbyshire and 10.3% in England.

Table 9 - Employment 2019-2020

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Unemployment %	1.0%	1.5%	2.2%	2.8%
Long term unemployment	0.0%	1.1%	2.0%	3.2%

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020)
NOMIS Labour Market Statistics)

Unemployment accounts for 1% in Aston compared with 2.2% in Derbyshire and 2.8% in England.

Table 10 - Long term health conditions

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Limiting long term illness or disability	1,051 15.8%	16,536 17.5%	157,033 20.4%	9,352,586 17.6%

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020)
Office for National Statistics (ONS) Census 2011 + Musculoskeletal Calculator produced by Imperial College London for Arthritis Research UK based on data from the Health Survey for England)

Persons with a limiting long-term illness or disability accounts for 15.8% of persons in Aston, compared with 20.4% in Derbyshire and 17.6% in England.

Table 11 - Children's weight

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Reception prevalence of overweight %	27.3%	25.1%	23.3%	22.6%
Reception prevalence of obesity %	9.1%	10.6%	9.4%	9.7%
Year 6 prevalence of overweight %	25.6%	32.0%	32.6%	34.6%
Year 6 prevalence of obesity %	12.8%	18.5%	19.0%	20.4%

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), NHS Digital)

The prevalence of children being overweight at reception age in Aston is 27.3% compared with 23.3% in Derbyshire and 22.6% in England.

Table 12 - Child and maternal health (Deliveries to teen mothers, 2015-2016, to 2019 to 2020, Fertility rate and Low birth weight 2015 to 2019)

	Aston ward	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Deliveries to teenage mothers %	0 0.0%	35 0.7%	265 0.8%	21,817 0.7%
General fertility rate, live birth per 1000 women aged 15-44 years	364 61.8%	5,524 58.7%	37,999 56.6%	3,210,504 60.6%
Low birth weight of live babies	30 8.2%	455 8.2%	2,574 6.8%	222,460 6.9%

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) NHS Digital)

Aston did not record any deliveries to teenage mothers between 2015 – 2019.

Table 13 - Behavioural risk factors

	Aston	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	England
Smoking prevalence at 15 years regular %	6.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
Smoking prevalence at 15 years regular or occasional %	9.2	8.0	8.0	8.2

(Source: Public Health England, Local Health website – Report Part 1, Study area Aston (ward 2020) Department of Geography, University of Portsmouth and Department of Geography and Environment, University of Southampton, Mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics)

Smoking prevalence at 15 years (regular) is 6.6% in Aston compared with 5.4% in Derbyshire and 5.4% in England and regular or occasional at 9.2% is also high.

Transport data

Current bus services through the parish comprise the Skylink and service 73. As follows:

Skylink

'The Skylink service runs from Derby to Leicester every 20 minutes 24/7 including Alvaston, Shardlow, Castle Donington, Donington Park, East Midlands Airport, Kegworth, Diseworth, Long Whatton, Hathern, Loughborough and Leicester' (Skylink, Undated).

'Service Number 73 includes Derby (Morledge) (10.45 and 12.45), Derby (Railway Terrace), Alvaston (Shardlow Road), Shardlow Road (Bembridge Drive), Aston and Weston (11.09 and 13.09) taking approximately 24 minutes with Littles Travel' (Bus Times Website, April 2022).

Public rights of way

Public rights of way can be viewed on the Derbyshire County Council mapping portal but unfortunately this information was not accessible at the time of review for this piece of work. It includes the cycle network and public rights of way including footpaths and bridleways. National Cycle Route 6 passes through the north of the parish close to the River Derwent with local routes connecting to Alvaston Castle Country Park. There is also a further cycleway running alongside the A6 Alvaston Bypass (Derbyshire County Council website, Undated).

Distances to key destinations

Please note that all measurements have been taken from the junction of London Road and the A6 Alvaston bypass and supplied by the South Derbyshire District Council Planning Officer:

Table 14 – Distance to key destinations

Major employment area	Raynesway, Derby	Some 2km
Primary school	Oakwood Junior	Some 2km
	Alvaston Junior	Some 2km
	Shardlow Junior	Some 4km
	Noel Baker	Some 3km
Secondary school	St Martins	Some 3km
	Alvaston District Centre	Some 2.5km
Main shopping areas	Alvaston	Some 2.5km
Library	Coop, Holbrook Road, Alvaston	Some 1.5km
Post Office	Alvaston Medical Centre, Boulton Lane	Some 2.5km
GP Surgery	Alvaston District Centre	Some 2.5km
Dentist	The Needles, Bembridge, Alvaston	Some 1km
Public House	Harrington Arms, Thulston	Some 1.2km
Elvaston Village Hall	Elvaston	Some 2.1km
Community Centre	Keldholme, Keldholme Way, Avaston	Some 1.6km

Background to Elvaston Parish and Parish Council

Please note that all information below has been provided by Elvaston Parish Council or obtained from the Elvaston Parish Council website. See **Appendix C** for full details.

‘Elvaston Parish Council comprises of four areas within the district of South Derbyshire, approximately five miles South East of Derby. Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston are all rural hamlets with approximately 350 households in total and Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys are relatively new rapidly growing housing estates which border Derby City to the North West. One of the most prominent landmarks within the parish is Elvaston Castle and Country Park. The parish includes countryside walks and a traditional rural country pub called the Harrington Arms which has a small pantry shop. In addition, St Bartholomew’s Church and Elvaston Cricket Club both sit within the grounds of Elvaston Castle Country Park and Elvaston Village Hall is also located on one of the entrances to the country park within Elvaston’ (Elvaston Parish Council website, 2021).

Elvaston Parish Council comprises of nine Parish Councillors including six representing the rural hamlets of Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston and three representing Boulton Moor.

The parish council has two members of staff including a part time Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) who currently works 10 hours per week and a part time Lengthsman working 20 hours per week. The Clerk’s responsibility is to action the decisions made by the parish council and the Lengthsman is responsible for the general upkeep of the parish including litter picking and reporting faults and minor maintenance requirements.

The parish council currently promotes council meetings and activities on its website and Facebook page. The website achieves 2416 views per month (28,992 annually) and the Facebook page achieves 1800 views per month (602 likes). It has seven notice boards including one in each of Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston and four notice boards across Boulton Moor. It also administrates an Instagram account.

Full council meetings are run on a monthly basis at Elvaston Village Hall and are open to the general public to attend. The Parish Council Annual Meeting is held sometime in May and is when the Chair and Vice Chair are appointed. An Annual Parish Meeting is also held sometime in April. Both of these are special annual meetings. In addition, the parish council operates the following advisory groups:

Finance group

This group includes representation from the Clerk, Chair and two other member Councillors with relevant financial experience. Meetings are held at least four times per year to set the budget, discuss the precept request and to review and reconcile all council expenditure.

Personnel / employment group

This group includes representation from the Clerk, Chair and two other member Councillors with relevant HR experience. Meetings are held as required to discuss relevant employment issues. All staff vacancies are advertised, shortlisted and interviewed accordingly.

Environmental group

This group includes the Chair and two other member Councillors with meetings held as required.

Health and safety group

This group includes all member Councillors with the Clerk advising on legal/legislative issues which require discussion and implementation. Meetings are held as required.

Allotments group

This group includes representation from the Clerk, Chair, one other member Councillor and a current allotment tenant with meetings held as required.

The parish council organises Councillor responsibilities according to a responsibility matrix, as follows:

- Footpaths – member Councillors from their respective ward areas inspect footpaths regularly and report any issues to the Clerk
- Benches are inspected regularly and any issues are reported to the Clerk
- Hedges and trees are inspected regularly and any issues are reported to the Clerk
- Defibrillators are inspected monthly by a member Councillor and two members of the public who report any issues and stock requirements to the Clerk
- Website maintenance is the responsibility of the Clerk and is supported by the Lengthsman and one other member Councillor
- Risk Assessments are carried out annually and as required by the Clerk, relating to events
- Waste bins and dog bins are inspected regularly with any issues reported to the Clerk
- Flood / Gravel Liaison meetings are attended regularly by a member of the public

A representative of the parish council attends the following external forums and committees, as follows:

- Flood / Gravel Liaison
- East Midlands Airport Community Engagement
- Area Forum with South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Constabulary
- Parochial Church Council
- Elvaston Communities Group
- Boulton Moor / Buttercup Leys Liaison Group with Persimmon Homes
- Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust
- Elvaston Castle Action Group

The parish council is compliant with all local and national procedures to ensure that it adheres to all local authority legislation. The council adheres to the following policies and procedures including:

- Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Co-option Vacancy Notice
- Complaints & Vexatious Complainants Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Data Protection Privacy Notice
- Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements
- Environmental Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information Policy

Other information

The council does not have a Neighbourhood Plan in place. It does not own any buildings. It administrates a grant aid programme to local community groups whereby applicants can apply for up to £500. The parish council has recently applied for funding from South Derbyshire District

Council Safer Neighbourhoods Team and Derbyshire Constabulary as part of the parishes approach to tackling fly tipping with £7,000 being awarded split across four of the parish areas of the Aston division.

Current work

There are ongoing plans to improve the parish aesthetically for all residents, including work on the Thulston Brook and Sturges Lane footpath to increase accessibility.

Elvaston Castle & Country Park has been registered as an Asset of Community Value by the parish council, which was approved on 8th December 2020 by South Derbyshire District Council. There are no other registered Asset of Community Value (ACVs) within the parish.

The parish council has been identified as the legal owners of the Thulston lower village green which leads to Coronation Meadow. It is currently in the process of registering the upper green bordering Grove Close and Brook Road as a village green. The Open Spaces Society is assisting the parish council with this. Permission has also been sought from South Derbyshire District Council to erect an annual Christmas Tree on the upper green.

South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan (Adopted 13.06.2016)

The Local Plan has been reviewed as part of this process with the following paragraphs being direct extracts from the Local Plan Part 1 Chapters 1-4, Part 1 Chapter 5 Policy 1-10 and Chapter 5 Policy 11-22 which are relevant to Elvaston Parish only, as follows:

Spatial Strategy – A Plan for Growth

Policy S4 – Housing Strategy

Provision will be made in this plan for at least 12,618 additional dwellings over the plan period (page 20).

Green Belt

The southern part of the Nottingham Derby Green Belt lies within South Derbyshire’s administrative boundary and covers the north east corner of the district covering the villages of Elvaston, Thulston, Ambaston and to the end of Shardlow (page 29, 4.61).

To better reflect Green Belt in the Boulton Moor area due to the development of the A6 spur and A50 the following alterations to the Nottingham – Derby Green Belt are to be made:

- A triangular parcel of land measuring around 12.5 hectares immediately to the east of the A6 and south west of Thulston will be included within the Green Belt
- An area of 11.5 hectares of land to the north of Shardlow Road and to the west of the A6 Alvaston by-pass shall be deleted from the Green Belt (page 29).

Housing

Fringes of the Derby Urban Area

Table 4: Land supply on the Derby Urban Edge (page 36)

Sites	No of Dwellings
Highfields Farm	1040
Boulton Moor (phase 1, 2 and 3)	1950
Chellaston Fields	500
Wragley Way	1950
Primula Way, Sunny Hill	500
Holmleigh Way, Chellaston	120
Hackwood Farm	290
Land west of Mickleover	1650

Policy H1 Settlement Hierarchy (page 37)

Rural Villages (including Ambaston, Elvaston, Thulston)

For the above tier development of a limited nature will be allowed

1. Within the settlement boundary where applicable or adjacent to as exceptions or cross subsidy site as long as not greater than 15 dwellings
2. Or of limited infill and conversions of existing buildings where no settlement boundary

Policy H134: Boulton Moor (South East of Derby)

Land at Boulton Moor is a cross boundary location which will provide a sustainable urban extension to Derby City and consists of four sites. The sites lie on the south east edge of the built-up area of Derby, to the east of Chellaston and south of Alvaston, extending south and east to the A50/A6 spur road (page 67, 5.56).

Land at Boulton Moor will provide 2,750 dwellings over the lifetime of the plan. There will be 1,058 dwellings located at Boulton Moor Phase 1 (this was granted planning permission through the Conjoined Inquiry in 2008) and 700 and 190 dwellings at Boulton Moor Phase 2 and Bolton Moor Phase 3 respectively, all within South Derbyshire administrative boundary. Also within the area is a suggested allocation of 800 dwellings located to the south of Field Lane within Derby City (page 67, 5.58).

As previously stated, Boulton Moor phase 1 was granted planning permission in 2008. When consented, consideration was given to the infrastructure requirements of phases 1 and 2. Due to the addition of Boulton Moor phase 3 and Snelsmoor Grange within Derby City (an additional 990 dwellings), it is important that infrastructure and mitigation packages are reviewed and optimized as appropriate, in light of the larger scale urban expansion now being proposed (page 67, 5.59).

Policy

- A Residential development on land at Boulton Moor will provide for around 1,950 dwellings within South Derbyshire and 800 new homes within the Derby City administrative boundary.
- B The Council will require the below listed site specifics and accordance with other Local Plan policies:
- i) That South Derbyshire District Council, Derby City and developers continue to work together to ensure that the proposals offer a holistic vision for an urban extension which is delivered in a comprehensive manner across the local authority boundaries. Delivery mechanisms will need to be established to ensure the necessary level of coordination to effectively deliver the infrastructure and facilities to support the development
 - ii) A jointly prepared development framework shall be produced
 - iii) A cross boundary approach to housing design, layout, density, open space and landscape shall be developed/undertaken
 - iv) A cross boundary approach to the provision of affordable housing shall be developed/undertaken
 - v) A plan of phasing for the delivery of this cross-boundary site shall be submitted with any application
 - vi) The provision of sustainable transport measures, including contributions to the delivery of a new park and ride and bus service to serve the wider urban extension site
 - vii) Highways works, including improvements to Snelsmoor Lane to ensure that the impact on its junctions with the A6 and High Street are satisfactorily mitigated
 - viii) Flood mitigation measure, to address fluvial and surface water issues relating to the Thulston Brook watercourse and ground water levels
 - ix) An appropriate flood risk assessment shall be submitted with any application
 - x) Improvements to existing green infrastructure shall be made, along with the provision of new green infrastructure on the site
 - xi) High quality pedestrian and cycle routes within the site and links between these and existing and proposed routes and green spaces beyond the site
 - xii) A significant green buffer and landscaping boundary on the outer edges of the developments, to help soften the housing developments impact on the surrounding countryside, create a new flexible boundary and help mitigate urbanising impact of new development upon Derby City Green Wedge
 - xiii) A new district centre shall be provided, anchored by a supermarket complemented by a range of smaller units providing for day to day needs of the wider neighbourhood
 - xiv) The scale of the anchor store will be commensurate with the needs of the new community, the level of growth anticipated and the need to maintain the vitality and viability of other centres. The location of the centre should be the focal point at the heart of the new community

- xv) The provision of a town from entry primary school to cover phases 1 and 2 with separate primary provision to serve the site in Derby
- xvi) The urban extension as a whole shall protect and enhance Elvaston Registered Park and Garden (including its settlement), other heritage assets and will contribute towards softening the settlement edge around Boulton Moor
- xvii) A built development to the east of the A6 and west of the B5010 shall be in accordance with Green Belt Policy
- xviii) In order to safeguard the operation of the Strategic Road Network an assessment of the impact of development traffic will be carried out and developer contributions will be sought (page 67-69)

Street Survey Summary

The street survey was conducted as phase 1 community consultation, with the results being used to inform the design of the phase 2 web-based resident household survey. A summary of results from the street survey pop-up displays, as follows:

- There were 122 post cards completed and submitted by residents across four street survey pop up displays. This represented a 3.8% response rate from a total parish population of 3196.
- Recorded postcards by area included Ambaston 1, Boulton Moor 23, Elvaston 7, Thulston 40 and 51 not disclosed.
- The 60+ age group was the highest age group to respond to the street survey with 41 (33%) postcards submitted followed by the 41-60 category and 26-40 category.
- An online survey was the preferred method for completion of the detailed household survey with 28 respondents (23%) highlighting this method as their preference. However, 78 respondents (64%) did not indicate any preference.
- There were 603 comments received in total from respondents. There were 265 (44%) comments received relating to positive aspects about the parish. There were 338 (56%) comments received relating to areas of concern or things to improve in the parish.
- There were 23 respondents which provided no positive comments.
- There was one respondent which provided no areas of concern or aspects to improve.
- Some respondents did not manage to scribe three positive and three negative points. However, others scribed more than three points onto the postcard. All results have been counted despite the three-point preferred requirement.
- The top five recorded positive aspects about the parish were 1) Countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquillity and wildlife, 2) Elvaston Castle Country Park, 3) Community spirit, neighbourliness and cohesion, 4) Infrastructure and amenities and 5) Litter management and overall cleanliness. (Please note that countryside location and Elvaston Castle accounted for 107 (40%) out of a total of 265 responses).

Table 15 – Top five recorded positive aspects about the parish

Key Issue	Number	%	Rank
Countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquillity and wildlife	55	20.75	1
Elvaston Castle Country Park	52	19.62	2
Community spirit, neighbourliness and cohesion	41	15.47	3
Infrastructure and amenities	22	8.30	4
Litter management and overall cleanliness	20	7.54	5
	190 out of 265		

- There were 34 key issues identified as areas of concern or things to improve with the top 10 recorded as follows. Concern over the development of Elvaston Castle Country Park is the area respondents are most concerned about in relation to proposals to provide a new entry point, access road and car park. The next area which respondents are most concerned about was traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding, with the provision and maintenance of pavements, pathways and footpaths being third, provision of shops in fourth and car parking in fifth.

Table 16 – Top recorded negative aspects about the parish

	Key Issue	Number	%	Rank
1	Elvaston Castle Country Park	32	9.47	1
2	Traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding	26	7.69	2
3	Pavements, pathways and footpaths	25	7.39	3
4	Shops	22	6.50	4
5	Car parking	20	5.91	5
6	Soft landscaping (flowers, shrubs, hedges and trees)	19	5.62	6
7	Housing, developers, land use and protection of green space	16	4.73	7
8	General amenities	12	3.55	8=
9	Geographical governance	12	3.55	8=
10	Litter, rubbish and cleanliness	12	3.55	8=
11	School	10	2.95	9=
12	Public transport	10	2.95	9=
13	Play area / park	9	2.66	10=
14	Community welfare, activities and events	9	2.66	10=
		234 out of 338		

Please see the full street survey results in **Appendix A**.

These street survey findings informed the design of the community web-based survey which was distributed to all households to be completed by all residents.

Community web-based survey

A summary of the main findings from the web-based community survey which was completed by 300 people is as below. The full SurveyMonkey results are being stored by the Parish Clerk.

Section One – About your household

Area

Completion of the main survey by area was split equally 50% (150 people) between the rural side of the parish (Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston) and the urban side of the parish (Boulton Moor).

Table 17 – Respondents by area

Area	Number of people	By Percentage
Ambaston	24	8%
Boulton Moor	150	50%
Elvaston	38	12.67%
Thulston	88	29.33%
Skipped question	0	0%
Grand Total	300	

Age

Completion of the main survey by age was as below. The 50-59 age group was the most responsive age group with 70 responses (23%) recorded. Engagement of those aged 17-20 included only one response. Young adults aged 20 – 39 years recorded 75 responses (25%) with middle aged adults aged 40 – 59 years recording 118 responses (40%) and older adults aged 60-79 years recording 98 responses (33%). Those aged 80+ included 6 responses (2%).

Table 18 – Respondents by age

Age Group	Number of people	By Percentage
17-20 years	1	0.34%
20-29 years	26	8.72%
30-39 years	49	16.44%
40-49 years	48	16.11%
50-59 years	70	23.49%
60-69 years	52	17.45%
70-79 years	46	15.44%
80+ years	6	2.01%
Total	298	
Skipped question	2	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Two – Conservation and appearance of the parish

Importance of rural character of parish

Residents were asked about the level of importance in retaining the rural character and landscape of the parish. 98% (268 people) declared that this was either extremely important, very important or somewhat important with 1% (4 people) considering this not to be important.

Table 19 – Importance of rural character of parish

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Extremely important	172	63.24%
Very important	74	27.21%
Somewhat important	22	8.09%
Not so important	4	1.47%
Not at all important	0	0.00%
Total	272	
Skipped question	28	-
Grand Total	300	

Protection of buildings, places, green spaces and views

Residents were asked if there were any buildings, places, green spaces or views locally which they believed were important to protect and conserve. There were 245 separate resident responses made to this open-ended question. Within this open-ended question, sometimes respondents outlined multiple areas under one comment, which amounted to 500 separate comments which have all been recorded below. For example, if someone stated the castle, the surrounding land and main gates, then three points would be recorded against Elvaston Castle.

The safeguarding of Elvaston Castle and Country Park including all green spaces, trees and historic buildings received 295 comments accounting for 59% of all comments made and being the most important aspect of the parish to be protected and safeguarded. All green spaces generally across the parish around Elvaston, Thulston and Ambaston and Boulton Moor received 59 comments accounting for 11.8% of all comments made. Please note that 55 people skipped this question.

Table 20 – Protection of buildings, places, green spaces and views

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
Elvaston Castle & Country Park including: castle, gardens / Old English memorial garden with wild flowers, grounds, green space, grazing fields, Golden Mile/Avenue/Gallop, path approach, Nature Reserve, Golden Gates, courtyard, Folly, original trees, woodland, Clover Close/Coronation Meadow, East and South Avenue views, Oak Flat, Little Oak Flat, Home Farm and water trough dedicated to Lady	295	59%	1
All open green spaces, rural environment, rural nature, outside flood bank, greenery, fields surrounding village, hamlets, surrounding Elvaston, Thulston and Ambaston, green belt between Elvaston, Thulston and Ambaston, dividing fields between Elvaston and Thulston, protection of green belt with no exceptions, green spaces outside flood bank, animal grazing fields in area, farmland	37	7.4%	2
Green spaces around the Boulton Moor estate, walkways (Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys estates), Chellaston green wedge, farmland, paths, bridleways, open play areas, Snelsmoor Lane rural areas, Thulston Boulton Moor corridor	22	4.4%	3
Thulston village green, green to village footpath (upper and lower)	16	3.2%	4
St Bartholomew's Church and around grave yard including access	12	2.4%	5
Community hall / village hall	11	2.2%	6
Harrington Arms public house	10	2.0%	7
Field Lane sports area, park, fields	8	1.6%	8
Riverside, canal paths walks, river pathway, drainage ditches, waterways, brooks, river walk between Ambaston and Borrowash bridge	7	1.4%	=9

Trees and hedgerows	7	1.4%	=9
Historic buildings, all buildings, buildings of interest and views	6	1.2%	10
Yes / All / Everything	5	1.0%	=11
Keep village free from mass development / no more building around the villages / extensions and new dwellings should be in keeping with village environment in size and sympathetic materials	5	1.0%	=11
Grass verges next to roads	3	0.6%	=12
No / none / will be all developed over the next few decades – let's get on with it	3	0.6%	=12
All Elvaston and Thulston, south of Thulston	3	0.6%	=12
Aston Lane fields / around Ambaston towards Shardlow	3	0.6%	=12
War memorial	3	0.6%	=12
All local footpaths	3	0.6%	=12
Older properties in hamlets to be maintained i.e. cottages on Yew Tree Lane	3	0.6%	=12
Elvaston Cricket Ground	2	0.4%	=13
Chellaston Park	2	0.4%	=13
Ambaston Lane	2	0.4%	=13
Local parks / playing fields	2	0.4%	=13
Fields opposite Woods Meadow	2	0.4%	=13
Fields adjacent to Broad Lane	2	0.4%	=13
Mitford Road abandoned by builders	2	0.4%	=13

All the following places, buildings, access routes and fields all received one comment:

Table 21 - Places and locations

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
Silver Lane	1	0.2%	=14
Ambaston	1	0.2%	=14
Original village	1	0.2%	=14

Table 22 - Buildings

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
Parish Church of St Michaels, Alvaston	1	0.2%	=14
Historic farm buildings in Ambaston old farm houses and barns	1	0.2%	=14
Rustic barn at 4 Main Street, Ambaston, other properties dating from before redevelopment of 60s and 70s	1	0.2%	=14
Gatehouse farm buildings in Thulston	1	0.2%	=14
Cottage adjoining village hall	1	0.2%	=14
Clock House	1	0.2%	=14
Old Brickworks	1	0.2%	=14

Table 23 - Access routes

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
All bridlepaths around Ambaston and country park	1	0.2%	=14
Country lanes into Ambaston	1	0.2%	=14
Access to cycle park through Alvaston and Derby	1	0.2%	=14

Table 24 - Green spaces and trees

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
Ambaston Nature Reserve	1	0.2%	=14
Elvaston allotments	1	0.2%	=14
Flood bank around Ambaston	1	0.2%	=14
End of my street which was opened up with 3m wide path to new traffic island	1	0.2%	=14
All fields and hedgerows from the A6 to bridge at Borrowash	1	0.2%	=14
Two fields behind 29 Main Road, Elvaston	1	0.2%	=14
Fields around the cemetery	1	0.2%	=14
Field off Mill Hill	1	0.2%	=14
Back of Willow Croft	1	0.2%	=14
Avenue of trees from Ambaston to Elvaston Castle	1	0.2%	=14

Table 25 - Other

Buildings, places, green spaces or views	No	%	Rank
No space, building should be held higher than the rest. The value of the area is greater than the sum of its parts	1	0.2%	=14
Grand total	500	100%	

Appearance and cleanliness of parish

Residents were asked about their level of satisfaction with either local provision, management or maintenance of different areas related to the general cleanliness and appearance of the parish. Six out of 11 categories scored over 50% for level of satisfaction including footpaths and bridleways, litter, parks and greens, street furniture, street lighting and woods, copses and hedgerows. Four categories including waste bins, flowers and planters, dog fouling and memorials were between 45%-49%. Only fly tipping received a majority score for fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 26 – Appearance and cleanliness of parish

Topic	Level of Satisfaction	Rank
Street lighting	68%	1
Parks and greens	63%	2
Woods, copses, hedgerows	60%	3
Footpaths and bridleways	59%	4
Litter	53%	5
Street furniture	52%	6
Waste bins	49%	7
Flowers and planters	48%	8
Dog fouling	46%	9
Memorials	45%	10
Fly tipping	32%	11

Dog fouling

46% (124 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management of dog fouling in the parish, with 18% (48 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 36% (97 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 27 – Dog fouling

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	17	6.32%
Fairly satisfied	107	39.78%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	48	17.84%
Fairly dissatisfied	56	20.82%
Very dissatisfied	41	15.24%
Total	269	
Skipped question	31	-
Grand Total	300	

Flowers and planters

48% (130 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision of flowers and planters in the parish, with 26% (71 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 26% (70 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 28 – Flowers and planters

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	33	12.18%
Fairly satisfied	97	35.79%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	71	26.20%
Fairly dissatisfied	55	20.30%
Very dissatisfied	15	5.54%
Total	271	
Skipped question	29	-
Grand Total	300	

Fly tipping

32% (88 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management of fly tipping in the parish, with 27% (73 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 41% (110 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 29 – Fly tipping

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	17	6.27%
Fairly satisfied	71	26.20%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	73	26.94%
Fairly dissatisfied	61	22.51%
Very dissatisfied	49	18.08%
Total	271	
Skipped question	29	-
Grand Total	300	

Footpaths and bridleways

59% (161 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management of footpaths and bridleways in the parish, with 13% (34 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 28% (76 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 30 – Footpaths and bridleways

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	27	9.96%
Fairly satisfied	134	49.45%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	34	12.55%
Fairly dissatisfied	54	19.93%
Very dissatisfied	22	8.12%
Total	271	
Skipped question	29	-
Grand Total	300	

Litter

53% (145 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management of litter in the parish, with 14% (38 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 33% (89 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 31 – Litter

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	29	10.66%
Fairly satisfied	116	42.65%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	38	13.97%
Fairly dissatisfied	62	22.79%
Very dissatisfied	27	9.93%
Total	272	
Skipped question	28	-
Grand Total	300	

Memorials

45% (119 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management and maintenance of memorials in the parish, with 51% (135 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 5% (12 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 32 – Memorials

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	35	13.16%
Fairly satisfied	84	31.58%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	135	50.75%
Fairly dissatisfied	8	3.01%
Very dissatisfied	4	1.50%
Total	266	
Skipped question	34	-
Grand Total	300	

Parks and greens

63% (169 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management and maintenance of parks and greens in the parish, with 21% (56 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 17% (45 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 33 – Parks and greens

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	31	11.48%
Fairly satisfied	138	51.11%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	56	20.74%
Fairly dissatisfied	33	12.22%
Very dissatisfied	12	4.44%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Post boxes, signs and benches (street furniture)

52% (141 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision of street furniture in the parish, with 19% (51 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 29% (78 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 34 – Street furniture

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	24	8.89%
Fairly satisfied	117	43.33%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	51	18.89%
Fairly dissatisfied	54	20.00%
Very dissatisfied	24	8.89%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Street lighting

68% (184 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision and maintenance of street light in the parish, with 16% (44 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 16% (42 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 35 – Street lighting

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	67	24.81%
Fairly satisfied	117	43.33%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	44	16.30%
Fairly dissatisfied	28	10.37%
Very dissatisfied	14	5.19%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Waste bins

49% (132 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the provision of waste bins in the parish, with 18% (49 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 33% (89 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 36 – Waste bins

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	27	10.00%
Fairly satisfied	105	38.89%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	49	18.15%
Fairly dissatisfied	57	21.11%
Very dissatisfied	32	11.85%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Woods, copses, hedgerows

60% (163 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the management and maintenance of woods, copses and hedgerows in the parish, with 23% (62 people) being neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 17% (45 people) being fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 37 – Woods, copses, hedgerows

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	33	12.22%
Fairly satisfied	130	48.15%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	62	22.96%
Fairly dissatisfied	36	13.33%
Very dissatisfied	9	3.33%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Keep Britain Tidy

Residents were asked if they would like to see a project developed locally where the Keep Britain Tidy message was promoted. 87% (238 people) indicated that they would like a project of this type to be developed locally, with 3% (8 people) not wanting a project of this type to be developed and 54 people having either no opinion or skipping the question.

Table 38 – Keep Britain Tidy

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	238	87.18%
No	8	2.93%
No opinion or comment	27	9.89%
Total	273	
Skipped question	27	-
Grand Total	300	

Soft landscaping maintenance

Residents were asked if they would like to see the local area introduce an additional maintenance programme for soft landscaping including hedges and trees to ensure that these areas are adequately maintained. 86% (230 people) indicated that they would like to see an additional maintenance programme being introduced, with 5% (13 people) stating that this is not required and 57 people having either no opinion or skipping the question.

Table 39 – Soft landscaping maintenance

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	230	85.50%
No	13	4.83%
No opinion or comment	26	9.67%
Total	269	
Skipped question	31	-
Grand Total	300	

Flowers and planters

Residents were asked if they would like to see the local area enhanced with more flowers, planters and pots. 85% (230 people) indicated that they would like to see more flowers, planters and pots, with 7% (19 people) stating that this is not required and 51 people having either no opinion or skipping the question.

Table 40 – Flowers and planters

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	230	84.87%
No	19	7.01%
No opinion or comment	22	8.12%
Total	271	
Skipped question	29	-
Grand Total	300	

Tree planting scheme

Residents were asked if they would like to see a coordinated tree planting scheme set up locally. 80% (237 people) indicated that they would like to see a tree planting scheme set up locally, with 2% (5 people) stating that this is not required and 58 people having either no opinion or skipping the question.

Table 41 – Tree planting scheme

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	237	87.45%
No	5	1.85%
No opinion or comment	29	10.70%
Total	271	
Skipped question	29	-
Grand Total	300	

Tree, hedgerow and conservation meadow preservation

Residents were asked how important it is to ensure the preservation of established trees, hedgerows and conservation meadows within the parish. 99% (270 people) stated that this was important, with 1% (3 people) stating that this was not so important.

Table 42 – Tree preservation

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Extremely important	175	64.10%
Very important	73	26.74%
Somewhat important	22	8.06%
Not so important	2	0.73%
Not at all important	1	0.37%
Total	273	
Skipped question	27	-
Grand Total	300	

Street furniture

The street survey results indicated that extra street furniture (i.e. post boxes, signs, benches and bins) was needed in the parish. Residents were asked to specifically state what they would like to be provided in the parish, together with the location. This open-ended question received 236/300 separate comments with the results summarized below. In terms of specific comments and areas raised, there were 436 multiple comments made which have all been recorded below.

The most wanted extra street furniture in the parish included:

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| 1. Waste bins | 28.44% (124 responses) |
| 2. Post box | 19.03% (83 responses) |
| 3. Benches | 16.97% (74 responses) |
| 4. Dog waste bins | 14.90% (65 responses) |
| 5. Signage | 9.17% (40 responses) |

More waste bins are wanted across the parish owing to concerns about littering (x36). Particularly across the Boulton Moor estate (x46), entry points to Elvaston Castle and County Park (x17) and in Elvaston, near the memorial and layby between Elvaston and Thulston (x12). This accounted for 28% of the overall results on street furniture.

Table 43 – Waste Bins

	No	%	Rank
General (x36):	124	28.44%	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More/extra waste bins x35 • Grit bins – more x1 			
Elvaston/Thulston Layby (x6):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace bins near layby x1 • Layby needs to be closed owing to extreme amounts of litter thrown out of cars x2 • Litter big problem in the layby – sign or bins needed x1 • Bin in the layby on the B5010 on left heading out of Thulston towards Shardlow x2 			
Green spaces (x4):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins placed at local footpaths x2 • Rubbish bins on green areas x1 • Rural ward well equipped with bins x1 			
Elvaston Castle Country Park (x17):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins at the Country Park access, entry points into park (more evenly spaced around the park) – where people park x14 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved distribution of dog foul collection bins with regular collection on main walk between A6 and Golden Gates x1 • Emptied more regularly – entry to park x1 • More waste bins though towards Cricket Club x1 <p>Ambaston (x4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter bin in Ambaston (for ramblers and dog walkers) x3 • Ambaston Lane – litter – bin at pull ins x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x46):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More/none litter bins around Boulton Moor estate / jitty from Sevenlands Drive to Buttercup Leys (wooded area) x39 • Litter picking new estate x1 • Grit bins Boulton Moor x1 • Not emptied regularly enough (Boulton Moor) x1 • Waste bin on Mill Hill cul de sac x1 • Bin on Snelsmoor Lane/ by bus stop x2 • Bins placed around perimeter path of new estate to prevent littering x1 <p>Elvaston (x9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra bins on Main Road, Elvaston/ Elvaston general – encourage less littering, people visiting country park are mostly to blame x2 • Bin at B5010 by Clock House x2 • Bin at war memorial x1 • Bin close to village hall x1 • Bin on opposite side of layby in Elvaston x1 • Larger bin on Main Road, Elvaston x2 <p>Thulston (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins at both ends of footpath from Grove Close into Castle x1 • Extra bin on the green x1 			
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The Boulton Moor estate requires a few post boxes without delay. This accounted for 19% (81) of all responses received related to street furniture.

Table 44 – Post Box

<p>Boulton Moor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post box on Buttercup Leys / newer Boulton Moor estate x44 • Post box on old Boulton Moor estate x6 • Post box/ more at Boulton Moor – general / centre x28 • Post box on Snelsmoor Lane x1 • Post box on cut through between old and new estate x1 • Bembridge Drive near Coop x1 <p>Thulston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thulston postal box – that can accept parcels x1 <p>Ambaston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain post box shelter at Ambaston x1 	83	19.03%	2
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More benches were highlighted by survey respondents but two respondents stated that consideration should be given to the siting of benches in terms of this potentially causing anti-social behaviour. This included the need for a bench in Ambaston, a number of benches to be provided across the Boulton Moor estate, a bench in Elvaston and a bench in Thulston (on the green).

Table 45 – Benches

<p>General (x26):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More benches / seats / few benches x21 • Seating areas within green spaces / along footpaths, rural roads for walkers around parish x4 • Bench between Ambaston and Thulston and Ambaston and Shardlow x1 <p>Consideration (x2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important that siting of benches does not encourage gangs to frequent the village x1 • More benches in the village might encourage anti-social behaviour and rubbish from those parking cars to use park x1 <p>Ambaston (x4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench in Ambaston x4 <p>Boulton Moor (x19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More benches in Boulton Moor x3 • No benches in Boulton Moor – allocate in green spaces x4 • Bench in the cut through from Sevenlands Drive to Buttercup Leys x2 • Bluebell Grange development benches x1 • Benches / seating on The Greenway in Boulton Moor (grass area) x3 • Bench on walkway between Mill Hill and Meadow Nook x1 • Bench provided by brook near Pool Close x1 • Benches near children’s playground (Boulton Moor) x1 • Bench by bus stop Boulton Moor x1 • Benches on the green at Wilmore Road x1 • Don’t want benches on estate x1 <p>Elvaston (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench in Elvaston x1 • Bench on the corner at the end of Main Street, Elvaston x1 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating in park areas is poor x1 • Bench on main walk between A6 and Golden gates x2 • More benches around the park to provide places to rest, enjoy the area, promoting people staying in the park for longer x1 <p>Thulston (x17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench in Thulston x1 • Bench on Thulston Green / greens x15 • More benches on the Thulston back access to Elvaston x1 	74	16.97%	3
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Additional dog waste bins were cited as being required or alternatively that the existing bins be emptied more frequently. This is particularly evident in Boulton Moor.

Table 46 – Dog Waste Bins

<p>General (x26):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog waste bins / not enough / seems to be a problem x20 • Dog mess becoming big problem x1 • No dog foul waste bins x1 • Emptied more regularly x4 <p>Ambaston (x1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bin in Ambaston (for dog walkers) x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x26):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog waste bin in the jitty from Sevenlands to Buttercup Leys x18 (only two in children's play area which overflow – loop path) • More dog bins Boulton Moor x7 • No dog waste bins on Buttercup Leys – causing overflow elsewhere x1 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog bins near footpath at Clover Close x1 • More bins at the Country Park / access / entry points into park / top of the gallop (additional) x3 <p>Elvaston (x2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bin often overflowing by the Clock House in Elvaston x1 • Bin needed near the Elvaston sign around the fishing lakes x1 <p>Thulston (x2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thulston – larger bin to collect dog waste owing to number of walkers x1 • More bins along Oak Road and Ball Lane x1 <p>B5010/Shardlow Road (x4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bypass bridge / under pass needs dog bin x1 • More dog bins Snelsmoor Lane to Elvaston along A6 x1 • Bins on Chellaston Lane and B5010 x1 • Bin needed between Thulston and Elvaston x1 	65	14.90%	4
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Additional signage was highlighted particularly relating to picking up dog mess, car parking, cycling and speed awareness. Improved street signage was also requested, owing to the dilapidation of street signage locally.

Table 47 – Signage

<p>General (x14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signage / signs x3 • Signage to remind people to pick up dog mess x1 • Additional signs to deter cars parking in unsuitable locations / no parking signs x2 • More speed awareness signs / larger speed limit signs through village x2 • Replacement signs for ones past best / street signs need TLC as looking a little tired now x2 • Signs along rural roads and footpaths x1 • Where I live is difficult to find-deliveries often go astray x1 	40	9.17%	5
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage adequate / too many signs to Elvaston through Thulston might encourage people to park in Thulston rather than at the castle x2 <p>Ambaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign saying access only for Ambaston Lane and single file for cyclists and horse riders x1 • Signs at passing places along Ambaston Lane saying no parking / passing place only (make it enforceable) x1 • Sign on gate at Bellington Hill saying no horses/bikes/water sports (footpath only) x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No street signs to indicate that Boulton Moor even exists x1 • No motorbike riding signs on proper lampposts in the cut through x1 • New legible signs would be appreciated eg Robins Close x1 • Sign for Mill Hill is on the wrong side of the road as traffic mainly comes from the other side of Sevenlands Drive x1 • Sign saying no through road at the top of Colwell Drive x1 <p>Elvaston (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No parking signage along stretch of Main Road between Castle Court and Silver Lane, Elvaston x1 • Sign prohibiting road traffic from Main Road down the bridleway (at the Clock House) – no access to car park x4 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signs directing correct parking for Elvaston Castle main car park x4 • No cycling signs within the park where cycling is not permitted x1 • No parking signs within the park where parking is not permitted eg Church Drive x1 • Better signage for entrance to church, cricket club and castle x2 <p>Thulston (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearer signing for Brook Court re deliveries x2 • No cycling signs at each end of the footpath from Grove Close x1 • Road sign on blind bend into Grove Close from Borrowwash via Oak Road x1 • Slow down sign approaching the village from both sides – cars race from the A6 causing danger to pedestrians crossing the road from Yew Tree Lane x1 			
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A lack of amenities was highlighted in Ambaston and Boulton Moor.

Table 48 – Other items recorded

Current levels are sufficient – more would clutter / think current state is fine / nothing / none / nothing required / good facilities already / adequate provision in area / don't need more street furniture / adequate provision / no benches needed x13	13	2.98%	6
Community Amenities: Ambaston (x7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing in Ambaston x2 • Child shelter / play space in Ambaston x1 • As far as I see, we have very little in Ambaston other than what the residents have provided themselves. No public space, no benches, no bins, one flower trough. Street signage in a terrible state. Need more village facilities and better maintained. Book exchange cabinet – years since the travelling library was stopped x1 • Nothing like this in Ambaston – feel like an afterthought as far as facilities are concerned x1 • Somewhere of community value in Ambaston – a public space, play, youth area x1 • Community meeting space at Welcome to Ambaston sign x1 Boulton Moor (x4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a green park within a mile of Buttercup Leys estate to walk around for benches to be in place Safe walking routes to Alvaston, Elvaston or Chellaston Park are too far for some residents x1 • Small play area in Boulton Moor x1 • Green space for adults in Boulton Moor x1 • Nothing currently on old Boulton Moor estate (Sevenlands Drive) green space available but mainly unsuitable x1 	11	2.52%	7
Not sure / no concerns / no comment / no opinion x9	9	2.06%	8
Flowers and Planters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More planters, flowers and borders (planters on lampposts) X3 • More planters at Ambaston X1 	4	0.91%	9=
Pavement/footpaths/rights of way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway from edge of both sides of Buttercup Leys development up to the junction with Shardlow Road x2 • Closure of alley between The Greenway and Castle Croft – if not some CCTV or trees along the grass area x1 • Need footpaths and cycle routes to connect Elvaston and Chellaston - encourage walking and cycling to help environment and health x1 	4	0.91%	9=
Other comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be good to develop this but could lead to anti-social behaviour and litter issues eventually detracting from the area and causing annoyance to residents x1 • No cars and motorbikes at new cycle path entrances x1 • Green space opposite pub car park x1 • On some green spaces x 1 	4	0.91%	9=
All of the above x3	3	0.68%	10
Lighting	2	0.45%	11

• More street lights x2			
Grand Total	436		

Other areas of concern

Residents were asked if there were any locations locally which were of concern in relation to waste bins, dog bins, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, soft landscaping, street lighting, footpaths and bridleways. Residents were asked to describe the issue or concern and to state the geographical location. This open-ended question received 232/300 separate comments with the results summarised below. In terms of specific comments and areas raised, there were 443 multiple comments made which have all been recorded. Sometimes respondents stated only a geographical location but did not stipulate what issue from the list this related and sometimes they only stated the issue or concern without stating the geographical location. Despite this all responses have been recorded. There has been some repetition in the results from the previous question and answers on street furniture but all answers have been summarised below. The top five areas of concern are as follows:

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| 1. Fly tipping | 17.60% (78 responses) |
| 2. Dog fouling | 12.41% (55 responses) |
| 3. Dog bins | 11.73% (52 responses) |
| 4. Litter | 10.15% (45 responses) |
| 5. Waste bins | 9.70% (43 responses) |

Dog fouling and the need for more dog bins accounted for 24% (107 responses) to this question. Litter and the need for more waste bins accounted for 20% (88 responses) to this question. The top three areas of concern are as follows:

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| 1. Dog fouling and provision of dog bins | 24.14% |
| 2. Litter and provision of waste bins | 19.85% |
| 3. Fly tipping | 17.60% |

Fly tipping on Ambaston Lane was highlighted by 41/232 respondents and was the highest recorded issue by location.

Table 49 – Fly tipping

	No	%	Rank
General (x3)	78	17.60%	1
• Laybys x1			
• Triangle open land near the old farm x2			
Ambaston (x47)			
• Ambaston Lane (subject to regular fly tipping) – cameras needed, Thulston to Ambaston (signs won't work, only solution is to catch the culprits (signs about CCTV are ignored) – don't think cameras exist x41			
• Between Ambaston and Shardlow x3			
• Between Ambaston and Thulston x1			
• Too much fly tipping around Ambaston x1			
• Lanes to Ambaston are poorly monitored for fly tipping – SDDC prefer to respond than prevent and this is not fair to local residents who pay huge council tax bills x1			

<p>Boulton Moor (x4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttercup Leys overlooking farmer's fields and Linstock Way over fence x1 • Fly tipping into the brook at edge of Boulton Moor x1 • Field Lane – bottom of path x1 • Path from the playing fields towards Chellaston x1 <p>Elvaston & Thulston (x10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Road x1 • Camera installed to help with fly tipping at both ends of village x1 • Layby between Elvaston and Thulston targeted x4 • Between Thulston and Shardlow x1 • Bridle Gate Lane x3 <p>Thulston roundabout (x14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thulston roundabout (and just before and between Broad Lane) gateways to the fields x14 			
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It was reported by one respondent that dog fouling had increased considerably since March 2020 (Covid 19 lockdown/s) and was highlighted by residents across all areas of the parish.

Table 50 – Dog fouling

<p>General (x11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling everywhere / many green areas / too much / paths and bridleway x5 • Increased considerably since March 2020 / big issue lately x3 • Bagged and left in hedgerows x1 • Not down to not enough bins but irresponsible residents x1 • A6 bus stop x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x28)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulton Moor / footpaths / green areas x8 • Buttercup Leys / new Boulton Moor estate x11 • Path between old and new Boulton Moor estates – full of bags x2 • Sevenlands Drive (estate) – found on pavements and bags just dropped on the ground x4 • Between Windmill Close and Orchard Close – on the grass (signage and bin would help) x3 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elvaston Castle grounds x4 • The Avenue and footpath leading to Avenue – dog mess on ground / Golden Gates, bags left on ground and hanging in bushes x5 <p>Elvaston and Thulston (x7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village of Thulston / Elvaston / Coronation Meadow / green - terrible for dog fouling, bags left in trees and hedges, wet wipes left where non- residents park in the village x5 • Sturgess Lane footpath x2 	55	12.41%	2
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More dog bins are required across the parish, or those provided need to be emptied more regularly as they are often overflowing, particularly in Elvaston Castle Country Park, Thulston and Boulton Moor.

Table 51 – Dog bins

<p>General (x10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog bins / existing not adequate enough for volume of people x6 • Need to be emptied more frequently – often overflowing x4 <p>Ambaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bin in Ambaston needed x1 • Bin part way down the roads between Ambaston and Shardlow and Ambaston and Elvaston would help keep the number of dog bags left on the road x1 • Dog waste bins badly needed on Ambaston Lane (particularly at the start of bridle path by gravel pit off Ambaston Lane and half way along bridle path x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins in Boulton Moor x4 • Sevenlands Drive / walkways / perimeter path around Boulton Moor – few bins x4 • Bin as walk through from Sevenlands to new estate – overflowing with dog waste bags x1 • Buttercup Leys / newer Boulton Moor – no / more bins x10 • Between Windmill Close and Orchard Close – needs a bin x1 • Bin needed on Mill Hill on left hand side grass area x1 • Dog waste bin needed on Lulworth and Woodsford Road and top of Snelsmoor x2 <p>Elvaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bin next to post box in Elvaston needs emptying more often x1 • Bin required near lay by at Elvaston / Ball Lane x2 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Avenue, Country Park /entrances/exit to Park – requires dog bins / entrances in Thulston / A6 end x8 <p>Thulston (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thulston needs better bins for dog waste owing to volume of walkers x1 • Bin needed at park end of Sturges Lane (replace bin entry to Sturges Lane) x2 • Village green/s – they always use the normal bin next to the post box x2 	52	11.73%	3
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Litter was reported as an area of concern across all areas of the parish with notable hot spots including Ambaston Lane, Buttercup Leys estate, parking layby in Elvaston and Thulston roundabout.

Table 52 – Litter

<p>General (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthsman good x1 • No process for clearance of litter left on and near footpaths after river flooding x1 • Sacks of rubbish left by the lengthsman are sometimes uncollected for 2-3 weeks at the side of roads x3 <p>Ambaston (x6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambaston Lane – beer cans, take away wrappers litter from parked up cars / anti-social behaviour x6 <p>Boulton Moor (x22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttercup Leys / new Boulton Moor estate – litter/rubbish everywhere (middle) x8 • Path between new and old Boulton Moor estate x1 • Alley between Castle Croft and The Greenway – huge concern (rubbish, motorbikes, needles and drugs) x1 • Greenery at end of new estate (Linstock Way) – a lot of rubbish x1 • Over the hedge in a field for development (Woodsford Drive) – lots of rubbish / lots around Woodsford Drive children’s park x2 • Castle Croft adjacent to Woods Meadow estate / Castle Croft estate is a mess x2 • Grass verges off Snelsmoor Lane has litter / rubbish in the hedgerow on the right-hand side of Snelsmoor Lane just opposite the estate on the other side of the road – old washing machine fly tipped x2 • Green field near Field Lane – when children’s football matches held they always leave litter behind – no bins in the field x1 • Brooks littered with plastic rubbish / a lot of litter thrown into the brook at the end of Boulton Moor – near the footbridges x2 • Storm ditches on edge of Boulton Moor – lots of rubbish / a lot of rubbish seems to congregate along the swales x2 <p>Elvaston & Thulston (x7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking verge/ layby in Elvaston – littering x3 • Litter along bridleway and Main Road between Elvaston – Thulston, leading to park x3 • Litter discarded from cars especially on Broad Lane, Oak Road and the lay by on Ball Lane – aside from the lay by the provision of additional litter bins would not alleviate the problem because inconsiderate people just throwing rubbish out of their car windows as they pass through x1 <p>Thulston roundabout A6 / A50 layby, bypass (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty food packaging thrown from cars around Thulston roundabout x1 • A6 / A50 bypass - heading into Derby litter very unsightly x2 • A50 layby on Shardlow junction – heavy litter x1 • Thulston roundabout – litter both sides of road – spur leading to Raynesway never litter picked x1 	45	10.15%	4
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It was reported that there are insufficient bins and more are needed across the parish, or those provided need to be emptied more frequently. This was particularly evident in Boulton Moor in the Buttercup Leys estate.

Table 53 – Waste bins

<p>General (x8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient, more waste bins needed in the parish x5 • Often bins are left until overflowing i.e. not emptied regular enough x2 • Bin needed in the under pass x1 <p>Ambaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin needed in Ambaston x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x27)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sevenlands Drive – very few bins / not large enough on cut through / only bin / overflowing x4 • Lack of waste bins on the perimeter paths / paths between old and new Boulton Moor x3 • No/insufficient bins found anywhere on the new estates / Buttercup Leys require bins especially near to children’s play area x11 • No bins between Barnard Drive and Snelsmoor Lane x2 • Small waste bins are less than useless as the one on Meadow Nook x1 • There are no bins at all in Field Lane x1 • Waste bin needed on Lulworth and Woodsford Road and top of Snelsmoor x1 • Overflowing bins / not emptied enough – Buttercup Leys, walk through from Sevenlands to new estate, children’s play area x4 <p>Elvaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin required near/in layby at Elvaston x2 • Bin by Clock House often overflowing x1 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General waste bins needed along South Avenue x1 • Some people parking within the villages to access the castle do not use the bins for their litter x1 <p>Thulston (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin on Grove Road where you exit the castle and the village green x1 • Bins by the post box in Thulston is often full to overflowing x1 	43	9.70%	5
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The need for improved pavement maintenance was raised by respondents in this question as an area of concern with the main need being a pavement along Snelsmoor Lane connecting Chellaston and Elvaston Castle Country Park.

Table 54 – Pavements

<p>General (x6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath along the A6 between Shardlow and Thulston – very poor state and caused injury to family member x2 • Overgrown along B5010 from Boulton Moor to Thulston and B5010 when walking from Elvaston to County Park car park x1 	33	7.44%	6
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path from Raynesway roundabout to Elvaston Castle is narrow and dangerous, slowly disappearing, soil encroaching x2 • B5010 pavement is uneven – issue when walking at night and cars have main beam on x1 <p>Ambaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorly maintained pavements – Ambaston x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No path Snelsmoor Lane to Shardlow roundabout / connect to Elvaston – walk through mud to get to bus stop / from Buttercup Leys (children and dogs – dangerous) x13 • A path is needed to walk to Chellaston village / bus stop / no footpath leading from the roundabout at the top of Chellaston Lane to the first roundabout on Chellaston Lane where the Buttercup Leys estate starts – when new paths installed it would make sense to extend them to the end of the road / people now walk dangerously along the muddy grass bank single file along that route x7 • Footpath from The Greenway to Castle Croft x1 <p>Elvaston (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths along Main Road, Elvaston is overgrown x1 • Lane between Elvaston and Elvaston Castle entrance is far too narrow especially when hedge overgrown x1 <p>Thulston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement surface poor outside 2,4,6,8 Oak Road Thulston x2 • Footpath going to the A6 is extremely uneven and covered in leaves x1 			
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Street lighting in Boulton Moor was highlighted as an area of concern.

Table 55 – Street lighting

<p>General (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More lighting required – some areas on paths which are away from roads which are very dark at night x1 • B5010 lighting is poor x1 • Street lights off at night x1 <p>Ambaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Street, Ambaston – poor lighting x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttercup Leys has very poor lighting / dark / back lane dark x4 • Perimeter path around the estate is not lit – feel unsafe x3 • Cut through between new estate and Sevenlands Drive – dark – don't feel safe walking at night / no lighting so when community events take place its dark x3 • Path between Mill Hill and Poole Close, better lighting needed, unsafe walking alone by bushes x1 • No adequate lighting on path between Barnard Drive and Snelsmoor Lane x1 • Street lights out and not fixed on Chilham Way despite reporting multiple times x1 	24	5.41%	7
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<p>Elvaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street lights at Castle Court – are they needed? Cause light pollution and are on all night when nobody uses them -don't maintain them, save money and use less electricity x1 <p>Thulston (x6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for aesthetic street lighting through Thulston village x1 No street lighting on Oak Road x1 Poor street lighting on older part of Grove Close x1 Street lighting on main road through Thulston x1 Street lighting on Broad Lane and Yew Lane x2 			
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General hedgerow maintenance was highlighted across all areas of the parish, with flowers, plants and trees also being requested in certain areas of the parish.

Table 56 – Soft landscaping

<p>General (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft landscaping would be nice x1 Needs to be someone responsible for cleaning up after the hedge trimmer and grass verge mower person x1 <p>Ambaston (x2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance to Ambaston very muddy with verges churned up and in disrepair x1 Entrance to Ambaston – planters, improved landscaping x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need new trees planted along Snelsmoor Lane to replace the ones chopped down when Persimmon created two new roundabouts x1 No flowers or plants anywhere to make the estates look pretty (trees around the estate have been ruined or pulled down) x1 New road grass edge on Snelsmoor could be planted up with wild flowers (primrose or daffodils) / great to see wild flowers on grass verges on the new roundabouts on Snelsmoor Lane x2 Hedges not maintained on Snelsmoor Lane x1 Planter at top of Snelsmoor x1 Broken trees on the cut through which have not been replaced x1 Sevenlands has hedges overhanging pavements that need cutting back by households x1 Mitford Road – soft landscaping x1 <p>Elvaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement on corner near Beechwood Park is narrow and made worse by overhanging/overgrown hedging, makes it difficult to use x2 Hedge overhanging footpath between Elvaston and Beechwood turn x1 <p>Thulston (x4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overhanging tree branches at the corner of Grove Close x1 Intrusive hedge covering part of pavement (near Post box on Brook Road x1 	20	4.51%	8
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorries / tankers churned up verges terribly around the pumping station x2 			
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Footpaths are covered in more detail in a later section, but residents highlighted the need for ongoing maintenance to paths and stiles.

Table 57 – Footpaths

<p>General (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpaths are a problem as they are damaged by the floods and not repaired – lots of mud for months x2 Footpaths and around castle x1 <p>Ambaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath stiles need maintenance (corner of Ambaston Lane to old A6) x1 <p>Thulston (x6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturges Lane to Shardlow Road requires attention, uneven, to be re-laid up to bus stop x5 Fence needs erecting to bus stop on A6 from footpath end of Sturges Lane x1 	10	2.25%	9
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Ambaston Lane was highlighted as requiring maintenance by three residents under this question.

Table 58 – Roads

<p>Ambaston (x3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambaston Lane poor road surface x1 Ambaston Lane should be a no stopping except for passing and be passed for community access only x1 Passing places in Ambaston need repair, potholes, resurface x1 <p>Elvaston Castle Country Park (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area outside Lodge Cottage where staff enter via vehicle – ground extremely damaged due to public ignoring flood signs – Council responsible for potholes and Elvaston Castle responsible for pavement x1 	4	0.90%	10
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Suggestions relating to signage in terms of maintenance and new signs were made by three residents.

Table 59 – Signage

<p>General (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage under the underpass for anti-social behaviour and fly tipping x1 <p>Ambaston (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance to Ambaston could be improved with better care of signage x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign needed for dog fouling between Windmill Close and Orchard Close x1 	3	0.67%	11=
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Three residents highlighted improvements to bridleways including Nooning Ford.

Table 60 – Bridleways

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridleways around the A6 and towards Elvaston Castle x1 • Improvements to bridle route across Nooning Ford x1 • Bridleway to Bellingham Hill suffers vandalism, litter and becomes very muddy near Ambaston Lane x1 	3	0.67%	11=
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Three residents highlighted inconsiderate car parking in the villages as an area of concern.

Table 61 – Car parking

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog walkers parking in villages rather than Castle car park x1 • Parking on Grove Close x1 • Parking in layby and on main roads x1 	3	0.67%	11=
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Table 62 – Other areas either not grouped or geographical location given only without issue

<p>General (x4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole parish x1 • Thulston roundabout x1 • Around and along the culvert x1 • Bus stop x1 <p>Ambaston (x5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambaston including Ambaston Lane (pull ins and layby) x2 • Ambaston Lane – speeding cars x1 • Benches/ community facility in Ambaston – so many children in the village now but nothing provided for them x1 • Ditches flooding and not draining either side of Ambaston Lane towards Elvaston – no one is maintaining them or under road culverts x1 <p>Boulton Moor (x23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulton Moor x3 • Buttercup Leys x6 • Whole of Buttercup Leys underserved with the whole range of amenities i.e. bins, dog waste, grit bin for the area between old and new estates. The green space could do with new trees and plants x1 • Broken fence around the Sevenlands cut through x1 • Bus stop (Bridle Way) into housing and area footpath on main road to bus stops – frequently used x1 • Bridge needed to create easier access to Thulston/Elvaston from Boulton Moor x1 • Near the notice board on Colwell x1 • Boulton Moor cycle tracks x1 • Speed limit should remain 30mph entire length of Snelsmoor Lane x1 • Between main roundabout on Shardlow Road and Lulworth Road – dangerous road x1 • Green spaces at the bottom of Colwell Drive and Thulston Brook area x1 • There is a lot of graffiti on the derelict farm building and bend sign on Snelsmoor Lane, which is looking unsightly x1 • Post box x2 	36	8.12%	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Lane Park x1 • Bluebell Grange x1 Elvaston and Thulston (x4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse manure left in the village frequently x1 • Elvaston (including Main Road) x2 • Lay by between Elvaston and Thulston x1 			
See / as above / as previously mentioned / see previous answer x8	8	1.80%	
Not sure / Nil / None / No / No particular concerns / None particular / N/A x26	26	5.86%	
Grand Total	443		

Section three – Car Parking

Elvaston Castle and Country Park gates

Residents were asked if they would like to see Elvaston Castle and Country Park gates opened earlier and closed later to allow visitors to use the car park. 48% (130 people) stated that they would like to see the gates opened earlier and closed later, with 19% (52 people) stating that this is not required and 32% (87 people) having no opinion or comment. Please note that 31 respondents skipped this question.

Table 63 – Country Park gate opening

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	130	48.33%
No	52	19.33%
No opinion or comment	87	32.34%
Total	269	
Skipped question	31	-
Grand Total	300	

Car parking campaign

Residents were asked if they would like to see a campaign organised to raise awareness amongst visitors to Elvaston Castle and Country Park to use the country park car park to help with the park's sustainability. 81% (218 people) stated that they would like to see a campaign organised, with 3% (9 people) stating that this is not required and 16% (43 people) having no opinion or comment. Please note that 30 respondents skipped this question.

Table 64 – Car parking campaign

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	218	80.74%
No	9	3.33%
No opinion or comment	43	15.93%
Total	270	
Skipped question	30	-
Grand Total	300	

Restricted parking areas and other measures

Residents were asked if they would like to see additional restricted parking areas or other measures introduced in those areas which suffer from inconsiderate car parking. 62% (167 people) stated that they would like to see parking measures introduced, with 11% (29 people) stating that this is not

required and 27% (72 people) having no opinion or comment. Please note that 32 respondents skipped this question.

Table 65 – Restricted areas introduced

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	167	62.31%
No	29	10.82%
No opinion or comment	72	26.87%
Total	268	
Skipped question	32	-
Grand Total	300	

Areas affected by inconsiderate car parking

Residents were asked which areas locally are most affected by inconsiderate car parking and to describe the location. This open-ended question received 194/300 separate comments in total. However, please note that within the 194 comments made there were approximately 274 separate points made regarding locations, issues and suggestions with the results summarized below. Please note that 106 respondents skipped this question.

The top five general hot spots for inconsiderate parking include:

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| 1. Thulston village | 35.40% (97 responses) |
| 2. Elvaston Castle and Country Park | 13.87% (38 responses) |
| 3. Elvaston village | 13.14% (36 responses) |
| 4. Ball Lane (stretch of road linking Elvaston & Thulston villages) | 9.49% (26 responses) |
| 5. Boulton Moor | 9.12% (25 responses) |

The top five specific hot spots for inconsiderate parking include:

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| 1. Ball Lane, Thulston | (26 responses) |
| 2. Brook Road, Thulston | (18 responses) |
| 3. Slip road into main entrance of Elvaston Castle Country Park | (17 responses) |
| 4. = Grove Close / Court, Thulston | (14 responses) |
| = Main Road, Elvaston,
= Silver Lane and Castle Court, Elvaston | |
| 5. Entrance / opposite Harrington Arms, Thulston | (13 responses) |

Table 66 – Areas affected by inconsiderate parking

	Total	%	Rank
Thulston village	97	35.40%	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All/in and around streets in Thulston village (Brook Road, Grove Close, Sturges Lane, Hanslynn, Pinfold (should be residents only permit parking, signs needed), constant anti-social parking, to avoid paying car park fees, especially at weekends) x33 • Hanslynn and Pinfold x7 • Grove Close / Court x14 • Brook Road x18 • Sturges Lane x6 • Oak Road x3 • Entrance / opposite to Harrington Arms, near village green x13 • Just by footpath between Grove Close and Grove Court x2 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yew Tree Lane (on events days parking on grass verge) – like to see natural barrier protecting this area x1 			
<p>Elvaston Castle & Country Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slip road into the main entrance for Elvaston Castle (needs double yellow lines, damages verges, dangerous) x17 • Generally, around Elvaston Castle (including church and stables) x6 • Near Elvaston Castle in front of Golden Gates x3 • Disabled parking within Castle being abused by people who are not blue badge holders x1 • Staff entrance next to Lodge Cottage (park there when gate is closed) x2 • A6 end of estate / close to junctions / outside castle grounds x3 • Elvaston car park should be free or reduced to prevent inconsiderate parking in villages compared with limits/actions to reduce street parking x2 • Parking should be allowed to visit church x1 • Graveyard / access, St Bartholomew's Church x3 	38	13.87%	2
<p>Elvaston village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally around the village x7 • Elvaston Main Road but improved by double yellow lines but whole road should be yellow lined / extended beyond Silver Lane towards Thulston x14 • Silver Lane and Castle Court (cars parking on pavements adjacent, between roads, near memorial, creates hazard as sightline for cars is compromised, concern that measures will move bad parking elsewhere) x14 • Barrons Court (near Castle Court), Elvaston (private recessed gateway) yellow lines don't run far enough x1 	36	13.14%	3
<p>Ball Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stretch of road between Thulston and Elvaston - people parking there also not contributing to park upkeep / should pay a small charge x10 • Big layby in Thulston where people park instead of paying to park at castle/outside perimeter of layby / should be closed and all parking for castle in car park x8 • Layby on Ball Lane (litter) x7 • Oak Road layby x1 	26	9.49%	4
<p>Boulton Moor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavements – difficulties for pedestrians x2 • Boulton Moor junctions between Snelsmoor and new estate x4 • New Buttercup Leys estate / Kimbolton Way / Marisco Close, Barnard Drive – residents parking on pavement and reduces access to people on foot and damages paths x10 • Sevenlands Drive near cut through, suffering when road works when new phases of Buttercup Leys in progress x2 • Lane entrance from Boulton Moor link road x1 • Outside convenience store/Needles Pub on main road x1 • Chilham Way x1 • Colwell Drive x1 	25	9.12%	5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Centre on Coleman Street when car park full x1 • Paddock cul-de- sac – turning circle used to park cars x1 • The Greenway x1 			
Don't know / unsure / no comment / opinion / N/A	23	8.39%	6
Ambaston village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavements x1 Ambaston Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laybys used as party sites at night time causing litter, ruining grass verges x8 	9	3.28%	7=
It's ok / don't think it's a problem / not aware of any areas	9	3.28%	7=
B5010 (people park in the farm gateways) x2 Clearway (from Borrowwash bridge to bend with caravan site) x1 Road from Thulston to Borrowwash x2	5	1.82%	8
All rural parts / roads of Elvaston Parish (as people don't want to pay for parking if they can avoid it) x3	3	1.09%	9
Broad Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layby should be closed (rubbish) x2 	2	0.72%	10
Parishioners need to appreciate that this area is not for their sole, exclusive use and visitors should be encouraged, parking in a street is not illegal x1	1	0.36%	11
Total	274	-	-

Section four – Community activities, sport and recreation

Awareness of community activities

Residents were asked if they were aware of current clubs and groups operating within the parish (i.e. Women's Institute, cricket club, gardening club, art club, line dancing etc.). 42% (111 people) were aware of these groups, but 58% (155 people) were not aware of these activities. 35% (92 people) were not aware but interested to find out about these opportunities. Please note that 34 respondents skipped this question.

Table 67 – Awareness of community activities

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes – aware	85	31.95%
Yes – aware and household members take part	26	9.77%
No – not aware and not interested	63	23.68%
No – not aware but interested in finding out more	92	34.59%
Total	266	
Skipped question	34	-
Grand Total	300	

Sports and recreation activities

Residents were specifically asked if the sports and recreation activities locally met the needs of their households, with 37% (97 people) stating that they did meet their needs, 20% (53 people) stating that they did not meet their needs and 150 people having either no opinion or comment or skipping the question.

Table 68 – Sport and recreation provision

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	97	36.74%
No	53	20.08%
No opinion or comment	114	43.18%
Total	264	
Skipped question	36	-
Grand Total	300	

Community classes, clubs, groups and activities (including sport and recreation)

Residents were asked if there were any community classes, clubs, groups or activities they would like to see set up and provided locally. This open-ended question received 173 separate suggestions made, summarised below across various categories. Please note that 127 people skipped the question and 63 respondents provided no comment or opinion response.

Residents were then asked what sports and recreation activities they would like to see provided locally. This open-ended question also received 156 separate suggestions being made. Please note that 144 people skipped the question and 50 provided no comment or opinion response.

Owing to the similarity in answers relating to the question on community classes, clubs, groups or activities and sports and recreation needs, the answers to both open-ended questions have been combined, as follows:

The top five ranked community and sport activity needs, as follows:

1. Fitness, exercise and keep fit classes (23 responses)
2. Youth and children's activities and clubs (16 responses)
3. Rambling club / walking group (15 responses)
4. Running club (14 responses)
5. Pilates (13 responses)

The full list of suggestions made is as follows:

Table 69 - Sport and fitness

Rank	Activity	No	Category
1	Fitness, exercise and keep fit classes, groups, aerobics aimed at all ages including working people and non-working people, adult activities and sport	23	Sport and fitness
2	Rambling club / walking group	15	Sport and fitness
3	Running club / group (including Park Run at Elvaston Castle)	14	Sport and fitness
4	Pilates	13	Sport and fitness
5=	Dance classes and lessons for adults and children (using village hall) including sequence, ball room and salsa	11	Sport and fitness
5=	Yoga	11	Sport and fitness
6	Community football club / five a-side	6	Sport and fitness
7	Nordic walking	5	Sport and fitness
8=	Community tennis club	4	Sport and fitness
8=	Tai Chi	4	Sport and fitness
9=	Boxing / Clubbercise (full body workout with music)	3	Sport and fitness

9=	Community cricket club	3	Sport and fitness
9=	Children's football	3	Sport and fitness
9=	Ladies keep fit / fitness, anything that encourages people, women especially to keep fit	3	Sport and fitness
9=	Crown green bowls / bowls - gentle outdoor pursuits i.e. putting, bowls	3	Sport and fitness
9=	Over 60's exercise club / active living for retired people	3	Sport and fitness
10=	Table tennis in village hall	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Sports groups, stay and play sessions	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Dog walking group	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Outdoor fitness classes (including Callanetics)	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Rounders during the summer holidays (on cricket ground)	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Horse riding / club	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Swimming (indoors and outdoors)	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Indoor bowls	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Archery	2	Sport and fitness
10=	Gymnastics	2	Sport and fitness
11=	Community netball club	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Community basketball club	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Women's sports club	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Self defense	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Children's rugby	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Orienteering	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Martial arts	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Relaxation group	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Over 50's football	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Junior boxing	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Hockey	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Women's netball	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Badminton	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Golf society	1	Sport and fitness
11=	Field sports and track running	1	Sport and fitness
11=	E-sports / video game events during lockdown	1	Sport and fitness
	Total	157	

Table 70 - Family, children, youth activities

1	Youth activities and sport, children's activities 3-10 years, more for 0 – 18 years, inadequate provision for children / youth club 11-18 years / 5 – 8 years at weekend / children's holiday activities using showground or village green / junior clubs, groups for young people, children's family activities i.e. advent window event more of the same Easter, Summer, Christmas, bushcraft	16	Family, children, youth activities
2	Toddler play group / mother and baby group	6	Family, children, youth activities
3	Scouts and cubs	2	Family, children, youth activities

4=	Consult with young families	1	
4=	Family events	1	Family, children, youth activities
4=	Pre-school classes	1	Family, children, youth activities
	Total	27	

Table 71 - Arts and crafts

1	Crafts	4	Arts and craft
2=	Art group	3	Arts and craft
2=	Cooking including cake making	3	Arts and craft
3=	Pottery	1	Arts and craft
3=	Upholstery, sewing, knitting, crochet	1	Arts and craft
3=	Repair and recycle salvage clubs	1	Arts and craft
	Total	13	

Table 72 - Natural environment

1	Gardening / allotment use / local fruit and veg community growing / local market project	8	Natural environment
2=	Local nature / wildlife group	2	Natural environment
2=	Open gardens / village in bloom competition (including Boulton Moor), best kept village	2	Natural environment
2=	Footpath group / maintenance	2	Natural environment
3=	Hedge-laying lessons at castle and developing wildlife areas	1	Natural environment
3=	Wildlife group for younger people / children	1	Natural environment
3=	Wild flower verge planting	1	Natural environment
3=	Collective activity to clean up and protect the castle grounds	1	Natural environment
	Total	18	

Table 73 - Community interest groups

1	Food, cheese & wine group	5	Community interest groups
2	History group	4	Community interest groups
3=	Choir	3	Community interest groups
3=	Book club / reading group	3	Community interest groups
4=	Social / lunch clubs in local pubs and restaurants	2	Community interest groups
4=	Bridge and whist	2	Community interest groups
4=	Ladies group	2	Community interest groups
4=	Anything that unites the village	2	Community interest groups
5=	Language classes	1	Community interest groups
5=	Pensioners group	1	Community interest groups
5=	Story telling group	1	Community interest groups
5=	Community groups to instill more spirit amongst neighbours	1	Community interest groups
5=	Group to assess development at Buttercup Leys	1	Community interest groups
5=	More for women and girls	1	Community interest groups
5=	Would like to be involved as volunteer at Elvaston Castle also in walled garden – could be used to do yoga or outdoor exercises	1	Community interest groups

5=	Clubs that seek to welcome people that are new to the area from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds	1	Community interest groups
	Total	31	

The top five ranked community and sport facility needs, as follows:

1. Children's play areas (15 responses)
2. Cycling provision / paths (12 responses)
3. Improved village hall / use (11 responses)
4. Awareness of facilities and promotion (10 responses)
5. = Tennis courts (7 responses)
= Swimming pool

The full list of suggestions made is as follows:

Table 74 - Facilities – community

1	Children's amenities, more / improved play areas for children (wooden outdoor playgrounds / play park on old Boulton Moor estate, only one facility fit for 10 upwards about 2 miles away and play areas for younger children get damaged by older children, nothing for children (playground)	15	Facilities – community
2	Improved cycling provision including cycle friendly pathways, cycle path along Snelsmoor Lane, joining Boulton Moor to Chellaston and Elvaston, setting up a cycling club (including over 50's)	12	Facilities – community
3	Community centre and village hall - grant obtained to extend and upgrade village hall and parking – purpose-built facility with modern facilities, more use of village hall, no-where to hold them apart from village hall which is far from ideal, improved use of village hall, social events at village hall, regular class in village hall, improved village hall for quizzes, cookery, flower demonstrations and activities for young people	11	Facilities – community
4	More pathways, parks, open green space for adults on Buttercup Leys, wider paths for walking with social distancing, what happened to the new park? Hundreds of houses no shops built either	4	Facilities – community
5	Thulston village green used for more village activities i.e. fete, bring and buy (with contributions going towards the park upkeep, small firework display), create more of a community environment, space to create a village green on the end of the village in or near the castle grounds for small local events i.e. fete, fair, something to allow children to play together, more use of village green i.e. stalls for arts, crafts, plants, car boot	3	Facilities – community

6	More direct pathway to Elvaston Castle (like promised) and a local park for short distance walks and runs – local walks are around housing estates	2	Facilities – community
7=	As long as village hall can be used for WI, line dancing, whist drives, dog handling	1	Facilities – community
7=	Café where people can meet and socialize	1	Facilities – community
7=	Allotments	1	Facilities – community
7=	More trees	1	Facilities – community
	Total	51	

Table 75 - Facilities – sport

1=	Tennis courts	7	Facilities – sport
1=	Swimming pool	7	Facilities – sport
2	Sports ground, playing fields, football pitches, local accessible sports facility	6	Facilities – sport
3=	Golf course, driving range	4	Facilities – sport
3=	Cricket club facilities good and adequate, cricket club has excellent facilities but underused during winter – could be used for hockey in winter	4	Facilities – sport
4=	Bowls' green	3	Facilities – sport
4=	Outdoor gym	3	Facilities – sport
4=	Local gym or leisure centre, bigger indoor sports area or sports hall for badminton	3	Facilities – sport
5	Multi use games area, netball court	2	Facilities – sport
6=	No facilities for cricket, football, netball, basketball, tennis – ECG could engender interest in the future given PC and SDDC support	1	Facilities – sport
6=	Petanque range	1	Facilities – sport
6=	More investment in Field Lane Football Club to improve facilities for whole community	1	Facilities – sport
6=	Already in place – football at Chellaston park	1	Facilities – sport
	Total	43	

Table 76 - Awareness and promotion

	Not sure what's already provided or available (i.e. WI, art club and where held). These groups need to be advertised, use of social media. More encouragement via advertising locally for sports clubs try a new game days	10	Awareness and promotion
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Section Five – Community Promotion

Community promotion

Residents were asked how they mainly find out about what is happening locally. Please note that 45 people skipped this question. Of the 255 people which answered this question, 31 residents provided comments under the other option, which are listed below. Please note that there is some duplication with the closed option answers.

Please note that 15% (39 people) responded that they do not find out what is happening locally. The top five recorded methods for community promotion included:

1. Word of mouth	27.45% (70 people)
2. Parish notice boards	23.53% (60 people)
3. Parish Facebook page	15.69% (40 people)
4. Local WhatsApp group	12.55% (32 people)
5. Parish council website	3.53% (9 people)

Table 77 – Community promotion

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Word of mouth	70	27.45%
Parish notice boards	60	23.53%
Parish Facebook page	40	15.69%
I don't find out	39	15.29%
Local WhatsApp group	32	12.55%
Parish council website	9	3.53%
Attendance at parish council meetings	5	1.96%
Other (as outlined below in italics):	31	
<i>Local Facebook page (including Boulton Moor Facebook page)</i>	14	
<i>Word of Mouth (parish meetings)</i>	5	
<i>Parish noticeboards</i>	4	
<i>WhatsApp</i>	2	
<i>Local newsletter</i>	1	
<i>Radio Derby</i>	1	
<i>Internet</i>	1	
<i>Direct mailshots through door</i>	1	
<i>Have not started looking and engaging yet</i>	1	
<i>Used several of above methods but only allowed to select one in this survey</i>	1	
<i>Would be good to have accessible way to find out more</i>	1	
Total	286	
Skipped question	45	-
Grand Total	331	

Communication and promotion

Residents were asked how the parish council could improve communication and promotion locally to keep residents informed about local events and issues. Residents were allowed to choose multiple options under this question. The top five recorded methods included:

1. Produce a two-sided parish newsletter twice yearly	58.47% (145 responses)
2. Improved parish website	46.37% (115 responses)
3. Improved parish Facebook page	43.15% (107 responses)
4. Produce a welcome pack for new residents	35.89% (89 responses)
5. Provide more notice boards	23.79% (59 responses)

Two new residents to the parish, specifically commented on how useful a welcome pack would be to new residents. A further resident also made the following comment as noted *“In today's time all updates are provided on social media sites – it is assumed that everybody uses the most common social media. I don't think this assumption is right. Physical notice boards, physical newsletters is a better and fairer way of spreading information”*.

Please note that 18 residents provided further suggestions under the option Other and there was some duplication with the closed option answers.

Table 78 – Improved promotion

	Number of Responses	Percentage Breakdown
Produce a two-sided parish newsletter twice yearly	145	58.47%
Improved parish website	115	46.37%
Improved parish Facebook page	107	43.15%
Produce a welcome pack for new residents	89	35.89%
Provide more notice boards	59	23.79%
Set up a parish WhatsApp group	49	19.76%
Set up a parish Twitter account	26	10.48%
Other (as outlined below in italics):	21	
<i>Better use/information of/on notice boards – update more frequently including council meetings, diary of events</i>	6	
<i>Parish monthly emails/ newsletter</i>	3	
<i>Update Facebook and website (improved) regularly – advertise on social media</i>	3	
<i>Welcome pack would be great</i>	2	
<i>Parish Council surgery</i>	1	
<i>Posters at Harrington Arms</i>	1	
<i>Use Village Voice newspaper</i>	1	
<i>Leaflet drop</i>	1	
<i>Didn't know there is a parish website</i>	1	
<i>Why do you think it needs improving?</i>	1	
<i>Informed by neighbour</i>	1	
Total	611	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	663	

Section Six – Community Safety

Safe streets

Residents were asked to what extent they agreed with the following statement:

'the streets and public spaces locally offer a safe environment free of crime and anti-social behaviour'

62% (160 people) either strongly agreed or agreed with this statement, with 22% (56 people) neither agreeing or disagreeing and 16% (41 people) disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. Please note that 43 people skipped the question.

Table 79 – Safe streets

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	26	10.12%
Agree	134	52.14%
Neither agree nor disagree	56	21.79%
Disagree	36	14.01%
Strongly disagree	5	1.95%
Total	257	
Skipped question	43	-
Grand Total	300	

Home safety

Residents were asked if they feel safe in their home. 93% (239 people) declared that they felt safe in their home. 5% (12 people) stated that they did not feel safe in their home, with 2% (6 people) having no opinion and 43 people skipping the question.

Figure 80 – Home safety

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	239	93.00%
No	12	4.67%
No opinion or comment	6	2.33%
Total	257	
Skipped question	43	-
Grand Total	300	

Incidents of crime

Residents were asked to describe the last incident in which they were a victim of crime locally in the last five years. 58% (138 people) had not been a victim of crime locally in the last five years. Please note that 26 residents provided comments under the other option answers which are also summarised below. Please note that 61 people skipped the question. There was some duplication with the closed option answers. Of those residents which had been a victim of crime, the top five categories of crime recorded were as follows:

1. Noise and disturbance 12.13% (29 people)
2. Anti-social behaviour 8.79% (21 people)
3. Theft from property 7.11% (17 people)
4. Damage to property 5.44% (13 people)
5. Theft from vehicle 3.77% (9 people)

Table 81 – Incidents of crime

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Have not been a victim of crime locally in the last five years	138	57.74%
Noise and disturbance	29	12.13%
Anti-social behaviour	21	8.79%
Theft from property	17	7.11%
Damage to property	13	5.44%
Theft from vehicle	9	3.77%
Damage to vehicle	7	2.93%

Vandalism	5	2.09%
Assault	0	0.00%
Other (as outlined below in italics):	32	
<i>Cars stolen / burglary / theft</i>	7	
<i>Vandalism</i>	7	
<i>Noise and disturbance</i>	6	
Not victim of crime / none	5	
<i>Fly tipping</i>	3	
<i>Speeding motorists</i>	1	
<i>Litter</i>	1	
<i>Dangerous driving</i>	1	
<i>ASB</i>	1	
Total	104	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	165	

Incidents of vandalism

Residents were asked to describe the last instance of vandalism or the effects of vandalism they have seen locally in the last five years. 51% (109 people) had not seen any acts of vandalism locally in the last five years. Please note that 48 residents provided comments under the other option answer which are also summarised below. Please note that 84 people skipped the question. There was some duplication with the closed option answers. Of those residents which had witnessed vandalism or the effects of vandalism, the top three categories of vandalism were recorded as follows:

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| 1. Damage to property | 19.44% (42 people) |
| 2. Damage to vehicle | 16.20% (35 people) |
| 3. Graffiti | 13.89% (30 people) |

Other accounted for 48 responses with damage to trees being the highest category within Other.

Table 82 – Incidents of vandalism

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Have not seen any acts of vandalism locally in the last five years	109	50.46%
Damage to property	42	19.44%
Damage to vehicle	35	16.20%
Graffiti	30	13.89%
Other (as outlined below in italics):	48	
<i>Damage to trees (young willows, saplings and between old and new Boulton Moor)</i>	13	
<i>Litter and fly tipping</i>	7	
<i>Damage to fences / metal railings / park gate around estate / cut through</i>	6	
<i>Damage to property / vandalism (from Weddings)</i>	4	

<i>Damage to under pass / graffiti</i>	3	
<i>Damage to parish council notice board</i>	2	
<i>Burned out abandoned cars</i>	2	
<i>Elvaston Castle grounds and damage to golden gates</i>	2	
<i>None</i>	2	
<i>Damage to bus stop / bollards</i>	2	
<i>Anti-social behaviour</i>	1	
<i>Damage to church</i>	1	
<i>Damage to bus shelter</i>	1	
<i>Only just moved to the area</i>	1	
<i>Old farm house at bottom of Snelsmoor Lane</i>	1	
<i>Damage to warning signs at gravel pit</i>	1	
<i>As in question 25</i>	1	
Total	264	
Skipped question	84	-
Grand Total	348	

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Residents were asked if their immediate area was in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. 19% (48 people) confirmed that they thought their area was in a scheme with 23% (58 people) stating that they were not in a scheme and 58% (149 people) not knowing if they were in a scheme.

Table 83 - Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	48	18.82%
No	58	22.75%
Do not know	149	58.43%
Total	255	
Skipped question	45	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they found the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme of value. 4% (10 people) were in a scheme and found it useful, 11% (28 people) did not find it useful, 27% (69 people) were not in a scheme and 58% (147 people) did not know if their area was in a scheme.

Table 84 - Benefits of Neighbourhood Watch

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes in a scheme and find it useful	10	3.94%
Yes in a scheme but don't find it useful	28	11.02%
No not in a scheme	69	27.17%
Do not know if my area is in a scheme	147	57.87%
Total	254	
Skipped question	46	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they were not in a scheme, if it is something they would like to find out more about and how to set one up with more information provided on the parish notice boards and website. 50% (127 people) confirming that they would like to know more about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Table 85 – Interest in Neighbourhood Watch

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Already in a scheme	27	10.55%
Yes	127	49.61%
No	20	7.81%
No opinion or comment	82	32.03%
Total	256	
Skipped question	44	-
Grand Total	300	

Police Community Support

Residents were asked if they would attend if an opportunity was set up to meet their Police Community Support Officer to raise concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour locally. 46% (116 people) confirmed that they would attend such an opportunity.

Table 86 - Police Community Support

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	116	45.67%
No	58	22.83%
No opinion or comment	80	31.50%
Total	254	
Skipped question	46	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Seven – Community Services and Amenities

Community services and amenities

Residents were asked what local service or amenity is there the greatest need for locally. This open-ended question received 191 separate comments made, which are summarised below across various categories. There were 109 people which skipped this question. Some respondents provided multiple suggestions within one comment and all specific suggestions have been counted individually with 274 specific comments received in total.

These results are shown in some detail owing to not being able to identify specific locations in some cases between Ambaston, Elvaston, Thulston and Boulton Moor. This is best highlighted in relation to outdoor children's playgrounds with 12 comments received with seven being general and others siting specific areas but they are grouped together under play areas.

The top five amenities required was as follows:

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| 1. Local shop | 24.45% (67 responses) |
| 2. Improved bus service | 7.66% (21 responses) |
| 3. Community building – Boulton Moor | 5.47% (15 responses) |
| 4. More children's play areas, particularly in Boulton Moor and Ambaston | 4.37% (12 responses) |
| 5. = Post box – Boulton Moor
= Improved pavements | 4.01% (11 responses) |

The need for a local shop generally received 67 comments (24%) and was by far the main local amenity or local service needed in the parish. Improved bus service was the next most popular local service needed followed by the need for a community building in Boulton Moor and improved children's playgrounds in Boulton Moor and Ambaston. The need for a post box and more pavements to allow improved access was further highlighted in Boulton Moor.

Table 87 – Amenities needed

	No	%	Rank
Local shop/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenience store, local shop, village shop (x45) • Village cooperative shop with café and Wi fi (x1) • Supermarket (x2) • Shop nearer to Buttercup Leys (x3) • Shop for Boulton Moor (x6) • Local shops nearer to new estate (x3) • Butcher (x2) • Greengrocer (x1) • Bakery (x2) • Florist (x1) • Newsagents (x1) 	67	24.45%	1
Improved bus services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly community bus for older residents in Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston (x3) • Local bus service / bus route / shelter (x7) • Improved bus service/ route in Boulton Moor / bus service to Buttercup Leys side of Boulton Moor (x8) • Bus service from A6 Shardlow Road to Chellaston (x1) • Bus stop (x1) • Bus route to the castle or in Elvaston village (x1) 	21	7.66%	2
N/A / None / No / nothing additional / no comment / opinion / not sure, cannot think of anything specific / don't know	20	7.29%	3
Community building – Boulton Moor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community building, village hall for Boulton Moor and Buttercup leys (closer than Elvaston Village Hall, larger and more central to whole parish) 	15	5.47%	4
Children's play areas:	12	4.37%	5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More outdoor children's playgrounds, playparks, areas, facilities (x7) • Playpark on old Boulton Moor (x1) • Space for teens on new Boulton Moor i.e. Astro, basketball (x1) • Children's play area / community open space/ village green in Ambaston – could Tarmac donate half a tennis court size? (x3) 			
Post box: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post box (x8) • Post box on Buttercup Lees estate (x3) 	11	4.01%	6=
Pavements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement from new estate to A6 roundabout underpass / Shardlow Road / pedestrian walkway north along Snelsmoor Lane (x3) • Easier access / walkways to Elvaston Castle (x3) • Pavement out of Thulston to bus on main road is uneven (x1) • Easier access to bus route (x1) • Footpaths and bridleways important (x1) • Repair of footpaths (x1) • Accessible pathways (x1) 	11	4.01%	6=
Litter management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with litter and vandalism occurred whilst estate in development / litter picking on estate, dog poo bins and more bins on new estate (x6) • Litter bins (x2) • Generally, keep all areas tidy (x2) 	10	3.5%	7
Café: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café / coffee shop – where locals can meet and chat, pop up café, farm shop 	9	3.28%	8=
Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools – to be built (x8) • Secondary school (x1) 	9	3.28%	8=
Post office	9	3.28%	8=
Green space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and access, more public open green recreation space, pathed green area within short walking distance 	7	2.55%	9
Medical services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of NHS local services (x1) • Better access for GP services (x2) • Medical / health centre (x2) • Dentist (x1) 	6	2.18%	10
Police: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police presence / more, police patrols 	5	1.82%	11=
Country Pub: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better country pub • Pub nearer to Buttercup Leys, new estate 	5	1.82%	11=

Parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted parking around village to make people use car park (x2) • More traffic warden/ policing of traffic and parking in the villages during busy days at the castle (x2) • Ensuring safe parking at the weekend (x1) 	5	1.82%	11=
Youth Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth club (x2) • Somewhere for teenagers / off street, from Alvaston and Borrowash to go in the evening rather than hanging around in the dark and cold on Elvaston grounds / occupied in constructive activity (x2) 	4	1.45%	12=
Drainage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort drainage of the area out – been a water treatment lorry at Thulston for 3 weeks, park is a mess (x1) • Maintenance of ditches, culverts (x1) • Maintenance of drains/flood prevention, streets cleaned (x2) 	4	1.45%	12=
Cycle paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More and better cycleways/paths 	3	1.09%	13=
Speed enforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of speed limit (from proposed 60 to permanent 30) • Speeding management through Thulston • Police enforcement for speeding through village 	3	1.09%	13=
Preservation of Elvaston Castle and plans for new road and car park must be stopped	3	1.09%	13=
Wider more inclusive events at village hall, village hall vital to community, greater use of village hall	3	1.09%	13=
Completion of bridge to Field Lane / Recreation Ground	2	0.72%	14=
Village green needed	2	0.72%	14=
Surveillance to catch and prosecute fly tippers x1 CCTV on Ambaston Lane to help reduce fly tipping x1	2	0.72%	14=
Repair pot holes on Ambaston Lane – dangerous for cyclists and motorists passing cyclists	2	0.72%	14=
Grass verges and islands kept tidy / planting on island	2	0.72%	14=

The following areas all received one comment:

More regular collection of recycling	1	0.36%	15=
More and better footpaths	1	0.36%	15=
Decent internet	1	0.36%	15=
Street lighting	1	0.36%	15=
New grave yard	1	0.36%	15=
Generally satisfied	1	0.36%	15=
Affordable gardening service for the elderly and infirm locally	1	0.36%	15=
Sports facilities for young people	1	0.36%	15=
Swimming pool	1	0.36%	15=
Someone who can inform everyone of changes to bin collection days or local scams	1	0.36%	15=

Either this is a rural parish defined largely by lack of amenities or its urban in which case why are you asking?	1	0.36%	15=
Survey too long	1	0.36%	15=
Local farmers market close to Boulton Moor	1	0.36%	15=
Total resurface of Ambaston Lane and Main Street, Ambaston	1	0.36%	15=
Closure to the alley between The Greenway and Castle Croft	1	0.36%	15=
Introduce community spirit	1	0.36%	15=
Allotment space	1	0.36%	15=
No services or amenities are needed in Thulston	1	0.36%	15=
Country Park to be built	1	0.36%	15=
Elvaston Castle Country Park	1	0.36%	15=
Restaurant – new estate	1	0.36%	15=
Grand Total	274		

Elvaston Village Hall

Residents were asked how often they visit or take part in activities at Elvaston village hall (pre Covid-19). 55% (138 people) stated that they never used the facilities at the village hall, with 33% (83 people) using it occasionally and 13% (32 people) using it regularly/monthly.

Table 88 – Using village hall

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
At least once a week	20	7.91%
At least one a month	12	4.74%
Occasionally	83	32.81%
Never	138	54.55%
Total	253	
Skipped question	47	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked how they would rate the facilities at Elvaston village hall. 47% (117 people) made no comment, with 48% (119 people) rating the facilities as excellent, good or fair. 6% (14 people) rated the facilities as either poor or very poor.

Table 89 – Village-hall facilities

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
No comment	117	46.80%
Excellent	13	5.20%
Good	51	20.40%
Fair	55	22.00%
Poor	12	4.80%
Very poor	2	0.80%
Total	250	
Skipped question	50	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked what main improvement they think is needed at Elvaston village hall. Respondents selected multiple options. 52% (124 people) did not know. From the remaining options, the top five needs were as follows:

1. More social use of the village hall	30.80% (73 people)
2. Wifi	15.61% (37 people)
3. More function space	13.92% (33 people)
4. Improved heating	11.81% (28 people)
5. BBQ area	10.97% (26 people)

Please note that 22 residents provided further and multiple responses to this question under the option Other. When examined, some methods described were as the closed option answers. These comments highlighted the need for more publicity on what is happening at the village hall and how to hire the facilities together with the need for general modernisation internally.

Table 90 – Village-hall improvements

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Do not know	124	52.32%
More social use of village hall	73	30.80%
Wi fi	37	15.61%
More function space	33	13.92%
Improved heating	28	11.81%
BBQ area	26	10.97%
Improved parking	20	8.44%
Improved entrance	18	7.59%
Patio	17	7.17%
Disability access / provision	17	7.17%
Better lighting	14	5.91%
Other (as outlined below in italics):	21	
<i>More publicity on what is happening / how to hire</i>	5	
<i>Internal modernisation / very dated / redecorating</i>	3	
<i>Build an improved village hall / community centre (central to parish)</i>	2	
<i>Improve access road to village hall</i>	1	
<i>Already an excellent building for social gatherings</i>	1	
<i>Improved mobile signal</i>	1	
<i>Continue to offer services always done</i>	1	
<i>Use of outdoor area</i>	1	
<i>Comfortable seating for coffee mornings</i>	1	
<i>Listed building – few options</i>	1	
<i>Post Covid-19 proper cleaning role set up to clean village hall</i>	1	
<i>Licensed bar</i>	1	
<i>Used for weddings so anything is possible with creativity</i>	1	
<i>Never been</i>	1	
Total	428	
Skipped question	63	-
Grand Total	491	

Children's play areas

Residents were asked if they were satisfied with the provision of children's play areas locally. Please note that 51 people skipped this question and a further 60% (149 people) scored this question as not

being applicable to them. From those that answered, across all age classifications for children's play areas, the average level of dissatisfaction was 23% with teen play areas attracting the greatest level of dissatisfaction at 29%.

Table 91 – Children's play areas

Subject Age	Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied	
	Number		Number		Number	
Toddlers (6-23 months)	24	10%	24	10%	50	20%
Early childhood (2-5 years)	27	11%	25	10%	49	20%
Elementary (5-12 years)	24	10%	24	10%	57	23%
Teens	6	3%	25	11%	70	29%

Table 92 - Toddlers (6-23 months)

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	7	2.83%
Fairly satisfied	17	6.88%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	24	9.72%
Fairly dissatisfied	23	9.31%
Very dissatisfied	27	10.93%
Not applicable / no comment	149	60.32%
Total	247	
Skipped question	53	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 93 - Early childhood (2-5 years)

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	8	3.33%
Fairly satisfied	19	7.92%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	25	10.42%
Fairly dissatisfied	21	8.75%
Very dissatisfied	28	11.67%
Not applicable / no comment	139	57.92%
Total	240	
Skipped question	60	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 94 - Elementary (5-12 years)

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	4	1.65%
Fairly satisfied	20	8.23%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	24	9.88%
Fairly dissatisfied	24	9.88%
Very dissatisfied	33	13.58%
Not applicable / no comment	138	56.79%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 95 - Teens

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	1	0.42%
Fairly satisfied	5	2.10%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	25	10.50%
Fairly dissatisfied	22	9.24%
Very dissatisfied	48	20.17%
Not applicable / no comment	137	57.56%
Total	238	
Skipped question	62	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Eight – Community Spirit and Events

Community events

Residents were asked if they attended organised community events and how satisfied they were with the range of community events held over the last three years (pre Covid-19). 59% (148 people) either did not attend events or were unaware of community events being held locally. Of those that had attended 31% (78 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with community events and 3% (7 people) were fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table 96 – Community event attendance

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Do not attend organised community events	78	31.08%
Unaware of community events	70	27.89%
Very satisfied	20	7.97%
Fairly satisfied	58	23.11%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	18	7.17%
Fairly dissatisfied	6	2.39%
Very dissatisfied	1	0.40%
Total	251	
Skipped question	49	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if any of the following events would be of interest to them if they were set up locally. Respondents were able to pick multiple options. There were 69 people which skipped this question. The top five community events which were of interest, as follows:

1. Christmas tree, lights, switch on, fayre, living advent calendar 64.50% (149 people)
2. Film night, open air film 51.52% (119 people)
3. Bank holiday family events i.e. scarecrow festival, well dressings 47.19% (109 people)
4. Music, rock festival, big band, jazz, open air concert 45.45% (105 people)
5. = Quizzes and Annual open garden day 32.47% (75 people)
= Annual open garden day

Table 97 – Interest by type of community event

	Number of responses	Percentage Breakdown
Christmas tree / lights / switch on / fayre / living advent calendar	149	64.50%
Film night / open air film	119	51.52%
Bank holiday family events i.e. scarecrow festival, well dressings	109	47.19%
Music, rock festival, big band, jazz, open air concert	105	45.45%
Quizzes	75	32.47%
Annual open garden day	75	32.47%
Annual yard / garage sale	65	28.14%
Wine tasting	59	25.54%
Organised trips eg London weekend, theatre	39	16.88%
Bingo	17	7.36%
Total	812	
Skipped question	69	-
Grand Total	881	

Finally, residents were asked if they had any other ideas or suggestions for community parish events, to be able to bring all parish areas together. Eighty-one residents provided suggestions and 219 residents skipped the question. Residents provided multiple and varied suggestions with approximately 88 specific suggestions made. These have been grouped below and ranked accordingly, as follows:

1. Social events 26.13% (23 responses)
2. Themed festival and fayres 14.77% (13 responses)
3. Christmas celebrations and Other events 11.36% (10 responses)
4. Sport and recreation events 10.22% (9 responses)
5. Bring and Buy and Activity events 9.09% (8 responses)
6. Entertainment events 4.54% (4 responses)

The top five 'specific' events requested included:

1. = Street parties, quarterly get togethers for national celebrations i.e. VE Day, Royal Weddings, St Georges Day, Jubilees, Remembrance and special anniversaries ((7 responses)
= Annual village fete (7 responses)
= Guided charity walks following by a picnic or meal at the village hall and wildlife talk along the way) (7 responses)
2. Living Advent Calendar (5 responses)
3. Halloween Pumpkin trail event (4 responses)

Table 98 – Community event ideas

	Number	Percentage	Rank
Social events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street parties, quarterly get togethers for national celebrations i.e. VE Day, Royal Weddings, St Georges Day, Jubilee, Remembrance and special anniversaries (7) • Annual village fete (one person suggested a Donkey Derby) (7) • Annual Summer BBQ (3) • Some form of designated open space in each village where events can take place, transform green areas in village (2) • Village party on the green (1) • Better quality village fair (1) • Picnic in the park (1) • Bonfire night (without fireworks) and BBQ (1) 	23	26.13%	1
Themed festivals and fayres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and craft festival (3) • Charity events to raise money for local initiatives and groups (3) • Beer festival (2) • Book festival (1) • Community day (local groups & clubs can raise awareness) (1) • Local volunteer opportunities fayre (1) • Burning of Viking ship festival (1) • Food and drink fayres (1) 	13	14.77%	2
Christmas celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living advent calendar (nice to be part of last year and enjoyed calendar) (5) • Carol singing (2) • Christmas Santa visits (1) • Christmas tree on Buttercup Leys (1) • Christmas market (1) 	10	11.36%	3+
Other events and activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing club (1) • Dog show (1) • Steam rally (1) • Darts competition (1) • Open air bowling (1) • Best photo of area (1) • Thulston Brook cleaning project (1) • Litter pick (1) • More publicity (1) • Allotment management (1) 	10	11.36%	3=
Sports and recreation events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided charity walks round the parish which could be followed by a picnic or meal at the village hall. Some suggested a history or wildlife talk along the route (7) 	9	10.22%	4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Sports day (1) It's a Knock Out (teams from Boulton Moor, Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston) (1) 			
Bring and Buy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring and buy sales, jumble sale including food (3) Garden plant, vegetable sale, themed planters for sale (3) Village green car boot, garage sale to raise money for village (2) 	8	9.09%	5=
Activity events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween pumpkin trail event (4) Scarecrow trail (1) Scavenger hunt (1) Family car treasure hunt (1) Baking competition (1) 	8	9.09%	5=
Entertainment events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film night, open air film (2) Open air classical event (1) Pantomime (1) 	4	4.54%	6
Other comments made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a village not a Walt Disney site – groups already cover above (1) Support Elvaston Communities Group who have put on events over 11 years (1) What makes you think things need to be brought together (1) 	3	3.40%	7
Total	88		
No, no more to add to list provided, N/A, unsure	25	-	
Grand Total	113		

Section Nine – Elvaston Castle Country Park

Importance of County Park

Residents were asked how important Elvaston Castle and Country Park is to the overall parish and area in terms of biodiversity and access to green space for both physical and mental well-being. 98% (244 people) stated that the park is important to the overall parish, with 2% (4 people) stating that it was not important.

Table 99 – Importance of Country Park

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Extremely important	213	85.89%
Very important	25	10.08%
Somewhat important	6	2.42%
Not so important	1	0.40%
Not at all important	3	1.21%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

Frequency of visits

Residents were asked how often they visit and use Elvaston Castle and Country Park (pre Covid-19). 47% (117 people) stated that they use the park daily or 2-3 times per week. Weekly and fortnightly use is 27% (67 people) and monthly/occasional use is 24%.

Table 100 – Frequency of visits

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Daily	53	21.37%
2-3 times per week	64	25.81%
Once a week	45	18.15%
Fortnightly	22	8.87%
At least once a month	36	14.52%
Occasionally	24	9.68%
Never	4	1.61%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

Mode of transport

Residents were asked how they mainly travelled to the park. Walking was the preferred method of transport with 69% (168 people) and then by car with 27% (65 people). Please note that five residents provided further and multiple responses to this question under the option Other. These were as follows:

- Cycle
- Have to drive owing to distance
- Run x2
- Jogging

Table 101 – Mode of transport

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Walk	168	68.85%
Car	65	26.64%
Bike	10	4.10%
Public transport	0	0%
Do not use the park	1	0.41%
Total	244	
Skipped question	56	-
Grand Total	300	

Master plan

Residents were asked if they were aware of the Elvaston Castle Master Plan produced by Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust and Derbyshire County Council, which shows the approved plans for the development of Elvaston Castle and Country Park going forwards. 78% (194 people) were aware of the plans and 22% (54 people) were not aware of the plans.

Table 102 – Master Plan awareness

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	194	78.23%
No	54	21.77%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were then asked if they agreed with the different proposals contained within the master plan relating to 1) castle and buildings, 2) access and movement and 3) grounds and landscape. According to the percentages below based on a majority score, survey respondents agreed with proposals relating to the castle, stable yards and grounds and landscape but had concerns about buildings being used for enabling development and the new vehicular access route to a new car park at the centre of the park. See all figures in bold below.

Overall Summary – Level of Support

Table 103 – Master plan level of support

Subject Area	Agree		Neutral		Disagree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Castle ground floor – education, conferences, weddings, interpretation	211	85.78%	27	10.98%	8	3.26%
Castle upper floor – residential / holiday lets	94	37.9%	62	25.00%	92	37.1%
Restoration and conversion of Top and Lower Stable Yards and museum building to include café, retail, offices and workshops	209	84.27%	22	8.87%	17	6.86%
Kennels and Saw Yard becoming a residential area (16 units)	50	20.16%	54	21.77%	144	58.07%
Redeveloping Home Farm and site of former Thatch Cottage as housing / enabling development	52	20.97%	56	22.58%	140	56.45%
New vehicular access route from a new junction on the B5010	78	31.58%	32	12.96%	137	55.47%
New visitor car park adjacent to the nature reserve and nearer to the castle and core buildings	77	31.05%	35	14.11%	136	54.84%
Lake and rockwork restoration, enhancing drainage across estate	233	94.71%	13	5.28%	0	0.00%
Turning current caravan site into a glamp site for camping, holiday use	124	50.41%	52	21.14%	70	28.46

Existing showground (large grass area by existing car park) to be the estate's principal events space in the short and medium term	198	80.49%	38	15.45%	10	4.07%
Existing showground to be secondary events space / communal recreational space or for pasture use for glamping offer	92	37.71	64	26.23%	88	36.06%

Castle and Buildings

86% (211 people) agreed with the proposal for the castle ground floor to be used for education, conferences, weddings and interpretation space. 3% (8 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 104 – Castle ground floor to be used for education, conferences, weddings and interpretation space

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	67	27.24%
Agree	144	58.54%
Neither agree or disagree	27	10.98%
Disagree	4	1.63%
Strongly disagree	4	1.63%
Total	246	
Skipped question	54	-
Grand Total	300	

38% (94 people) agreed with the proposal for the castle upper floors to be converted to residential (holiday lets or long-term lease or combination). 37% (92 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 105 – Castle upper floors to be converted to residential (holiday lets or long-term lease or combination)

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	28	11.29%
Agree	66	26.61%
Neither agree or disagree	62	25.00%
Disagree	56	22.58%
Strongly disagree	36	14.52%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

84% (209 people) agreed with the proposal for the restoration and conversion of Top and Lower Stable Yards and museum building to include café, retail, offices and workshops. 7% (17 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 106 – Restoration and conversion of Top and Lower Stable Yards and museum building to include café, retail, offices and workshops

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	90	36.29%
Agree	119	47.98%
Neither agree or disagree	22	8.87%
Disagree	14	5.65%
Strongly disagree	3	1.21%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

20% (50 people) agreed with the proposal for the Kennels and Saw Yard becoming a residential area (16 units). 58% (144 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 107 – Kennels and Saw Yard becoming a residential area with 16 separate units proposed

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	19	7.66%
Agree	31	12.50%
Neither agree or disagree	54	21.77%
Disagree	68	27.42%
Strongly disagree	76	30.65%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

21% (52 people) agreed with the proposal for redeveloping Home Farm and site of former Thatch Cottage as housing / enabling development. 56% (140 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 108 – Redeveloping Home Farm and site of former Thatch Cottage as housing / enabling development

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	24	9.68%
Agree	28	11.29%
Neither agree or disagree	56	22.58%
Disagree	60	24.19%
Strongly disagree	80	32.26%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

Movement and Access

32% (78 people) agreed with the proposals for the new vehicular access route. 55% (137 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 109 – New vehicular access route from a new junction on the B5010 (Shardlow Road) between the A6 roundabout and South Avenue gates to a new visitor car park. Illustrations in the master plan show this to be dual directional and across farmland and woodland.

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	24	9.72%
Agree	54	21.86%
Neither agree or disagree	32	12.96%
Disagree	53	21.46%
Strongly disagree	84	34.01%
Total	247	
Skipped question	53	-
Grand Total	300	

31% (77 people) agreed with the proposals for the new visitor car park. 55% (136 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 110 – New visitor car park adjacent to the nature reserve and nearer to the castle and core buildings

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	25	10.08%
Agree	52	20.97%
Neither agree or disagree	35	14.11%
Disagree	59	23.79%
Strongly disagree	77	31.05%
Total	248	
Skipped question	52	-
Grand Total	300	

Grounds and landscape

95% (233 people) agreed with the proposals for the lake and rockwork restoration and enhancing the drainage across the estate. No one disagreed with this proposal.

Table 111 – Lake and rockwork restoration, enhancing drainage across estate

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	116	47.15%
Agree	117	47.56%
Neither agree or disagree	13	5.28%
Disagree	0	0.00%
Strongly disagree	0	0.00%
Total	246	
Skipped question	54	-
Grand Total	300	

50% (124 people) agreed with turning the current caravan site into a glamp site for camping, holiday use and current car park used to enhance glamping offer. 28% disagreed with this proposal.

Table 112 – Turning current caravan site into a glamp site for camping, holiday use

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	41	16.67%
Agree	83	33.74%
Neither agree or disagree	52	21.14%
Disagree	35	14.23%
Strongly disagree	35	14.23%
Total	246	
Skipped question	54	-
Grand Total	300	

80% (198 people) agreed with the proposals for the existing showground to be the estate's principal event space in the short and medium term. 4% (10 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 113 – Existing showground (large grass area by existing car park) to be the estate's principal events space in the short and medium term

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	63	25.61%
Agree	135	54.88%
Neither agree or disagree	38	15.45%
Disagree	7	2.85%
Strongly disagree	3	1.22%
Total	246	
Skipped question	54	-
Grand Total	300	

38% (92 people) agreed with the proposals for the existing showground to be secondary events space / communal recreational space or for pasture use for glamping offer. 36% (88 people) disagreed with this proposal.

Table 114 – Existing showground to be secondary events space / communal recreational space or for pasture use for glamping offer

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Strongly agree	22	9.02%
Agree	70	28.69%
Neither agree or disagree	64	26.23%
Disagree	57	23.36%
Strongly disagree	31	12.70%
Total	244	
Skipped question	56	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked what they thought about the Derbyshire County Council master plan proposals. If they had not seen the proposal, they were directed to www.futureelvaston.co.uk to obtain more information on the proposals for development including maps showing all locations together with artists impressions. There were 156 separate comments made about the master plan out of 300 survey respondents. The comments made have been recorded in full and word for word. In terms of an analysis of the open-ended comments, they have been organised into a traffic light system; red meaning that the respondent generally opposes the plans or elements of the plan, amber reflecting a neutral view point or suggestions made and green meaning that they approve of

the plan or elements of the plan. Please see **Appendix D** to view the traffic light system on the comments received.

Section Ten – Flood Alleviation, Atmospheric and Noise Pollution

Residents were asked to what extent the following factors are a problem locally. Flooding was the main area of concern locally with 71% (170 people) stating this to be a serious problem. Traffic volume was the next area of concern with 55% (132 people) and then Noise pollution 44% and Air quality 29%. Please note that 59/300 respondents skipped this question. As follows:

Table 115 – Factors a problem locally

Subject Area	Problem Locally	
	Number	Percentage
Flooding	170	71%
Air quality / pollution	69	29%
Traffic volume	132	55%
Noise pollution	104	44%

Table 116 – Flooding

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	61	25.52%
A serious problem	109	45.61%
Not a very serious problem	62	25.94%
Not a problem at all	7	2.93%
Total	239	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 117 – Air quality / pollution

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	21	8.86%
A serious problem	48	20.25%
Not a very serious problem	138	58.23%
Not a problem at all	30	12.66%
Total	237	
Skipped question	63	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 118 – Traffic volume

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	49	20.42%
A serious problem	83	34.58%
Not a very serious problem	95	39.58%
Not a problem at all	13	5.42%
Total	240	
Skipped question	60	-
Grand Total	300	

Table 119 - Noise pollution

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	32	13.39%
A serious problem	72	30.13%
Not a very serious problem	118	49.37%
Not a problem at all	17	7.11%
Total	239	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	300	

Pluvial Flooding

Residents were asked how often they had ever witnessed pluvial flooding locally (i.e. urban drainage systems being overwhelmed by excessive water flow). 68% (166 people) had witnessed pluvial flooding either often or sometimes.

Table 120 – Pluvial flooding

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Often	79	32.51%
Sometimes	87	35.80%
Rarely	46	18.93%
Never	31	12.76%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Blocked public drains

Residents were asked how often they have ever witnessed blocked public drains locally. 56% (135 people) had witnessed blocked public drains locally either often or sometimes.

Table 121 – Blocked public drains

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Often	52	21.49%
Sometimes	83	34.30%
Rarely	65	26.86%
Never	42	17.36%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Blocked waterways

Residents were asked how often they had ever witnessed blocked waterways locally (i.e. river, canal, stream, brook or ditch). 61% (148 people) had witnessed blocked waterways locally either often or sometimes.

Table 122 – Blocked waterways

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Often	62	25.62%
Sometimes	86	35.54%
Rarely	69	28.51%
Never	25	10.33%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Property flooded

Residents were asked on how many occasions their property had been flooded by external water since they had lived in their property. 95% (229 people) had never been flooded by external water since they had lived in their property. Three people reported that they were being flooded annually and 4% (10 people) had been flooded between 1-5 times.

Table 123 – Property flooded

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Never	229	94.63%
1-5 times	10	4.13%
Over 5 times	0	0.00%
Annually	3	1.24%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Property drains

Residents were asked on how many occasions their property had every had blocked drains or problems with the mains sewerage system since they had lived in the property. 72% (174 people) had never had blocked drains or problems with the main sewerage system since they had lived at their property.

Table 124 – Property drains

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Never	174	71.90%
1-5 times	59	24.38%
Over 5 times	5	2.07%
Annually	4	1.65%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Elvaston Castle Country Park drainage

Residents were asked if they would like the drainage of Elvaston Castle and Country Park to be improved as a priority to help with flood alleviation locally. 81% (197 people) would like the drainage of Elvaston Castle and Country Park to be improved as a priority to help with flood alleviation locally.

Table 125 – Park drainage

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	197	80.74%
No	9	3.69%
No opinion or comment	38	15.57%
Total	244	
Skipped question	56	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Eleven – Governance

Elvaston Parish Council

Residents were asked to rate Elvaston Parish Council in carrying out its role locally. 47% (114 people) were either very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the parish council.

Table 126 – Standard of governance

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	28	11.52%
Fairly satisfied	86	35.39%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	114	46.91%
Fairly dissatisfied	9	3.70%
Very dissatisfied	6	2.47%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they knew what Elvaston Parish Council does. 48% (116 people) did not know what Elvaston Parish Council's role was in the local community.

Table 127 – Awareness of role

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	127	52.26%
No	116	47.74%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they knew how to contact Elvaston Parish Council. 68% (166 people) stated that they knew how to contact Elvaston Parish Council.

Table 128 – Awareness of contacts

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	166	68.03%
No	78	31.97%
Total	244	
Skipped question	56	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they attended parish council public meetings. 78% (189 people) stated that they did not attend parish council meetings.

Table 129 – Attendance at meetings

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes – occasionally	35	14.40%
Yes – regularly	11	4.53%
No	189	77.78%
Not since COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and meetings being held via Zoom video conference	8	3.29%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they ever look at the parish council website or Facebook page for local information. 50% (122 people) had not looked at the parish council website or Facebook page for local information.

Table 130 – Promotion

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	121	49.79%
No	122	50.21%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

The street survey results highlighted different needs and priorities between the urban and rural side of the parish. Residents were then asked if Boulton Moor should become a parish council in its own right, leaving Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston as a parish council. 60% (147 people) would like to see Boulton Moor become its own parish council.

Table 131 – Governance review

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	147	60.25%
No	54	22.13%
No opinion or comment	43	17.62%
Total	244	
Skipped question	56	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they thought the parish would benefit from having a Community Engagement worker to help improve the promotion of activities, groups and facilities to residents and who coordinates different community projects. 70% (170 people) felt the parish would benefit from having a Community Engagement worker.

Table 132 – Need for community engagement worker

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	170	69.96%
No	26	10.70%
No opinion or comment	47	19.34%
Total	243	
Skipped question	57	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Twelve – Health and Social Care

Disabled access and provision

Residents were asked if they had any suggestions on how disabled access and provision in the parish could be improved. There were 105 separate comments received, 195 skipped the question and 60 provided no comments or suggestions. In total 63 specific areas were raised as summarised below. The top five areas for improvement to aid disabled access and provision included:

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Additional pavements | 14.28% (9 responses) |
| 2. = Improved pavement maintenance
= Wider pavements | 12.69% (8 responses) |
| 3. Improved bus services | 11.11% (7 responses) |
| 4. Maintain soft landscaping | 9.52% (6 responses) |
| 5. Penalties | 7.93% (5 responses) |

Table 133 – Disabled access and provision

Description	No	%	Rank
Additional Pavements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement along the entire length of Snelsmoor lane x2 Pathway from Buttercup Leys/BM directly to Elvaston Castle x4 Pathway across Field Lane Park x1 Pathway to Chellaston village x1 Pathway at end of Chellaston Lane x1 	9	14.28%	1
Pavement and Road Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better pathways and road crossings – footpaths along many main roads in the local area could do with some attention x2 Smooth flat tarmac where possible x1 Get pavement fixed up to the main road x1 Improved surfacing to pavements and roads especially in Ambaston where there is little or no pavement x2 Roads kept better free from pot holes and uneven surface issues / roads and pavements in poor state of repair x2 	8	12.69%	2=
Wider Pavements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavements too narrow for wheelchairs / wider pavements x2 Wider footpaths and remove styles and kissing gates x1 Better wider footpaths x1 Footpaths and overhead bridge that are disability friendly x1 Widened pavements through Elvaston x1 Crossing Snelsmore Road / London Road end x1 	8	12.69%	2=

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowered pavement from The Greenway to Shardlow Road so access to the shop can be made rather than using the alley x1 			
<p>Improved Bus Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ring and ride service x1 Weekly community transport x1 Bus service, provide regular bus services x2 Easier access to bus stops on London Road from Boulton Moor estates x1 Bus service to the villages not just A6 x1 Bus route for elderly who cannot drive or walk from Elvaston to the gates at Thulston for the bus x1 	7	11.11%	3
<p>Maintain soft landscaping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain pavements removing soil, overgrown plants from the edges to increase size of pavement surface x3 Check surfaces and foliage obstructions on footpaths x1 Pruning back hedge rows x1 Trim back hedges and overgrown branches x1 	6	9.52%	4
<p>Penalties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penalties for vehicles half parked on pavements / less parked cars on roads and pavements 	5	7.93%	5
<p>Dropped kerbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dropped kerb on footpath across the green or onto the green x1 More dropped kerbs x1 Better pavement and more dropped kerbs for ease x1 Areas near dropped kerbs could be cleaner x1 	4	6.34%	6=
<p>Disabled parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled car park not accessible and no separate walk way x1 Never enough disabled parking and time limits when there is x1 More disabled parking spaces x1 Sensory spaces x1 	4	6.34%	6=
<p>Disabled toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disabled toilets in the park could be improved x1 Improved road and building access i.e. toilet facilities x1 All access as building regs x1 	3	4.76%	7
<p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition of needs of disabled people in the redevelopments - blocked walkways uneven surfaces BM estate x2 Asking disabled residents to give opinions on it x1 	3	4.76%	7=
Wider doorways in local shops	1	1.58%	9=
Loop system in village hall	1	1.58%	9=
Ramps	1	1.58%	9=
Some of street pathways have grate dips – uncomfortable walking for older hips/knees	1	1.58%	9=
Activities for disabled people young and old	1	1.58%	9=
All terrain mobility scooters for hire (like Rosliston Forestry Centre)	1	1.58%	9=

Have lots of experience in this area and if I could be of help I would love too	1	1.58%	9=
Total	63		
No / no suggestions / N/A / None / No comment	60	-	-
Grand Total	123		

Parish defibrillator

Residents were asked if they knew where the closest defibrillator is located. 40% (96 people) did not know where the nearest defibrillator was located.

Table 134 – Defibrillator

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	143	59.83%
No	96	40.17%
Total	239	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	300	

Vulnerable residents

Residents were asked if they had felt isolated, lonely or vulnerable either before or during the Covid-19 lockdown. Anyone who answered yes were encouraged to complete the last section relating to a befriending scheme being proposed. 11% (27 people) stated that they had felt isolated and lonely either before or during the Covid 19 lockdown.

Table 135 – Vulnerable residents

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	27	11.20%
No	189	78.42%
No opinion or comment	25	10.37%
Total	241	
Skipped question	59	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Thirteen – Public Transport

Bus services

Residents were asked how satisfied they are with the local bus services and routes. 23% (55 people) were dissatisfied with the local bus services and routes.

Table 136 – Satisfaction for public transport

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Very satisfied	33	13.87%
Fairly satisfied	61	25.63%
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	89	37.39%
Fairly dissatisfied	35	14.71%
Very dissatisfied	20	8.40%
Total	238	
Skipped question	62	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they rarely used the bus service, what the main reason was for not using it. 64% (131 people) of respondents stated that they prefer to use their car.

Table 137 – Main reason for not using public transport

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Prefer to use my car	131	63.90%
Not applicable as I use bus service	26	12.68%
Bus service does not go to the right places	22	10.73%
Bus service too expensive	14	6.83%
Bus service too infrequent	8	3.90%
Bus service unreliable	3	1.46%
Bus service does not operate at the right times	1	0.49%
Total	205	
Skipped question	95	-
Grand Total	300	

In addition, the following 40 comments were made:

1. *Not available in Ambaston*
2. *Does not come on the new estate*
3. *Covid*
4. *No bus service for Buttercup Leys*
5. *Takes too long to get to the bus stop for the bus I need on Shardlow Road as there is not direct path*
6. *Nearest bus stop from Ambaston is 1.5 miles from the village*
7. *There is not a bus service that comes through Ball Lane / Borrowwash Road. The closest bus stop is Shardlow Road*
8. *Skylink goes AWOL sometimes, but generally reliable*
9. *Does not come into the villages – could be dial a ride or a minibus link through the villages including Aston, Weston to Skylink*
10. *Bus service not available through Elvaston*
11. *Don't go to town*
12. *No bus service from Thulston to Borrowwash*
13. *There is not one in Ambaston*
14. *No service*
15. *No bus service to Ambaston*
16. *No bus service*
17. *Not available local to me*
18. *Walk where possible or go in car*
19. *Does not serve Ambaston*
20. *Ill health*
21. *Clearly, the bus routes do not serve the newer parts of Boulton Moor. I live on old Boulton Moor, so have pretty easy access to the bus so while I am quite happy with the route 1/1A/F1 and Skylink bus stop locations and frequency, it obviously does not suit the rest of the area. So more are needed, not diversion, dilution or extended journey times for the existing routes.*
22. *Covid*
23. *Housebound*
24. *Persimmon Estate currently not on bus route*
25. *No bus service to and from the Buttercup Leys estate*
26. *No need to use buses*
27. *Does not serve the village*

- 28. No bus service to Ambaston
- 29. There are limited footpaths along Snelsmoor Lane to access the bus stops
- 30. Too far to bus stop
- 31. There isn't one
- 32. It's not convenient
- 33. No bus service through Elvaston
- 34. Bus stop, too far away
- 35. Have to walk about a mile to catch a bus
- 36. Nearest bus stop is too far away
- 37. There isn't one
- 38. It is an excellent service
- 39. Dangerous to access bus stop along Snelsmoor Lane
- 40. Bus stop, too far away

South Derbyshire is served by the Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel scheme. Derbyshire Connect provides transport to shopping destinations for people unable to use conventional buses because of age, disability or because they live in areas where public transport is limited. Derbyshire Connect Active Travel provides door to door transport for health appointments. These schemes have replaced the Dial a Bus scheme previously run. Residents were asked if they used these services, if eligible. 31% (75 people) were not aware of the service.

Table 138 – Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel scheme

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	1	0.41%
No even though I am eligible	18	7.44%
No because I am not eligible	148	61.16%
No because I was not aware of the service	75	30.99%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Section Fourteen – Recycling and Energy Efficiency

Residents were asked if the current recycling and waste collections provided are satisfactory. 18% (43 people) would like to see more recycling options being provided.

Table 139 – Recycling satisfaction

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	173	71.49%
No – not frequent enough	26	10.74%
No – more recycling options required	43	17.77%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked how important local initiatives are to recycle and reduce energy consumption to develop a more sustainable community. 96% (233 people) stated that this was important locally.

Table 140 – Importance of recycling

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Extremely important	120	49.59%
Very important	74	30.58%
Somewhat important	39	16.12%
Not so important	4	1.65%
Not at all important	5	2.07%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they had any suggestions on how the parish could reduce energy consumption to develop a more sustainable community. There were 96 separate comments made but this included 42 not applicable or no comment responses. Some comments included multiple suggestions which have all been counted individually with 77 useful suggestions made. Please note that 204 people skipped this question.

The top five suggestions made relating to reducing energy consumption was as follows:

1. Improved recycling opportunities 22.07% (17 responses)
2. Promotion and provision of solar energy 16.88% (13 responses)
3. Promotion of energy conservation 14.28% (11 responses)
4. Improved network of community amenities 11.68% (9 responses)
5. Wind turbines 10.38% (8 responses)

Table 141 – Energy consumption ideas

	No	%	Rank
Recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More recycling points available/ improved recycling facilities x2 • Increase types of items for recycling x1 • Put up more information about the importance of recycling and reducing energy consumption on notice boards x1 • Need a separate paper/cardboard bin in Boulton Moor (green bin not enough) x1 • Waste bins in the street to have recycling sections/new bins should have recycling options x2 • Larger section for recycling cardboard – we fill it after one week x1 • Recycling for tetra pack juice cartons x1 • Bin lorry needs a service as keeps breaking down causing us to go longer (green bin was for four weeks last time) x1 • Could the weekly black bin collection take bulkier items to prevent tip runs x1 • When refuse freighter comes back, could it make a passing visit to Ambaston to prevent making multiple visits to the tip? x1 • More tips on recycling. Maybe an annual clear out and collect day, for large items. Save multi trips to tip x1 	17	22.07%	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly collection service for large items to be disposed of x1 • Down to us as individuals in this type of parish / only likely to be addressed through individual households x2 • Use recycled materials in the parks upkeep x1 			
<p>Solar energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar power / farms - on village hall roof x3 • Solar energy (grants and feasibility) x1 • All communal parish buildings should be considering introducing solar panels or switching to an electricity supplier that supplies green energy x1 • Think about how planning permission can be given for solar panels x1 • Promote use of solar panels x3 • Use solar panel road signs and lamp posts to generate their own electricity x2 • Solar farm on agricultural land distributing electricity to the locality x1 • Investigate village scheme on solar panels x1 	13	16.88%	2
<p>Publicity and awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open day on energy efficient housing i.e. solar panels, ground source heat pumps, domestic charging points for electric vehicles, I am surprised at how few homes in the parish have solar panels x2 • A community page to advertise free, for sale things, wanted, from the WhatsApp pages people frequently have too many plants or are needing boxes etc x1 • Provide information of any relevant government grant schemes available (house insulation etc.) x2 • Look for grants as a parish to get solar panels to all households and insulation for houses that don't yet have it x1 • Look at developing a climate emergency proposal examining alternative energy sources, more effective insulation in homes and a formalised tree planting programme to offset carbon and increase biodiversity x1 • Would like parish council to set up a green energy scheme whereby all residents use energy from greener provider to help drive down costs x1 • Green energy publicised so that private home owners can see the benefit to their own household and globally x1 • Support initiatives for home insulation by promoting reliable companies. Too much bad press about cavity wall insulation and performance in fitting new boilers x1 • Any new build projects should be as energy efficient as possible (insulation, heating etc.) x1 	11	14.28%	3
<p>Community amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide local shop so we don't have to drive at least 2 miles to get there x1 	9	11.68%	4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring the services to the people rather than have to make multiple individual journeys x1 • Bulk purchasing goods as a community eg. Led bulbs etc. x1 • Development of public spaces would allow people to socialise locally. This would have an added benefit of pollution control as people would not rely on methods of transport that could add to this problem. Being able to walk and shop locally (seeing well-kept amenities would be a positive by-product x1 • Electric vehicle charge points x1 • Lack of play area in Ambaston – have to drive to Shardlow and Aston play areas which is not sustainable x1 • Bus service linking the villages to Sky Link x1 • Sell / provide wood burner logs locally – cut more waste wood for log burners x1 • Improved facilities within the villages to prevent having to go elsewhere for the Post Office for example, travelling post office, shop would be good x1 			
<p>Wind turbines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind farms / small scale / community wind turbine (located on the land designated for sports and amenity on the other side of the B5010 from the rural ward) / local wind generator) x8 	8	10.38%	5
<p>Active travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking bus options for schools x1 • Reduce car use x1 • Less traffic, speeding, lorries – all aspects, use this as a through road x1 • Cycle routes x1 • Promote more schools in the area to prevent bussing children to other areas. Coordinated school runs for children to attend schools in neighbouring villages where necessary and or promote the storage of bikes in those schools to make transport sustainability eg Ambaston to Shardlow – could PC work with Shardlow PC to build a proper bike store at the primary school x1 • Putting pressure on the council and building company to create pavements / walkways that connect the different areas of the estate in more direct routes. Does not make sense that a pavement starts half way up Snelsmoor Lane and then stops x1 • Support for local businesses is more likely if one can walk easily to the surrounding shopping areas x1 	7	9.09%	6
<p>Street lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch off street lamps between certain times / at night x3 • Turn off street lights on Castle Court x1 	4	5.19%	7

Gas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mains gas supply needed / promote connection of Ambaston onto mains gas – having oil or LPG delivered by tanker to heat homes is not sustainable x2 	2	2.59%	8=
Wilding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less mowing, more rewilding of green areas. Only trim hedges where footpaths are impeded x 1 Perhaps allow some areas to become meadowland needing less maintenance, less frequent (and less harsh) cutting back of hedgerows – would also benefit wildlife x1 	2	2.59%	8=
Total	73		
<i>N/A, No, No suggestions, not at the moment, None, Don't know, No idea</i>	42	-	-
Grand Total	115		

The following suggestions could not be grouped into any category but are recorded for completeness. As follows:

Table 142 – Other suggestions which could not be grouped

Convert waste to energy to reduce waste to landfill	1	1.29%	9=
ULEZ scheme (ultra-low emission zone)	1	1.29%	9=
Need to understand where cost is currently	1	1.29%	9=
Ban commuters from buying houses? I mean really, what a daft question	1	1.29%	9=
Total	4		
Grand Total	77		

Section Fifteen – Rights of Way

Residents were asked for their opinion on if they felt the pavements, footpaths, bridleways and public rights of way locally were sufficiently well maintained. 53% (128 people) considered all rights of way to be sufficiently well maintained with 41% (100 people) stating that they were not well maintained and 6% (14 people) having no opinion. Please note that 58 people skipped this question.

Table 143 – Rights of way

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	128	52.89%
No	100	41.32%
No opinion or comment	14	5.79%
Total	242	
Skipped question	58	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked if they had any specific comments to make in relation to pavements, footpaths, bridleways and rights of way locally. This open-ended question received 145/300 separate comments in total. However, please note that within these comments some respondents provided multiple points to their answer which have all been included in the results (173 points made). Please note that 155 respondents skipped this question.

On some occasions in the open-ended answers, some respondents used the word 'footpath or path' in their answer but whilst this word was used to describe the need for a pathway, a 'pavement' was

actually being described. Sometimes within the analysis it has been difficult to identify whether the respondent meant to describe a footpath or pavement so both words have been included to avoid misinterpretation. The following entry best describes this issue 'some footpaths uneven as a result of damage from tree root'. The respondent uses the word footpath but on analysis it is considered that damage to a pavement is actually being described and therefore included in that section. Pavements attracted the most comments and concerns from survey respondents with 138 comments received (80%), followed by footpaths with a total of 28 comments (16%) received and then bridleways with 7 comments (4%) received.

The top five hot spots relating to pavements include:

1. Snelsmoor Lane, Boulton Moor (27.53%) – there is a need for a pavement along Snelsmoor Lane connecting to the bus stop on Shardlow Road and ideally Chellaston Lane
2. Pavements in general (18.84%), in terms of general maintenance and not being overgrown
3. A6 Thulston Roundabout pavement (7.24%) towards Thulston is not wide enough, uneven, slippery, pot holed and overgrown
4. Ambaston pavements (Ambaston Lane and passing places) (6.52%) - very poor condition, pot holed, dangerous, muddy, slippery, too many people cycling and driving at speed endangering pedestrians
5. = Broad Lane (4.34%)
= Boulton Moor pavements – connecting to Castle (4.34%)
= B5010 pavements heading towards Borrowash (4.34%)

Table 144 - Pavements

Issues highlighted	Total	%	Rank
Boulton Moor pavements - Snelsmoor Lane, Colwell Drive, Chellaston Lane) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No / need roadside footpath/pavement from new developments (Buttercup Leys) on Snelsmoor Lane all the way up to the Shardlow Road A6 roundabout / London Road, overhanging foliage, undergrowth and muddy to walk on verge without pavement / walk through water at entrance to estate / easier access to bus route and Elvaston Castle / makes no sense to have the pavement start in the middle of new estate and not join the two ends together (including improvement of existing lighting on footpath), makes pedestrian access difficult / not connected to local area (one path in and out) / want connectivity to wider community / from new cut through end of Colwell Drive / how long will it take for the path to be completed? x28 • Needs to be a pavement from Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys on main Snelsmoor Lane down to Chellaston, extend down to Chellaston Lane, and lighting, open more paths and advertise them x10 	38	27.53%	1
Pavements – general <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be wider (too narrow) and flatter in places / some pavements are not flat, which is dangerous for less able people to walk on / some footpaths uneven as a result of damage from tree roots x5 • Often find pavements blocked by cars, making it impossible to pass in a wheelchair, parking on pavements x2 • Need / require maintaining / repairing / poorly maintained, too many pot holes x5 	26	18.84%	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overgrown / pruning back hedgerows / during Spring, Summer months hedgerows not cut back often enough / hedgerows often over grow the paths and cause injury at night / low branches need to be trimmed back x5 • Pavement cleaning is an issue due to the parking of non-residents / roads and pavements need to be swept more often / too much dog mess / most of the pavements need the soils and plants that have overgrown onto the pavement surface scraping back and edging / swept occasionally x5 • Signage could be improved x1 • More lighting required x1 • Cyclists use pavements as cycle paths and think they have right of way x1 • More access for bikes x1 			
<p>Thulston pavements - A6 Thulston roundabout towards Thulston (B5010)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath between Thulston and the A6/ to the bus stop is very poor / treacherous (uneven, slippery, pot holed) / needs maintenance x7 • Path from bypass along A6 not wide enough to be used safely, bushes need cutting back to allow people to pass x3 	10	7.24%	3
<p>Ambaston pavements – Ambaston Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing places on Ambaston Lane in very poor condition as is the road x1 • Pot holed, dangerous, muddy/slippery, there is simply nothing good to say about the roads and the paths around Ambaston x1 • Traffic allowed to travel fast on Ambaston Lanes, endangering pedestrians, inconsiderate cyclists x1 • Roads are not pleasurable to walk along due to suspicious parked cars, cyclists and traffic x1 • No footpaths along the roadside of Ambaston Lane in either direction – would benefit cyclists, horses / around Ambaston, the road is the pavement, cycle way, bridle way, footpath – it is in a terrible state and there are too many people cycling and driving at speed along it x2 • Ambaston Lane cycle route is dangerous due to deep potholes and poor surface / pitiful state of repair and danger to all using it / Ambaston Lane is poorly maintained making it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, cars – verges in poor state of repair, road needs to be higher when fields flood x3 	9	6.52%	4
<p>Thulston pavements - Broad Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath uneven and overgrown hedges (brambles) x1 • Pavement to A6 from Harrington Arms x1 • Broad Lane footpath needs refreshing x1 • Pavement to the main road out of Thulston tilts awkwardly all its length / needs work as it is dangerous at night in the dark / pavement to the A6 from pub is dangerous x3 	6	4.34%	5=
<p>Boulton Moor pavements - connecting to Castle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved paths / maintenance to encourage walking from Boulton Moor to Elvaston Castle, prevent driving x1 	6	4.34%	5=

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs to be a hedge or tree lined footpath to Elvaston Castle from Boulton Moor x1 Thulston roundabout to South Avenue gates – pavements, path very narrow x2 Not enough footpaths to Elvaston from Boulton Moor. Have to walk over mud and cross busy roads, roundabouts / need footpaths and cycle routes to Elvaston and Chellaston x2 			
<p>B5010 pavements heading towards Borrowwash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path from Thulston to Borrowwash is overgrown and too narrow (dangerous) / overgrown pavements / hedges along pavement on main road / Borrowwash Road is often over grown forcing you to walk in the road / hedges along B5010 through Thulston and Elvaston get overgrown to a state where pedestrians are in danger of tripping or even worse having to walk on the road x6 	6	4.34%	5=
<p>Elvaston pavements – general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath at end of Ball Lane / Borrowwash Lane requires widening for public safety / pavements through Elvaston too narrow x2 Footpaths could be cleaned more often in Elvaston and the hedges near the post box and path between Elvaston and Castle need trimming more often as it is a narrow path x1 The tendency of hedges to overgrow the pavement by the double bends in Elvaston x1 Problem with parking on pavements in Elvaston by war memorial - difficult for mobility scooters and buggies to pass without going into road x1 	5	3.62%	6
<p>Thulston pavements – Ball Lane (Thulston to Elvaston)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between Elvaston and Thulston (Oak Road and Ball Lane) x1 Hedge cutter makes a mess of the verge and leaves thick mud on the pavement x1 Footpath from the junction of Ball Lane, Oak Road and Ambaston Lane to the B5010 (A6 bus route) is overgrown x1 Areas of Thulston and Elvaston have indistinct pavements 1 	4	2.89%	7=
<p>Shardlow Road / A6 pavements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some areas along are overgrown, narrow and uneven surfaces x2 Cycle paths along the A6 have glass on them x1 Cycle lanes needed on both sides of the roundabout on Shardlow Road x1 	4	2.89%	7=
<p>Alvaston pavements – general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavements in Alvaston are awful, especially for pushchairs and wheelchairs x1 Bembridge Drive (opposite COOP, Bus stop) x1 Overhanging conifers and grass verge grown onto pavement x1 	3	2.17%	8=
<p>Boulton Moor pavements - The Greenway to Castle Croft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath should be closed. Residents have asked for this for years / constantly being used by motorbikes causing safety issues, rubbish dumped and verbal abuse / full of litter, dog mess on the path, needles been left, needs to be closed x3 	3	2.17%	8=

Boulton Moor pavements – general <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persimmon need to finish works - they have fallen behind x1 Access route to Sevenlands to new estate had hole dug and never been properly refilled x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Boulton Moor pavements – Buttercup Leys estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buttercup Leys still does not have fully paved pathways. Also, very limited access to and from other areas x1 More bins provided on heavily used footpaths – no bins on Buttercup Leys estate x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Elvaston pavements - Lodge Cottage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area outside Lodge Cottage that is used as a staff entrance via vehicle is a concern – have nearly slipped due to the damage from flooding and bad weather x1 Oak Tree outside Lodge Cottage is a danger as a large branch fell off it and again in August 2020, roots weakened by flood water x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Thulston pavements – Oak Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs resurfacing x1 Tree roots along pavement on Oak Road x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Thulston pavements – Brook Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pavements on Brook Road are breaking up, covered with moss and overgrown with hedges in places x1 Road surface on Brook Road and Grove Close is not good x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Thulston pavements – next to Village Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need a drop curb next to the green, opposite the drop curb next to the pub car park x1 Not sure what the purpose of wooden edged ramp on the decline on the green is x1 	2	1.44%	9=
Boulton Moor pavements – Mountfield Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgrown plants stopping you walk on pavement x1 	1	0.72%	10=
Elvaston pavements - Castle Court to Elvaston Castle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement is narrow, encroaching hedgerows x1 	1	0.72%	10=
Elvaston pavements – Main Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath has been reported but the temporary fixes do not last – sharp right-hand bend before the caravan park x1 	1	0.72%	10=
Elvaston Castle pavements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road to church needs repair x1 	1	0.72%	10=
Thulston pavements – general <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavements in Thulston – surfaces poor 	1	0.72%	10=
Thulston pavements – Yew Tree Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pot holes in Yew Tree Lane x1 	1	0.72%	10=
Total	138		

Seven people out of 155 respondents providing comments on this question, stated that bridleways were not always well maintained, particularly in the Country Park with fallen and low branches.

Table 145 - Bridleways

Issues highlighted	Total	%	Rank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clearing of dog fouling and fallen branches x1 • Becoming difficult to use owing to cyclists using them, particularly in the Country Park x1 • Not always well maintained in Elvaston Castle - often low branches x1 • Ford at Ambaston in poor state and not able to cross x1 • Bridleway by the quarry is not accessible due to attempts by the farmer to stop people using it across his land x1 • Bridlepath passed village hall is requiring significant areas of repair x1 • Bridleways poorly maintained x1 	7	100%	1
Total	7		

The top three hot spots relating to footpaths include:

1. Footpaths in general (53.57%) – overgrown, not maintained, muddy and subject to flooding locally
2. Elvaston Castle Country Park footpaths (17.85%)– poorly maintained
3. = Ambaston footpaths (22.22%)
= Thulston footpaths

Figures 146 - Footpaths

Issues highlighted	Total	%	Rank
<p>Footpaths – General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public footpaths poorly /not maintained / become very muddy and flooded / could do with receiving some care x5 • Hardcore needed in the gated areas of footpaths x1 • Footpaths and stiles do not suit people with limited mobility – could be improved x2 • Footpath signage is broken, tired and stiles need repairing (Thulston) x1 • Some public footpaths are overgrown and not easily accessible / ensure footpaths do not become overgrown / some hedges overgrown and push into pathway / maintenance of grass footpaths, need cutting, strimming three times per year / some are overgrown eg the one that starts at 52.883806-1.392189 x5 • Stop maintaining them – wear boots and get a map x1 	15	53.57%	1
<p>Elvaston Castle Country Park – footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle paths are shocking and poorly maintained x1 • Muddy puddles from Thulston lower green to Coronation Meadow – some sort of stones put in to enable improve access x1 • Well maintained where possible but more people required to keep up with the use of the park’s facilities x1 • Public footpaths are very narrow around the perimeter of the castle x1 • Clover Close footpath should not be enclosed by an electric fence x1 	5	17.85%	2

Ambaston – footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality footpaths around the village of Ambaston – Derwent footpath muddy, flooded x1 Not pleasant to walk along the footpaths over the field as too muddy because of flooding and sheep trampling for most of year x1 Stiles broken on riverside path to Ambaston x1 No footpath to Ambaston. Considering amount of walkers and cyclists that use the lanes in and out of Ambaston a footpath is well overdue x1 	4	22.22%	3=
Thulston – footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath at the site of Thulston House across to the A6 unsafe stiles needs replacing with kissing gates x1 Footpath through to Shardlow Road is uneven, needs resurfacing as is a direct route to buses on main road and difficult for wheel chair use x1 Fencing along footpath leading from Sturges Lane to South Avenue needs maintaining to a higher standard – where it joins Sturges Lane a staggered barrier would be a great safety improvement to prevent cyclists, children, dog walkers entering without looking for traffic x1 Footpath to bus stop in very poor and dangerous condition x1 	4	22.22%	3=
Total	28		

Table 147 – Other comments and not applicable

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous comment x2 Hunting group allowed to congregate on land adjacent to Ambaston along footpath to Borrowwash – unsafe as men with firearms x1 Need more rights of way x1 	4		
N/A / No / Not at the moment / No specific concerns / no comment / None	21		

Section Sixteen – Road Safety

Road Congestion

Residents were asked to what extent they thought road congestion was a problem locally. 56% (133 people) felt that it was not a very serious problem, with 34% (82 people) stating it was a serious problem. Please note that 10% (24 people) felt it was not a problem at all and 61 respondents skipped the question.

Table 148 – Road congestion

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	18	7.53%
A serious problem	64	26.78%
Not a very serious problem	133	55.65%
Not a problem at all	24	10.04%
Total	239	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	300	

Road Safety

Residents were asked if as a pedestrian, cyclist or horse rider, if they felt safe on the roads locally. 44% (105 people) stated that they felt safe on the roads locally and 40% (97 people) stated that they did not feel safe on the roads locally. Please note that 16% (38 people) of respondents had no opinion and 60 respondents skipped the question.

Table 149 – Road safety

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
Yes	105	43.75%
No	97	40.42%
No opinion / not applicable	38	15.83%
Total	240	
Skipped question	60	-
Grand Total	300	

Road maintenance and safety aids

Residents were asked for their opinion, if there were any roads locally, which require attention by way of maintenance or safety aids. This open-ended question received 139 separate comments in total. However, please note that within these comments some respondents provided multiple points to their answer which have all been included in the results. Please note that 161 respondents skipped this question. This question was difficult to analyse because respondents in some cases, just indicated a location but did not outline their specific concerns or suggestions i.e. speeding, maintenance etc. The top five hot spots requiring maintenance and safety aids included:

1. Elvaston Castle to Thulston (through road) 19.59% (39 responses)
2. Ambaston Lane 17.08% (34 responses)
3. Snelsmoor Lane 13.56% (27 responses)
4. Thulston Village (internal roads) 10.55% (21 responses)
5. B5010 towards Borrowash 9.04% (18 responses)

Pot holes and maintenance required accounted for 36.18% of areas of concern about roads locally, particularly on Ambaston Lane.

Table 150 – Areas needing maintenance

Maintenance / safety aids required	Total	%	Rank
Elvaston Castle to Thulston (through road) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance / pot holes x7; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad Lane x3 Oak Road x1 Ball Lane x2 Main Road x2 • Bend difficulties for cyclists – fast cars behind x1 • Speeding / speed checks / traffic calming / speed bumps, village gateway / safety camera x17 • Very little road markings at junctions / non-residents park over junctions as they are not marked x1 • Use of main beam head lights x1 • Noise pollution x1 • Tight walkways x1 	39	19.59%	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp bends in front of pub and Ambaston Lane junction are difficult to cross safely x1 • More yellow lines to reduce dangerous parking x1 			
<p>Ambaston Lane (including passing places)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pot holes, surfacing, maintenance, dangerous x24 • Full resurface and height increase to prevent flooding x3 • Footpath maintenance x1 • Slow down signs for cyclists x1 • Flooding x1 • Too many people use lane for too many users – fast cyclists with no warning – difficulties walking the route x1 • Main street Ambaston x1 • Speed limits on Ambaston Lane x1 • No footpaths – dangerous due to cars, bikes x1 	34	17.08%	2
<p>Snelsmoor Lane (leading to Chellaston, Chellaston Lane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance, poor surface x6 • Pavement needed / unsafe/ no walkway x7 • Speeding / race track / needs enforcement / camera and barriers as deep ditches x7 • Speed limit signs confusing 30 or 60 mph – clarification needed x3 • Driving on wide footpaths – barriers needed x1 • Too narrow road x1 • Volume of traffic following new houses going to get worse x1 • Chellaston Lane to allotments – footpath extending x1 	27	13.56%	3
<p>Thulston Village (internal roads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance / pot holes / resurface x3; Brook Road x3 Grove Close / Court x1 Junction Brook Road & Grove Close x1 Yew Tree Lane x2 • No road markings Harrington Arms x1 • More street lighting x1 • No pavement on section of road from pub x1 • Blind turn out of Grove Close to main road – mirror needed x2 • No road markings on junctions of Grove Close x4 • Brook Road – showing right of way x2 	21	10.55%	4
<p>B5010 (towards Borrowash)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floods in parts x1 • Potholes, maintenance x7 • Speeding / checks / rat race in rush hour x1 • Hedge cutting x4 • Signage needed to encourage distance and cooperation (pedestrian, cyclist, horse) x1 • Cyclists need to use cycle path not road x1 • Use of main beam on cars x1 • Tight walkways x2 • Speed bumps x1 	19	9.04%	5
<p>No / N/A / not known / None / Nothing specific / not noticed / none that aware of x17</p>	17	8.54%	6

Thulston, Snelsmoor Lane & Kelholme Lane roundabouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance / potholes x4 • Challenging for cyclists / not cycle path around to Castle x2 • Struggle to get out of islands since new estate built x1 • Cycle lane Alvaston side of roundabout on Shardlow Road is overgrown, shared with pedestrians and suddenly ends. Cycle lane Shardlow side of roundabout suddenly ends where cars accelerating x1 	8	4.02%	7=
Old and New Boulton Moor Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking challenging, need to park on drives instead of roads x2 • Learner drivers x2 • Alley between Castle Croft and Greenway unsafe (drugs, rubbish) x2 • Bricked junctions not level causing risk to tyres x1 • Needs speed limit changing to 30mph from Shardlow Road to Lulworth Road x1 	8	4.02%	7=
Thulston roundabout to Elvaston Castle side entrance / bus stop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance x3 • Tight walkways x1 • No pavement x1 	5	2.51%	8
Lots of pot holes / most have pot holes / many roads / areas need repair x4	4	2.01%	9=
London Road (from Thulston roundabout into Shardlow village) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance x2 • Don't feel able to cycle to Shardlow x1 • Speed cameras / speeding x1 	4	2.01%	9=
Cannot cycle in parish owing to disrepair of roads x1 Mud build-up not good for cyclists x1 General safety of cyclists across the board x1	3	1.50%	10
Shardlow Road (through roundabouts towards Shardlow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major bottleneck x1 • Maintenance x1 	2	1.00%	11=
Underpass leading to Elvaston Castle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter & Graffiti x1 • Flooding x1 	2	1.00%	11=
Okay as in roads recently sorted x2	2	1.00%	11=
A50/A6 to Thulston roundabout x1	1	0.50%	12=
Raynesway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars travel at 70mph – no protection for those on footpath x1 	1	0.50%	12=
Speed restrictions required x1	1	0.50%	12=
Hedge at caravan park on bend overgrown causing public to walk on road with fast cars round bend x1	1	0.50%	12=
Round the triangle drainage required to prevent flooding by Vicarage x1	1	0.50%	12=
Total	199		

Speeding traffic

Residents were asked to what extent they think speeding traffic is a problem locally. 41% (99 people) considered it to be not a very serious problem but 56% (133 people) felt it was a serious problem. Please note that 61 respondents skipped this question.

Table 151 – Speeding traffic

	Number of People	Percentage Breakdown
A very serious problem	47	19.67%
A serious problem	86	35.98%
Not a very serious problem	99	41.42%
Not a problem at all	7	2.93%
Total	239	
Skipped question	61	-
Grand Total	300	

Residents were asked in their opinion, where speeding traffic mainly occurs in the parish. This open-ended question received 170/300 separate comments in total. However, please note that within the 170 comments made some respondents provided multiple points to their answers given which have all been included in the results and counted individually. Please note that 130 respondents skipped this question. On quite a few occasions respondents provided only a general statement i.e. through Thulston and Elvaston villages. Where this type of example occurred then each road was scored such as in this example, Oak Road, Ball Lane and Main Road were all scored to denote the flow of speeding traffic through the villages. The top five general hot spots for speeding include:

1. Ball Lane which is the main road with layby connecting Thulston village and Elvaston village (16.39%)
2. Oak Road which is the piece of road from the Harrington Arms to the large bend (14.48%)
3. Main Road which is the road connecting Elvaston village to the main entrance for Elvaston Castle (13.38%)
4. Old Boulton Moor Estate including Sevenlands Drive, Colwell Drive, Mill Hill, The Greenway and Castle Croft (8.46%)
5. The B5010 towards Borrowwash (7.92%)

The road through Thulston and Elvaston accounted for 44.25% of the overall sample of results followed by Old Boulton Moor with 8.46%.

Table 152 – Locations for speeding traffic

Locations for speeding traffic	Total Count	%	Rank
Ball Lane (the main road with layby connecting Thulston and Elvaston) x60	60	16.39%	1
Oak Road (from the Harrington Arms to the large bend) x53	53	14.48%	2
Main Road (connecting Elvaston village to castle main entrance) x49	49	13.38%	3
Old Boulton Moor Estate x11 Sevenlands Drive x9 Colwell Drive x8 Mill Hill x1 The Greenway x1 Castle Croft x1	31	8.46%	4
B5010 (towards Borrowwash) x29	29	7.92%	5

Snelsmoor Lane (leading to Chellaston, Chellaston Lane x28	28	7.65%	6
Broad Lane (from London Road T junction to Harrington Arms) x26	26	7.10%	7
Shardlow Road (through Boulton Moor to roundabouts, including between Snelsmore Lane and Keldholme Lane roundabouts x19	19	5.19%	8
Ambaston Lane, Ambaston Village x15	15	4.09%	9
New Buttercup Leys Estate (Lulworth Road, Chilham Way, Woodford Road) x13	13	3.55%	10
No idea / N/A / not aware of any / none / not a problem / not known / no comment x12	12	3.27%	11
London Road (towards and through Shardlow village) x10	10	2.73%	12
A50/A6 to Thulston roundabout x8	8	2.18%	13
Everywhere x5	5	1.36%	14
Through all rural villages and lanes x2	2	0.54%	15
Thulston roundabout / island x2	2	0.54%	16=
Grove Close (including turning right into Grove Close) x2	2	0.54%	16=
Bembridge Drive x1	1	0.27%	17=
More worried about inconsiderate users rather than speeding i.e. cyclists riding abreast x1	1	0.27%	17=
Total	366		

Section Seventeen – Volunteer Engagement

Elvaston Parish Council wanted to engage with as many people as possible during the consultation process to identify volunteers to help to develop and maintain different community projects.

Volunteering can help people to gain confidence, meet new people, be part of the community, learn new skills and have fun. Therefore, there was a section in the survey specifically dedicated to volunteer engagement. It identified potential community projects and allowed residents to express their interest in getting involved. This information will be processed and stored by Elvaston Parish Council according to the Elvaston Parish Council Data Protection Policy March 2020.

In total 303 responses were given across 10 different topic areas with the level of interest in each topic area, ranked as follows:

1. Anti-litter campaign 72 volunteers
2. Brook cleaning 53 volunteers
3. Parish conservation 38 volunteers
4. Befriending scheme 29 residents
5. Community activities 25 volunteers
6. Eco group 23 volunteers
7. Cycling project 20 volunteers
8. Allotments 18 residents
9. Governance 14 volunteers
10. Vulnerable register 11 residents

Please note that some people expressed an interest in getting involved with more than one topic area so whilst 303 names were declared across ten different topic areas, in lots of the cases the same name was declared more than once.

Anti-litter campaign

Residents were asked if they would be willing to participate in an anti-litter campaign by annually walking the parish to collect litter to help keep the parish tidy, if organised. Seventy-two residents provided their contact details.

Community activities

Residents were asked if they would be interested in helping to set up and run more community and or sports activities, club, groups and children's holiday activities. Twenty-five residents provided their contact details.

They were then asked to outline what type of community or sports activities they would have an interest in supporting. The following 45 entries describing activities were declared:

1. *All of them*
2. *Football and cricket*
3. *Ballroom dancing (post COVID)*
4. *Veg / fruit community growing / boxes*
5. *Most sports depending on what is available. Yet to explore options in the area.*
6. *Art group*
7. *Running, yoga, Zumba*
8. *Walking, community allotment, community orchard*
9. *The provision of table tennis in Elvaston Village-hall*
10. *None*
11. *Any*
12. *Community sport in general. But note in line with Sport England ruling on drugs and alcohol participation*
13. *Walking groups*
14. *Fitness*
15. *Karate, rugby*
16. *Wine tasting, equestrian activities, parish events, maintenance of green areas and development of wildlife areas*
17. *N/A*
18. *Any that we have an interest in*
19. *Zumba, walking*
20. *More likely to support community rather than sporting events*
21. *Football or horse riding*
22. *Food swap / less waste campaign*
23. *Activities involving children as I work with girl guiding for 20 years*
24. *Running*
25. *Gardening, open garden events*
26. *I'm a black belt in ju-jitsu, happy to run self-defense course / martial art club*
27. *Regular walks, forest school type activity for children in the holidays, children's clubs in the village hall*
28. *Depends what would be available, open to ideas*
29. *Football*
30. *Running*
31. *Running events*
32. *None*
33. *Enhancing the beauty of the village by extensive planting of flowers, trees, shrubs etc. For example, wild flower areas on the village green, flower boxes along the verges, Britain in Bloom*
34. *Parkrun*

35. *Art, environmental groups, craft*
36. *Apple tree growing, orchard, allotment, produce shows*
37. *Most things other than sports*
38. *Dancing, yoga, keep fit, garage sales*
39. *Golf and cycling*
40. *Running*
41. *Quizzes, wine tasting, beer festival, summer fete*
42. *Running club*
43. *Walking, netball, running*
44. *Deliver children's holiday activities i.e. adventure games*
45. *It depends on the activity*

Brook cleaning project

Residents were asked if they would be willing to participate in an annual local brook cleaning project to help with flood alleviation, if this was organised. Fifty-three residents provided their contact details.

Governance

Residents were asked if they would be interested in becoming a parish councillor either now or in the future. Fourteen residents provided their contact details.

Vulnerable register

Residents were asked if they would like to be included on a parish register of vulnerable residents within the parish, so that support could be offered during future potential lock downs and / or participate in other befriending schemes. Eleven residents provided their contact details.

Befriending Scheme

Residents were asked if their household would be interested in taking part in some form of socially distanced befriending scheme to tackle loneliness and isolation amongst the elderly or other lonely residents in the parish. Twenty-nine residents provided their contact details.

Parish conservation project

Residents were asked if they would be interested in getting involved in a parish conservation project to help preserve, maintain and monitor conservation issues locally. Thirty-eight residents provided their contact details.

Parish allotment

Residents were asked if they would like to go on a waiting list for a parish allotment. Eighteen residents provided their contact details.

Cycling project

Residents were asked if they would be interested in getting involved in a cycling project to promote and develop cycling locally and improve the network of cycling paths for active travel. Twenty residents provided their contact details.

Eco Group

Residents were asked if they would be interested in getting involved in an eco-group with the objective of making the parish carbon neutral to encourage energy efficiency. Twenty-three residents provided their contact details.

Section Eighteen – Additional Comments

Residents were asked if they had any further comments, concerns, suggestions or other project ideas. Sixty-seven residents recorded other comments under this question. However, some of these comments included multiple issues and topics under one comment and entry. For the purpose of analysis all of these comments have been reorganised into topic categories. This has meant that in some cases, a resident's comment has had to be split across different topic headings. For example, the single comment below included comments for about six separate issues. Therefore, in this case the wording relating to each issue has been separately organized under the appropriate topic area.

Really pleased with the work of the lengthsman to ensure the area is clean. Sometimes feel a little left out from spending/activities in Ambaston, such a shame we don't have a community space. Would wholly support the creation of a Boulton Moor and rural council separately – this might hopefully help mitigate the rural character of the none urban area effectively. Please pass on our thanks to the parish council for the work they do on behalf of the community! Please tackle fly tippers and aggressive inappropriate cycling around our villages

All the comments below have been recorded word for word in **Appendix E**. Seventy-eight comments were recorded in total. As follows:

Table 153 – other comments

Topic	Number of comments	Rank
Thank you and general	14 comments	1
Community safety and anti-social behaviour	8 comments	2
Community events, partnerships and projects	7 comments	3
Rural preservation	6 comments	4=
Governance	6 comments	4=
Volunteering	5 comments	5=
Car parking	5 comments	5=
Amenities	5 comments	5=
Traffic and roads	4 comments	6=
Elvaston Castle Country Park	4 comments	6=
Housing and development	3 comments	7=
Promotion	3 comments	7=
Cycling	2 comments	8=
Flooding	2 comments	8=
Cleanliness	2 comments	8=
Recycling	1 comment	9=
Light pollution	1 comment	9=
	78 comments in total	

Children and Young People Survey

A children's and young people's web-based survey was separately run and designed to engage with children and young people. It included five open ended questions and received nine responses in total.

Table 154 – Age

Age Group	Number of people
5-7 years	3
8-10 years	4
11-13 years	2
14-16 years	0
Total	9

Children's participation in activities

Children were asked if they took part in any activities or belonged to any organised groups outside of school locally. Eight out of nine children took part in activities outside of school locally.

Table 155 – Participation

	Number of people
Yes	8
No	1
Skipped question	0
Total	9

Children were asked what activities they take part in. Nine children provided multiple responses with each response recorded below, per activity. Dance and swimming were the most popular activities.

Table 156 – Activities take part in

	Number
Dance	6
Swimming	5
Hockey	2
Netball	2
Football	2
Gymnastics	2
Drama (in Ockbrook)	1
Flute lessons	1
Math lessons	1
Guides	1
Cubs (but outside area)	1
Total	24

They were then asked what additional activities they would like to see provided for children and young people locally. As follows:

Table 157 – Additional activities needed

	Number
Somewhere to play in the village / play area that I can walk to. Nothing in Ambaston	2
Bike track or club	1
Drama	1
Karate	1
Rugby	1
Swimming pool	1
Football boys and girls	1
Youth Club	1
Guides	1
Total	10

They were finally asked if they would like to tell the parish council anything else about where they live. The following nine responses were given:

1. *No buses close and the road is fast but I like all the space to play*
2. *I don't like the motorbikes racing down the jitty from Castle Croft. I don't like dog poo on the paths. I love going to Elvaston Castle for walks.*
3. *I don't like walking to the shop down the danger path (The Greenway and Castle Croft)*
4. *Its homely and fun and kind. I have good neighbour.*
5. *I like that there is lots of open space*
6. *I like that it is close to Elvaston Castle*
7. *We have lots of fun and lots of friends in Ambaston but there is nowhere to play. Most of the village doesn't even have a proper pavement. A space to play without traffic would be nice.*
8. *Children have to play on the road and there is a lot of kids now here and we have to be careful of cars. I like where I live.*
9. *It is very lovely with wildlife and trees and this is good. I would like there to be a school bus to Castle Donington School because the bus that comes into our village goes to Long Eaton School but none of the Ambaston kids go there and we will all go to Castle Donington School and have to walk 2 miles to a bus stop on the main road. I also want a play area because the only place we can play is on the road and there are no pavements. Also, sometimes cars drive into the village and out again that don't live here and that's a bit dangerous. We also wish we have a Christmas tree because all the other villages got one this year and we did not. Please help us as kids have something to do like a play area and some benches perhaps near to the fields because we would really love that and it would keep the Ambaston kids safe. Thank you.*

Community group survey

Survey questions have been circulated to 11 local groups to identify the challenges being faced (before and during Covid-19) in running these organisations. The following organisations received a copy of the survey with two completed surveys returned from Boulton Moor Joggers and Elvaston Communities Group (18% response rate). As follows:

1. Boulton Moor Joggers
2. Elvaston Art Club
3. Elvaston and District Women's Institute
4. Elvaston Castle Action Group
5. Elvaston Communities Group
6. Elvaston Cricket Club
7. Elvaston Garden Club
8. Elvaston Village Hall
9. St Bartholomews Parish Church
10. Elvaston Line Dancing Group
11. Windmill Playgroup (Boulton Moor)

Table 158 – Group results

Group Name	Boulton Moor Joggers	Elvaston Communities Group
Activities and services	Group participation for all ages to get into jogging and being able to run 5k, weekly runs for the people that have graduated couch to 5k	To promote for the public benefit, volunteering in Elvaston and the surrounding villages in Derbyshire to provide public events for members of the community and provide a mutually beneficial opportunity for those who may be isolated or lonely to get involved in their local community
Number of members / participants	No specific age range, youngest has been 8 and the oldest has been 80	Vary depending on event. From about 2000 at village fete to 120 at a bingo evening. Families to older adults.
Facilities used	The road and loop round Elvaston Castle on occasions	Elvaston Castle Country Park, Elvaston Cricket Club, Elvaston Village Hall and any facilities available at Boulton Moor
Promotional methods	Facebook and WhatsApp	Website, Facebook, posters, flyers, word of mouth, Radio Derby, local free publications.
Challenges faced before Covid-19	Retention of people completing the couch to 5k	Recruiting volunteers, obtaining community spaces to put on events in Boulton Moor, raising funds to pay for some events as several are free entry
Challenges faced during Covid-19	Unable to run couch to 5k due to restrictions and unable to run with groups of people	Nature of organisation is to bring people together and this has been impossible
Group / club aspirations	Continue offering free couch to 5k sessions for all ages and to offer it to everyone in the community	To involve the new residents of Boulton Moor and to seek the building of a Community Centre which would encourage local residents to join events. Recruit more volunteers from the new estates in Boulton Moor
Support required	Boulton Moor Joggers t-shirts	More volunteers, the builders of the new housing estates to build a community centre
Other comments made	Welcome diversity and acknowledge that difference brings value to our organisation.	None

CONCLUSION

This section briefly summarises the overall trends and draws out the main conclusions across all the research work undertaken. The plan was commissioned by Elvaston Parish Council to provide a set of priorities and action plan to drive forward community provision, according to needs, which is backed up by an evidence base to ensure that public funding provides value for money and effective local services. Please note that only the main overall conclusions and recommendations will be covered in this section with the action plans capturing the detailed recommended action points.

The conclusion is organised into six key themes which have been organised alphabetically:

1. Community
 - Community activities and events
 - Community promotion
 - Volunteering
2. Conservation
 - Rural character and identity
 - Elvaston Castle and Country Park
 - Flood alleviation
 - Recycling and energy efficiency
3. Environment
 - Litter management and overall cleanliness
 - Soft landscaping management and maintenance including footpaths and bridleways
 - Traffic volume, noise, pollution, speeding and public transport
 - Car parking
4. Facilities and amenities
 - Community facilities
 - Elvaston Village Hall
 - Children's play areas
 - Sport and recreation facilities
 - Street furniture
 - Roads and pavements
5. Governance
 - Council structures
 - Geographical governance
6. Wellbeing
 - Befriending scheme
 - Child obesity
 - Community safety
 - Disabled access and provision

In summary, the parish planning process involved setting up a steering group and running an extensive community consultation to obtain community views and opinions about where people live and needs for the future. It consisted of a four-day street survey which obtained 122 postcards being submitted which then enabled a community web-based household survey to be designed to be fit

for purpose, which obtained 300 responses. The overall results show that Elvaston Parish is a parish comprising of two distinctive halves, each with very different needs, characteristics and opportunities. The rural side of the parish comprising of the three rural hamlets of Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston shows a need to conserve, protect and maintain the natural, built environment and rural identity. Whereas the urban side of the parish of Boulton Moor comprises of growing housing estates with a need for new infrastructure, facilities and amenities to keep up with the growing population. Boulton Moor will provide 2,750 dwellings over the lifetime of the South Derbyshire Local Plan 2011-2028 (South Derbyshire Local Plan page 67, 5.58)

In the 2011 Census, the total population in the parish was 1801. The current population is estimated to be approximately 3196 following 545 new homes built in Boulton Moor. Looking forwards, the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan allocations include 1258 additional dwellings at Boulton Moor resulting in approximately 3220 additional residents and a population size estimated to be approximately 6416 residents by 2028.

Overall recommendation: These population estimates emphasise the need for a detailed appraisal of these results and ‘on the ground’ parish resources, particularly relating to infrastructure, facility and amenity needs across the parish which currently seem inadequate for the projected growth in population expected, particularly at Boulton Moor.

1. Community

Community activities and events

The household survey results has highlighted lots of ideas and preferences relating to community activities and events which should be noted.

The top five ranked community and sport activity needs highlighted in the survey, was as follows:

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| 1. Fitness, exercise and keep fit classes | (23 responses) |
| 2. Youth and children’s activities and clubs | (16 responses) |
| 3. Rambling club/walking group | (15 responses) |
| 4. Running club | (14 responses) |
| 5. Pilates | (13 responses) |

See pages 54 - 57 for full listing.

The top five community events from the ‘closed’ list of option answers provided, was as follows:

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| 1. Christmas tree, lights, switch on, fayre, living advent calendar | (149 responses) |
| 2. Film night, open air film | (119 responses) |
| 3. Bank holiday family events i.e. scarecrow festival, well dressings | (109 responses) |
| 4. Music, rock festival, big band, jazz, open air concert | (105 responses) |
| 5. = Quizzes | (75 responses) |
| = Annual open garden day | |

The top five ‘specific’ community events requested was as follows:

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|---|---------------|
| 1. = Street parties, quarterly get togethers for national celebrations i.e. VE Day, Royal Weddings, St Georges Day, Jubilees, Remembrance and special anniversaries | |
| = Annual village fete | |
| = Guided charity walks followed by a picnic or meal at the village hall and wildlife talk along the way | (7 responses) |
| 2. Living Advent Calendar | (5 responses) |
| 3. Halloween Pumpkin trail event | (4 responses) |

See pages 71 – 74 for full listings.

Overall recommendations: An annual programme of community activities and events should be maintained and improved going forwards by both the parish council and Elvaston Communities Group working independently and also jointly where required and appropriate. In addition, the survey results identified 25 volunteers who registered their interest in helping to set up and run more community and sports activities, clubs and groups. The expressions of interest relating to volunteering should be followed up by the parish council without delay to assist with the provision of new community events and activities. To incentivise the provision of new groups and activities by way of developing some form of start-up package.

Community promotion

The survey results highlighted that the community mainly find out what is happening locally by word of mouth (28%), notice boards (24%), parish council Facebook page (16%), local WhatsApp group (13%) and the parish council website (4%). The council currently promotes council meetings and activities on its website and Facebook page achieving 2416 website views and 1800 Facebook views per month. It should be noted that use of the parish council website was the lowest category when the community was asked how it finds out about things locally. The parish council also has seven notice boards and also administrates an Instagram account. Despite these promotional methods being used, the survey results highlighted other areas for improvement relating to publicity and promotion. As follows:

- 78% of survey respondents did not attend parish council meetings
- 58% did not know if their area was in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- 58% were not aware of clubs and groups operating locally
- 50% had not looked at the parish council website or Facebook page for local information
- 48% did not know what Elvaston Parish Council's role was in the local community
- 40% did not know where the nearest defibrillator was located
- 31% were not aware of the Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel scheme
- 28% were unaware of community events held locally

The top five methods on how communication and promotion locally can be improved included:

1. Produce a two-sided parish newsletter twice yearly (145 responses)
2. Improved parish website (115 responses)
3. Improved parish Facebook page (107 responses)
4. Produce a welcome pack for new residents (89 responses)
5. Provide more notice boards (59 responses)

See full information on community promotion on pages 58 - 60.

Overall recommendations: Online and social media methods of promotion should be continued by the council with regular posts, but based on the survey results above, this should be combined with a more traditional printed parish newsletter to be produced and circulated across the parish annually. It should feature local events, clubs, activities, important meetings, local information on topics such as Neighbourhood Watch, and guest speakers such as the Police Community Support Officer attending a parish council meeting. The household survey also explored the potential appointment of a Community Engagement worker to help with the promotion of activities, groups and facilities and to coordinate different community projects. 78% felt the parish would benefit from having a Community Engagement worker and this should be explored by the parish council through appropriate grant funding opportunities outlined in **Appendix B**.

Volunteering

The parish council wanted to engage with as many people as possible throughout this process to identify volunteers to help to develop and maintain different community projects. Volunteering can help people to gain confidence, meet new people, be part of the community, learn new skills and have fun. This has already been partially achieved as the household survey highlighted various volunteering opportunities and 303 responses were obtained across 10 different topic areas including an anti-litter campaign (72), brook cleaning project (53), parish conservation group (38), befriending scheme (29), community activities (25), eco group (23), cycling project (20), allotment waiting list (18), being a parish councillor (14) and vulnerable register (11). See pages 105 – 107 for full details.

Overall recommendation: It is now important that the parish council remains committed to volunteering locally by way of the development and implementation of a volunteering policy and full implementation of all activity.

2. Conservation

Rural character and identity

It is important to note the following content from the South Derbyshire Local Plan 2011-2028 as a backdrop to this section summary. It states that 'the southern part of the Nottingham Derby Green Belt lies within South Derbyshire's administrative boundary and covers the north east corner of the district covering the villages of Elvaston, Thulston, Ambaston and to the end of Shardlow (South Derbyshire Local plan page 29, 4.61). Policy S8 Green Belt states that the principal general extent and permanence of the Nottingham Derby Green Belt and Burton – Swadlincote Green Belt within South Derbyshire is supported and maintained. Measures to improve public access to the Green Belts and improve connectivity to the built-up areas adjacent to the Green Belts will be encouraged. To better reflect Green Belt in the Boulton Moor area due to the development of the A6 spur and A50 the following alterations to the Nottingham – Derby Green Belt are to be made:

- A triangular parcel of land measuring around 12.5 hectares immediately to the east of the A6 and south west of Thulston will be included within the Green Belt
- An area of 11.5 hectares of land to the north of Shardlow Road and to the west of the A6 Alvaston by-pass shall be deleted from the Green Belt' (page 29).

See pages 21 – 23 for full details.

The survey results show that the preservation of the rural character and identity of the parish should be the highest priority. The street survey results recorded 55/265 comments from residents citing the countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquility and wildlife as a positive aspect about where they live and was ranked 1st/13 positive topics received. This together with the 52/265 positive comments about Elvaston Castle and Country Park accounted for 40% (107/268 comments) of all positive comments received about what residents like about the parish. Therefore, in the household survey, residents were asked about the level of importance in retaining the rural character and landscape of the parish. 98% (268 people) declared that this was important to protect and conserve. See Table 19, page 27. Residents were then asked if there were any buildings, places, green spaces, or views locally which they believed were important to protect and conserve. This question obtained 245 resident responses with 500 multiple comments made. The protection of the Green Belt, countryside, rural environment and wildlife surrounding the hamlets of Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston and also surrounding Boulton Moor plus Elvaston Castle and Country Park accounted for 71% (351/500) of survey responses received. See pages 26 – 29 for full listings.

Overall recommendation: The parish council should consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan in association with South Derbyshire District Council. This document would align with the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan and would consider the spatial development for the location and type of housing, regeneration of derelict land, design, infrastructure, green space, conservation, specifications for development and type of use.

Elvaston Castle & Country Park

Elvaston Castle and Country Park was ranked number one priority in the street survey results according to areas of concern about the parish despite being recently registered by the council as an Asset of Community Value. It accounted for 52/265 comments recorded when recording positive aspects about the parish and was ranked 2nd/13 topics. It also received 32/338 comments under areas of concern and was ranked 1st/35 topics. On this basis a full section of questions was included in the household web-based survey on Elvaston Castle and Country Park to fully understand the strength of feeling which had been recorded in the street survey results.

In the web-based survey, questions relating to the park provoked some strong views with the safeguarding of the park including all green spaces, trees and historic buildings receiving 295 comments accounting for 59% of all comments made when residents were asked what buildings, places, green spaces and views are important to protect and conserve. The results indicate that it is the most important aspect of the parish to be protected and safeguarded. See Table 20, page 27.

Residents were asked how important the park was to the overall parish and area in terms of biodiversity and access to green space to improve physical and mental well-being. 98% of respondents which answered the question stated that the park is important to the overall parish with 86% of this sample citing it as extremely important. See Table 99, page 74. The park is used regularly by parishioners with 47% of survey respondents stating that they use the park either daily or 2-3 times per week, with weekly and fortnightly use accounting for 27%. See Table 100, page 75.

Awareness of the Elvaston Castle master plan produced by Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust and Derbyshire County Council was high with 78% of respondents knowing about the master plan proposals. The level of support to specific proposals in the master plan was fully explored in the household survey, including 1) castle and buildings, 2) access and movement and 3) grounds and landscape.

In summary, the survey respondents agreed with the proposals relating to the castle, stable yards, grounds and landscape but percentages were lower for buildings being used for enabling development (residential housing) and with the proposal for a new vehicular access route to a new car park near to the centre of the park. See Table 103, page 76. As follows:

- Castle ground floor – education, conferences, weddings interpretation – 85.78% agreed
- Castle upper floor – residential / holiday lets – 37.9% agreed
- Restoration and conversion of Top and Lower Stable yards and museum buildings to include café, retail, offices and workshops – 84.27% agreed
- Kennels and Saw Yard becoming a residential area – 20.16% agreed
- Redeveloping Home Farm and former Thatch Cottage as enabling development – 20.97% agreed
- New vehicular access route from a new junction on the B5010 – 31.58% agreed
- New visitor car park adjacent to the nature reserve and nearer to the castle and core buildings – 31.05% agreed
- Lake and rockwork restoration, enhancing drainage across the estate – 94.71% agreed
- Turning current caravan site into glamp site for camping, holiday use – 50.41% agreed

- Existing showground to be the estates principal events space in the short and medium term – 80.49% agreed
- Existing showground to be secondary events space, communal recreational space or for pasture use for glamping offer – 37.71% agreed

Overall recommendation: These figures show the level of support for some aspects of the master plan and great concern to others in regards to the promotion of conservation and heritage. This should be outlined to Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust and Derbyshire County Council. The preservation of Green Belt and the rural identity of the parish including Elvaston Castle and Country Park should be strongly prioritised by the parish council with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan being a useful starting point.

Flood alleviation

The results have indicated a high level of concern relating to flood risk locally. See Table 116, page 82. As follows:

- 71% of survey respondents stated that flooding is a serious problem locally
- 68% had witnessed pluvial flooding either often or sometimes
- 56% had witnessed blocked public drains locally either often or sometimes
- 61% had witnessed blocked waterways locally either often or sometimes
- Three people within the parish reported that they were being flooded annually and 10 people had been flooded between 1-5 times
- 72% had never had blocked drains or problems with the main sewerage system since they had lived at their property
- 81% would like the drainage of Elvaston Castle and Country Park to be improved as a priority to help with flood alleviation locally

Thulston brook is a project the parish council is currently progressing and it should be noted that 53 volunteers registered their interest in a brook cleaning project.

Overall recommendation: Clearing brooks, ditches and drains should be prioritised going forwards together with highlighting the importance of improving the drainage of Elvaston Castle and Country Park to Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust who are responsible for managing and maintaining the park.

Recycling and energy efficiency

Residents were asked if current recycling and waste collections provided are satisfactory with 71% of survey respondents being generally satisfied and 18% wanting to see more recycling options provided. See Table 139, page 90. Furthermore, 96% stated that local initiatives to recycle and reduce energy consumption to develop a more sustainable community was important locally. Residents were asked if they had any suggestions on how the parish could reduce energy consumption with 96 separate comments being made. The top five suggestions were as follows:

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| 1. Improved recycling opportunities | 22.07% (17 responses) |
| 2. Promotion and provision of solar energy | 16.88% (13 responses) |
| 3. Promotion of energy conservation | 14.28% (11 responses) |
| 4. Improved network of community amenities | 11.68% (9 responses) |
| 5. Wind turbines | 10.38% (8 responses) |

See page 91 – 94 for full listings.

Overall recommendation: This is an important area of work to develop by the parish council, which should be started by establishing an Eco sub group and production of a recycling and energy efficiency parish strategy. Please note that 23 residents registered interest in joining an Eco sub group.

3. Environment

Litter management, maintenance and overall cleanliness

Residents were asked to score level of satisfaction on general cleanliness and appearance of the parish. Six out of 11 categories scored over 50% for level of satisfaction on the provision, maintenance and management of the following areas:

1. Street lighting	68%
2. Parks and greens	63%
3. Woods, copses and hedgerows	60%
4. Footpaths and bridleways	59%
5. Litter	53%
6. Street furniture	52%

Four categories including waste bins, flowers and planters, dog fouling and memorials scored between 45%-49% for level of satisfaction. Only fly tipping received a majority score for fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied at 32%. See page 29 – 33 for full information.

Residents were asked to describe any areas of concern and this question received 232 comments with 443 multiple points raised. Dog fouling and the need for more dog bins accounted for 107 responses (24%) to this question. Litter and the need for more waste bins accounted for 88 of responses (20%). The top three areas of concern overall related to management, maintenance and overall cleanliness were as follows:

1. Dog fouling and provision of dog bins	24%
2. Litter and provision of waste bins	20%
3. Fly tipping	18%

There were 110 people who were either fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the level of fly tipping locally which is very high. Fly tipping also recorded 78 specific responses under areas of concern relating to cleanliness with Ambaston Lane being highlighted by 41/232 respondents and was the highest recorded issue by location. See page 41 - 42 for full results.

Overall recommendations: With a rapidly growing population in Boulton Moor, coupled with existing and a likely increase in visitors to Elvaston Castle and Country Park, littering and dog fouling is likely to increase and resources required to maintain this need to be reviewed regularly. The Lengthsman's working hours should be reviewed annually and other anti-litter campaigns and initiatives such as Keep Britain Tidy should be used where possible to raise the profile of anti-littering.

Soft landscaping management and maintenance including footpaths and bridleways

Soft landscaping maintenance and improvements in terms of flowers, shrubs, hedges and trees was ranked 6th/35 areas of concern in the street survey results. The following results were highlighted in the main survey results. As follows:

- 48% of survey respondents were satisfied with the provision of flowers and planters in the parish
- 63% were satisfied with the management and maintenance of parks and greens in the parish
- 60% were satisfied with the management and maintenance of woods, copses and hedgerows in the parish
- 86% would like to see an additional maintenance programme being introduced for soft landscaping
- 85% would like to see more flowers, planters and pots
- 87% would like to see a tree planting scheme set up locally
- 99% stated that the preservation of established trees, hedgerows and conservation meadows was important within the parish

Soft landscaping also accounted for 4.51% of the responses received when residents were asked if they had any concerns locally about the local environment. Footpath and bridleway maintenance was also highlighted with specific locations identified for improvement works at Elvaston Castle and Country Park and Ambaston and Thulston footpaths. Further improvement works was requested at Noonning Ford.

Overall recommendation: The parish council should introduce an additional maintenance programme for soft landscaping which should be implemented on a rolling basis, to keep all soft landscaping adequately maintained. It should also feedback all findings relating to footpath and bridleway maintenance, together with specific locations which have been highlighted to the appropriate local authority. The parish council should explore local initiatives and campaigns which will support tree planting and tree preservation in partnership with The Tree Council and Woodland Trust.

Traffic volume, noise, pollution, speeding and public transport

There is concern about the volume of traffic including noise pollution and speeding cars within the parish as well as inconsiderate car parking. This received 26/338 comments in the street survey and was ranked 2nd/35 negative aspects about the parish and inconsiderate car parking received 20 comments and was ranked 5th.

Questions were therefore included in the household survey about atmospheric and noise pollution with 55% of survey respondents citing traffic volume as an area of concern, 44% citing noise pollution as a concern and 29% citing air quality as an area of concern. Residents were also asked to what extent they thought road congestion was a problem locally with 34% stating it to be a serious problem. Residents were asked if as a pedestrian, cyclist or horse rider they felt safe on the roads locally, with 40% not feeling safe on the roads. Residents were asked to what extent speeding traffic is a problem locally with 56% stating it was a serious problem. The top five hot spots for speeding traffic included:

1. Ball Lane which is the main road with layby connecting Thulston village and Elvaston village (16.39%)
2. Oak Road which is the piece of road from the Harrington Arms to the large bend (14.48%)
3. Main Road which is the road connecting Elvaston village to the main entrance for Elvaston Castle ((13.38%)
4. Old Boulton Moor Estate including Sevenlands Drive, Colwell Drive, Mill Hill, The Greenway and Castle Croft (8.46%)
5. The B5010 towards Borrowash (7.92%)

The road through Thulston and Elvaston accounted for 44.25% of the overall sample of results. See page 104 – 105 for full results.

In addition, 23% (55 people) were dissatisfied with local bus services and routes with most respondents (70%, 131 people) preferring to use their car. There was a poor level of awareness of the Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel Scheme. See page 90.

Overall recommendation: The council should explore Active Travel resources, opportunities and traffic calming measures in the areas most affected by traffic congestion and speeding to reduce these issues and to promote health and wellbeing through walking and cycling.

Car parking

Elvaston Castle and Country Park attracts visitors to the parish. When residents were asked how they travelled to the park, walking was the preferred method with 69% of residents opting for this method to travel to the park and 27% of residents still used their cars to travel to the park. This is reinforced by the following results. The top five general hot spots for inconsiderate parking in the parish included the top four sites all being sited around Elvaston Castle & Country Park, particularly in Thulston village. As follows:

1. Thulston village	36% (97 responses)
2. Elvaston Castle and Country Park	14% (38 responses)
3. Elvaston village	13% (36 responses)
4. Ball Lane (stretch of road linking Elvaston and Thulston villages)	9% (26 responses)
5. Boulton Moor	10% (25 responses)

The top five 'specific' hot spots for inconsiderate parking included:

1. Ball Lane, Thulston	26 responses
2. Brook Road, Thulston	18 responses
3. Slip road into main entrance of Elvaston Castle Country Park	17 responses
4. = Grove Close / Court, Thulston	14 responses
= Main Road, Elvaston	
= Silver Lane and Castle Court, Elvaston	
5. Entrance / opposite Harrington Arms, Thulston	13 responses

These are all located within a close proximity and access into Elvaston Castle and Country Park which means that visitors to the park are parking in Thulston and Elvaston and not using the Elvaston Castle and Country Park car park. This issue is worsened by both a lack of connecting pavements or cycle paths locally and adequately maintained pavements, particularly between the rural side of the parish and Boulton Moor which does not allow walkers and cyclists easy access. The open-ended comments on page 95 – 96 should be read in full to fully understand the extent of this issue.

With all these issues being highlighted residents were asked if they would like to see Elvaston Castle and Country Park gates opened earlier and closed later to allow visitors to use the car park and 48% stated that this would be a good idea. Secondly, residents were asked if they would like to see a campaign organised to raise awareness amongst visitors to Elvaston Castle and Country Park to use the country park car park to help with the park's sustainability and 81% stated that this should be organised. Finally, residents were asked if they would like to see additional restricted parking areas or other measures introduced in those areas which suffer from inconsiderate car parking and 62% stated that they would like to see parking measures introduced in these areas.

In summary, with the number of houses being built on Boulton Moor coupled with the proposals at Elvaston Castle and Country Park and current and expected growth in the parish population means that the issues relating to parking and increased traffic will continue and have the potential to increase.

Overall recommendations: There is a need for a pavement along Snelsmoor Lane connecting to the bus stop on Shardlow Road and ideally Chellaston Lane and Elvaston Castle and Country Park. This should be explored with the Boulton Moor developer, Derbyshire County Council Highways and Active Travel England in regards to potential grants being available. The council should also explore with Derbyshire County Council if the park gates can be opened earlier and closed later and running a campaign to encourage users to use the car park to aid with the park's sustainability.

4. Facilities and Amenities

A lack of shops was ranked the 4th negative aspect about living in the parish in the street survey. Therefore, residents were asked to consider current and future requirements in regards to infrastructure, facilities and amenities, with the following being the main summary results. As follows:

Community facilities

The top five community amenities required was as follows:

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| 1. Local shop | 24.45% (67 responses) |
| 2. Improved bus service | 7.66% (21 responses) |
| 3. Community building at Boulton Moor | 5.47% (15 responses) |
| 4. More children's play areas, particularly in Boulton Moor and Ambaston | 4.37% (12 responses) |
| 5. Post box – Boulton Moor | 4.01% (11 responses) |

The need for a local shop received 67 comments (24%) and was by far the main local amenity or local service needed in the parish. It is important to note that from the junction of London Road and the A6 Alvaston bypass that the nearest main shopping area is 2.5km at the Alvaston District Centre. A community building at Boulton Moor was highlighted and that this should be larger and more central to the whole parish and improved play area provision at Boulton Moor and Ambaston was highlighted. See page 64 – 68 for full results.

Elvaston Village Hall

Use of Elvaston Village-hall was fair with 55% of survey respondents stating that they had never used it, 33% stating occasional use, 4% monthly use and 8% weekly use. The top five suggested improvements to the village hall included:

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| 1. More social use of the village hall | 30.80% (75 people) |
| 2. Wi-fi | 15.61% (37 people) |
| 3. More function space | 13.92% (33 people) |
| 4. Improved heating | 11.81% (28 people) |
| 5. BBQ area | 10.97% (26 people) |

See page 68 – 69 for full results.

Children's play areas

There was a 29% level of dissatisfaction relating to the provision of teenage play areas and an average 23% level of dissatisfaction score across all age brackets for play areas including toddlers (6-

23 months), early childhood (2-5 years), elementary (5-12 years) and teens. See page 69 – 71 for full results.

As already stated above the results for both Ambaston and Boulton Moor revealed a need for children's play areas. The children's survey results on page 110 also highlighted potential safety concerns, as follows: *"Children have to play on the road and there is a lot of kids now here and we have to be careful of cars. I like where I live". "We have lots of fun and lots of friends in Ambaston but there is nowhere to play. A space to play without traffic would be nice"*.

Sport and recreation facilities

The top five ranked community and sport facility needs was as follows:

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| 1. Children's play areas | (15 responses) |
| 2. Cycling provision / paths | (12 responses) |
| 3. Improved village hall / use | (11 responses) |
| 4. Awareness of facilities and promotion | (10 responses) |
| 5. = Tennis courts | (7 responses) |
| = Swimming pool | |
| 6. Sports ground, playing fields, football pitches, local accessible sports facility | (6 responses) |

The need for improved children's play areas, particularly in Boulton Moor was highlighted by residents, together with improved cycling provision and pavement along Snelsmoor Lane, joining Boulton Moor to Chellaston and Elvaston. An improved village hall in terms of it being modernized, and improved social use was also highlighted together with improved awareness of facilities generally. See pages 57 – 58 for full results.

Street furniture

The top five street furniture needs, was as follows:

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| 1. Waste bins | 28.44% (124 responses) |
| 2. Post box | 19.03% (83 responses) |
| 3. Benches | 16.97% (74 responses) |
| 4. Dog waste bins | 14.90% (65 responses) |
| 5. Signage | 9.17% (40 responses) |

Residents would like to see additional street furniture provided across the parish. This question generated 436 multiple comments with the most wanted items of street furniture being waste bins. See page 35 – 41 for full results.

Roads and pavements

Pavements attracted a lot of comments under rights of way with 145 comments made with the top five hot spots including:

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| 1. Snelsmoor Lane, Boulton Moor | 27.53% (38 responses) |
| 2. Pavements in general | 18.84% (26 responses) |
| 3. A6 Thulston Roundabout pavement | 7.24% (10 responses) |
| 4. Ambaston pavements (Ambaston Lane & passing places) | 6.52% (9 responses) |
| 5. = Broad Lane, Thulston | 4.34% (6 responses) |
| = Boulton Moor pavements – connecting to Castle | |
| = B5010 pavements heading towards Borrowash | |

A lack of pavements across the Boulton Moor estate along Snelsmoor Lane, Colwell Drive, Chellaston Lane is causing residents a lot of problems when trying to access the bus stop and wider facilities. See pages 95 – 98 for full results.

The top five hot spots relating to road maintenance included:

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| 1. Elvaston Castle to Thulston (through road)*1 | 19.59% (39 responses) |
| 2. Ambaston Lane | 17.08% (34 responses) |
| 3. Snelsmoor Lane | 13.56% (27 responses) |
| 4. Thulston Village (internal roads) | 10.55% (21 responses) |
| 5. B5010 towards Borrowash | 9.04% (18 responses) |

**1 Please note that this survey was undertaken pre road works to Elvaston Castle to Thulston through road in 2022.*

Pot holes and maintenance required accounted for 36.18% of areas of concern about roads locally, particularly on Ambaston Lane. See pages 101 – 103 for full results.

Overall recommendation: Owing to the current growth in population within the parish since 2011 and continued growth expected by 2028 there is a need to review the provision of infrastructure, facilities and amenities to ensure that they will adequately cater for the growth in population. The results should be shared with local authorities and partners/developer/s (as appropriate) to maximise all opportunities relating to funding support and grant aid where available. A mapping exercise is also required to determine parish council areas of responsibility which will also aid the production of the Neighbourhood Plan relating to land and building use.

6. Governance

Council structures

The parish council has two members of staff and nine Parish Councillors including six representing the rural side of the parish and three representing the urban side of Boulton Moor. Council meetings are held monthly with promotion via notice boards, website and Facebook. Structures are in place relating to finance, personnel and health and safety together with an environmental and allotments group. The council is compliant with all local and national policies and procedures and organises a responsibility matrix whereby Parish Councillors lead on various aspects of work i.e. footpaths, benches, hedges and trees, defibrillators, website, risk assessment, waste bins, flood and gravel liaison. The council is also represented on various forms and committees including:

- Flood / Gravel Liaison
- East Midlands Airport Community Engagement
- Area Forum with South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Constabulary
- Parochial Church Council
- Elvaston Communities Group
- Boulton Moor / Buttercup Leys Liaison Group with Persimmon Homes
- Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust
- Elvaston Castle Action Group

The council works proactively on community projects which currently includes Thulston Brook, Sturges Lane footpath and upper and lower Thulston greens. It has also recently registered Elvaston Castle and Country Park as an asset of community value. In the household survey results, 47% of survey respondents were generally satisfied with the parish council but 48% did not know what the parish council's role was in the local community and 78% of respondents did not attend parish council meetings. See page 84 – 85.

Overall recommendation: These are satisfactory results but the council should work towards engaging with the community by way of an annual meeting which is administered by the parish council, but community driven. This, along with the interest in volunteering will lead to proactive work in the local community which will support the action plan. In addition, Parish Councillor representation across all areas should be reviewed in view of the rapidly growing population and number of houses at Boulton Moor.

Geographical governance

Geographical governance was raised in the street survey results as an area of concern. The comments related to governance geographically highlighted that Boulton Moor had very different needs to the rural hamlets of Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston. A specific question was therefore included in the household survey on if Boulton Moor should become a parish council in its own right. 60% stated that they would like to see Boulton Moor become a parish council in its own right. In addition, six open ended comments were received under additional comments at the end of the survey, with the quote below best summarising all the comments made on this issue. As follows:

“Having read some of the minutes from parish council meetings, it is clear there is a huge distinction between Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys and the rural areas of the parish. I think there will be a lot of residents who did not know they were in the same parish as Thulston and Ambaston. The issues affecting the rural bits are very different to the issues affecting us on Boulton Moor and would it be an idea to consider having a council dedicated to serving this area on its own which far outnumbers the houses in the other parts of the parish”

Overall recommendation: The council should look to undertake a formal governance review in association with South Derbyshire District Council based on the geographical and community evidence.

6. Wellbeing

Isolation and befriending scheme

The household survey asked residents if they had felt isolated, lonely or vulnerable either before or during the Covid-19 lockdown. 11% of respondents (27 people) stated that they had felt isolated and lonely either before or during the Covid 19 lockdown. Residents were asked if they would like to be included on a parish register of vulnerable residents so that support could be offered during future potential lockdowns and/or participate in other befriending schemes. In total, 11 residents registered their interest. Furthermore, residents were asked if their household would be interested in taking part in some form of befriending scheme to tackle loneliness and isolation amongst the elderly or other lonely residents within the parish, with 29 residents registering their interest.

Overall recommendation: The council should explore working with appropriate partners to set up a befriending scheme to support certain members of the community and to follow up with the residents who have expressed interest in this type of initiative.

Child obesity

The majority of the parish demographics do not reveal anything of significance other than the prevalence of children being overweight at reception age in Aston ward is 27.3% compared with 23.3% in Derbyshire and 22.6% in England.

Overall recommendation: Whilst it is worth noting this data, it should be recognised that the causes relating to this are multi-faceted and the parish council should simply recognise how it might contribute to help to improve this statistic locally, by way of provision of high-quality children’s play

areas across all areas of the parish, varied sports and physical activities being available and access to accessible green space.

Community safety

In January 2022 46 crimes were reported within the Melbourne area which includes Elvaston Parish. Community safety was examined in the household survey with the main results as follows:

- 93% of survey respondents declared that they felt safe in their home
- 58% had not been a victim of crime locally in the last five years
- The top five categories of crime recorded was as follows:
 1. Noise and disturbance 12.13% (29 people)
 2. Anti-social behaviour 8.79% (21 people)
 3. Theft from property 7.11% (17 people)
 4. Damage to property 5.44% (13 people)
 5. Theft from vehicle 3.77% (9 people)
- 51% had not seen any acts of vandalism locally in the last five years

Awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was poor with 58% (149 people) not knowing if their area was in a scheme but 50% (127 people) were interested to find out more about the scheme. In addition, 46% (116 people) would like a Police Community Support Officer to attend a council meeting where they can raise concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour locally. See pages 60 – 64 for full results.

Eight residents highlighted community safety and anti-social behaviour in the additional open-ended question at the end of the survey where they could raise further comments and this was the top issue to be highlighted. They would like to see a lot more police presence on the Boulton Moor estate because anti- social behaviour is the main problem and is getting worse. Speeding cars and motorbikes is also highlighted to be causing nuisance. See page 170.

Overall recommendation: The parish council should consider actively promoting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme across the parish using all forms of publicity and promotion and to invite the Police Community Support Officer to attend meetings annually as a minimum so that residents can directly raise their concerns about community safety.

Disabled access and provision

The topic of disabled access and provision was included in the household survey. Residents were asked if they had any suggestions on how disabled access and provision in the parish could be improved. There were 105 comments received with the top five areas for improvement being:

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| 1. Additional pavements | 14.28% (9 responses) |
| 2. = Improved pavement maintenance
= Wider pavements | 12.69% (8 responses) |
| 3. Improved bus services | 11.11% (7 responses) |
| 4. Maintain soft landscaping | 9.52% (6 responses) |
| 5. Penalties | 7.93% (5 responses) |

See pages 86 – 88 for full results.

Overall recommendation: The council should share this feedback with the local authority and consider undertaking a Disability Discrimination Access and Facilities Audit to improve disabled access across the parish.

Final remarks

The community feedback, results and analysis provide substantial detail and baseline information for the parish council to work towards improving over the next 10 years, but the success of the Elvaston Parish Plan will be reliant on the cycle of implementation and review of all recommendations being made.

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APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A

Full Street Survey Results

Introduction

Four street survey displays were held at Thulston on Saturday 12th and Wednesday 16th September from 8 am until 6 pm and at Boulton Moor on Saturday 19th September from 8 am until 6 pm and Wednesday 23rd September from 8 am until 4 pm. Residents were asked to name three positive aspects about the parish on a postcard and three areas of concern or things to improve about the parish. All were open ended and which have been collated and grouped for analysis.

Headline results

- 122 postcards were been submitted by residents across four street survey pop up displays. This represents a 3.8% response rate from a total parish population of 3196 (2011 Census 1801 population plus occupants of 545 new homes completed between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2020 (545 x 2.56 (average household occupancy, Elvaston Parish, 2011) = 1395)). This population data has been supplied by South Derbyshire District Council.
- Recorded postcards by area included Ambaston 1, Boulton Moor 23, Elvaston 7, Thulston 40 and 51 not disclosed
- The 60+ age group was the highest age group to respond to the street survey with 41 (33%) postcards submitted followed by the 41-60 category and 26-40 category
- An online survey was the preferred method for completion of the detailed household survey with 28 respondents (23%) highlighting this method as their preference. However, 78 respondents (64%) did not indicate any preference.
- 603 comments were received in total from respondents. 265 (44%) comments were received relating to positive aspects about the parish. 338 (56%) comments were received relating to areas of concern or things to improve in the parish
- 23 respondents provided no positive comments
- One respondent provided no areas of concern or aspects to improve
- Some respondents did not manage to scribe three positive and three negative points. However, others scribed more than three points onto the postcard. All results have been counted despite the three-point preferred requirement.
- Please note that all results have been recorded 'word for word' below with one postcard also not being legible.
- The top five recorded positive aspects about the parish included 1) Countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquillity and wildlife, 2) Elvaston Castle Country Park, 3) Community spirit, neighbourliness and cohesion, 4) Infrastructure and amenities and 5) Litter management and overall cleanliness. Please note that countryside location and Elvaston Castle accounted for 107 (40%) out of a total of 265 responses made.

POSITIVE ASPECT	Number	%	Rank
Countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquillity and wildlife	55	20.75	1
Elvaston Castle Country Park	52	19.62	2
Community spirit, neighbourliness and cohesion	41	15.47	3
Infrastructure and amenities	22	8.30	4
Litter management and overall cleanliness	20	7.54	5

- There were 34 key issues identified as areas of concern or things to improve with the top 10 recorded as follows. Concern over the development of Elvaston Castle Country Park is the area respondents are most concerned. Of the 32 respondents, 16 (50%) cite the new access road as a concern. The next area which respondents are most concerned about was traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding, with the provision and maintenance of pavements, pathways and footpaths being third, provision of shops in fourth and car parking in fifth.

	KEY ISSUE	Number	%	Rank
1	Elvaston Castle Country Park	32	9.46	1
2	Traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding	26	7.69	2
3	Pavements, pathways and footpaths	25	7.39	3
4	Shops	22	6.50	4
5	Car parking	20	5.91	5
6	Soft landscaping (flowers, shrubs, hedges and trees)	19	5.62	6
7	Housing, developers, land use and protection of green space	16	4.73	7
8	General amenities	12	3.55	8=
9	Geographical governance	12	3.55	8=
10	Litter, rubbish and cleanliness	12	3.55	8=
11	School	10	2.95	9=
12	Public transport	10	2.95	9=
13	Play area / park	9	2.66	10=
14	Community welfare, activities and events	9	2.66	10=

FULL RESULTS

Responses received by area

There were 122 post cards submitted by residents in total across the four days including one from Ambaston, 23 from Boulton Moor, 7 from Elvaston and 40 from Thulston. Unfortunately, 51 respondents did not record their area.

Ambaston	1	1%
Boulton Moor	23	19%
Elvaston	7	6%
Thulston	40	33%
Not disclosed (relating to age and area)	51	41%
TOTAL	122	100%

Responses received by age and area

The 60+ age group was the highest age group to respond to the street survey followed by the 41-60 category and then 26-40 category.

Area	U16	17-25	26-40	41-60	60+	Not disclosed
Ambaston					1	
Boulton Moor		1	6	6	10	
Elvaston				5	2	
Thulston	1		4	10	22	3
Not disclosed					6	45
TOTAL	1	1	10	21	41	48
TOTAL %	1%	1%	8%	17%	33%	40%

Online or paper copy survey preference

Unfortunately, 78 respondents (64%) did not indicate any preference but of those that did 28 (23%) indicated that they would prefer to access the detailed household survey online.

Online	28	23%
Paper hard copy	16	13%
Not disclosed	78	64%

Positive aspects of the parish

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Walking, footpaths and cycle paths	15	5.66	6
Harrington Arms	13	4.90	7
Community events and activities	10	3.77	8
Community safety	7	2.64	9=
Flowers & planters, benches & signage, greens, grass cutting & monuments	7	2.64	9=
Parish Council governance	7	2.64	9=
Community promotion	5	1.88	10=
Public Transport	5	1.88	10=
Street lighting	3	1.13	11
Village Hall	2	0.75	12
Nothing	1	0.37	13
TOTAL	265		

Areas of concern/suggestions for improvements

There were 34 key issues identified as areas of concern or things to improve with the top 10 recorded as follows. Concern over the development of Elvaston Castle Country Park was the area respondents are most concerned about in relation to Derbyshire County Council proposals to provide a new entry point, access road and car park. Of the 32 respondents, 16 (50%) cite the new access road as a concern. The next area which respondents were most concerned about was traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding, with the provision and maintenance of pavements, pathways and footpaths being third, provision of shops in fourth and car parking in fifth.

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12	Public transport	10	2.95	9=
13	Play area / park	9	2.66	10=
14	Community welfare, activities and events	9	2.66	10=
15	Community safety, crime and policing	8	2.36	11=
16	Bins	8	2.36	11=
17	Fly tipping	8	2.36	11=
18	Flooding	8	2.36	11=
19	Public house, café	7	2.07	12
20	Street lighting	6	1.77	13
21	Footbridge	5	1.47	14=
22	Cycle paths	5	1.47	14=
23	Sports facilities	5	1.47	14=
24	Community centre at Boulton Moor	5	1.47	14=
25	Nuisance (roadworks, other noise (dogs, neighbours)	5	1.47	14=
26	Dog bins and dog fouling	5	1.47	14=
27	Community promotion	5	1.47	14=
28	Parish Council governance	4	1.18	15=
29	Road maintenance	4	1.18	15=
30	Benches	3	0.88	16=
31	Signage	3	0.88	16=
32	GP	3	0.88	16=
33	Post Office and box	3	0.88	16=
34	Village hall at Thulston	3	0.88	16=
35	Did not understand statement made	1	0.29	17
	TOTAL	338		

Full results and key

Please note that all comments have been fully detailed below and referenced by area and age, with the following key being used (A – Ambaston, BM – Boulton Moor, E – Elvaston and T – Thulston, together with the corresponding age group). If this information was not provided this has been left blank.

POSITIVES ABOUT THE PARISH

All respondents were asked to write up to three points that are positive about the parish. All results have been categorised under the following headings and are as follows:

Countryside, rural, green space, location, tranquillity and wildlife

1. Lovely area (A, 60+)
2. Landscaped open spaces (BM, 60+)
3. Accessible and attractive green space (BM, 26-40)
4. Quiet! (BM, 26-40)
5. Green fields nearby (hopefully last of the new house builds) (BM, 41-60)
6. Open parkland and footpaths, Field Lane area (BM, 26-40)
7. Great location (BM, 41-60)
8. Almost! Access to public open space (BM, 60+)
9. Quiet (BM, 26-40)
10. Nice quiet area (BM, 41-60)
11. Range of wildlife (E, 60+)
12. Surrounding fields (E, 60+)
13. Lots of green space (E, 41-60)
14. Open spaces and close to shops (BM, 60+)
15. Rural / countryside character of villages (T, 26-40)
16. The wonderful green areas and parkland on the doorstep (T, 26-40)
17. Green spaces (T, 60+)
18. Rural location (T, ?)
19. Quiet and tranquil (T, ?)
20. Green space around each village keeps individual identities of the villages (T, 60+)
21. Surrounded by nature (T, 60+)
22. Small rural community (T, 60+)
23. Small rural community (T, 60+)
24. Quiet area to live (T, 60+)
25. Countryside (T, 60+)
26. Not too much noise (T, 60+)
27. Very quiet and no noise (T, ?)
28. No excessive noise (T, ?)
29. The green space to be in nature (T, 60+)
30. Access to green spaces – Clover Close and Elvaston Castle (T, 60+)
31. Open spaces and wildlife (T, 41-60)
32. Wildlife (T, U16)
33. Abundance of wildlife (T, 60+)
34. Peacefulness and access to green space (T, 41-60)
35. Rural environment (T, 60+)
36. Coronation Meadow (T, 60+)
37. Peaceful (T, 41-60)
38. Green space and mature trees (T, 41-60)
39. Coronation Meadow (T, 41-60)
40. Lots of green spaces and trees
41. Green spaces to enjoy
42. Tranquil village environment
43. Beautiful surroundings
44. Quiet
45. Rural community
46. Green areas especially see animals grazing

47. Tranquillity of village and community spirit
48. Village environment and keep it tranquil
49. Rural activities horse riding, seeing animals in fields like sheep, cows etc.
50. Quiet
51. Access to green spaces
52. Green spaces
53. Fairly quiet
54. The parks that are close
55. Heritage requiring preservation

Elvaston Castle Country Park

1. Elvaston Castle and Estate (as is) (BM, 60+)
2. Elvaston Castle is lovely as it is (BM, 26-40)
3. Elvaston Castle (BM, 17-25)
4. Access to Elvaston Castle and river paths (BM, 41-60)
5. Elvaston Castle (BM, 41-60)
6. Elvaston Castle – don't change it! (BM, 26-40)
7. Having the green space at Elvaston Castle (BM, 41-60)
8. Elvaston Castle with its extensive grounds amenities and shows (BM, 60+)
9. Lovely local parks plus Elvaston Castle (E, 41-60)
10. Plans for Elvaston Castle need to be for everybody (E, 41-60)
11. The amazing country park (E, 60+)
12. Proximity of Elvaston Castle Country Park (E, 60+)
13. Elvaston Castle / horse riding (E, 41-60)
14. Elvaston Castle – lots of freedom to walk dogs (E, 41-60)
15. Proximity to Elvaston Country Park (T, 26-40)
16. Park (T, 60+)
17. Elvaston Castle (T, ?)
18. Elvaston Castle and Park (T, 60+)
19. Access to Elvaston Park (T, 41-60)
20. Elvaston Country Park (T, 60+)
21. Elvaston Castle (T, 60+)
22. Elvaston Castle and Country Park green space (T, 41-60)
23. The castle grounds (perfect) (T, 60+)
24. Elvaston Castle (T, 60+)
25. The joy of living by a castle that is not commercialised (T, 60+)
26. Elvaston Castle – easy access to it (T, 41-60)
27. Lots of green space in country park (T, U16)
28. The castle (T, U16)
29. Easy pedestrian access to the park (T, 60+)
30. Castle groups, access excellent – our back garden (T, 60+)
31. Access to Elvaston Castle and nature reserve (T, 60+)
32. Worried about plans to build roads at castle (T, 60+)
33. We live on the doorstep of Elvaston Country Park (T, 60+)
34. Elvaston Castle Country Park (T, 60+)
35. Elvaston Castle Country Park (T, 41-60)
36. Elvaston Castle Country Park – most important parish asset (T, 60+)
37. Access to country park – green space!!
38. Elvaston Castle and park
39. Living beside Elvaston Castle
40. Easy access to park

41. Use the show ground as much as possible
42. The Elvaston Castle ground
43. "Elvaston Castle" and other green spaces
44. Proximity to Elvaston Country Park and green space
45. Proximity of Elvaston Castle and countryside
46. Elvaston Castle
47. Easy access to country park
48. Amazing local park
49. Easy access to wonderful country park
50. Having Elvaston Castle
51. Elvaston Castle park land
52. Elvaston Castle leave it alone

Community spirit, neighbourliness and cohesion

1. Very friendly people (A, 60+)
2. Friendly/safe (BM, 26-40)
3. Attractive and friendly area to live (BM, 26-40)
4. Nice, friendly community (BM, 41-60)
5. Like that people are friendly when on a walk (BM, 26-40)
6. Friendly neighbours (BM, 26-40)
7. Great community spirit (BM, 60+)
8. Trying to build a community (BM, 60+)
9. The community spirit (E, 60+)
10. Good community (E, 41-60)
11. Community atmosphere (E, 41-60)
12. Good neighbourliness assisted by COVID-19 reaction / responses (T, 41-60)
13. Sense of community brought about from battle of COVID (T, 60+)
14. Small friendly community (T, 41-60)
15. Pleasant neighbours (T, 60+)
16. Good community very friendly (T, 60+)
17. Coronavirus free / good isolation / people positive / nice (T, 60+)
18. People are helpful (T, ?)
19. Very friendly people (T, ?)
20. Friendly people (T, 60+)
21. People who have lived here a while are friendly (T, 41-60)
22. Community spirit – particularly during COVID (T, 60+)
23. Stable resident population means many long-term friendships (T, 60+)
24. Community spirit (T, 41-60)
25. Friendly community (T, 60+)
26. Small and friendly in Thulston (T, 41-60)
27. Since lockdown – increased connections within the community (via WhatsApp)
28. Lovely friendly village
29. Friendly atmosphere – no anti-social behaviour
30. Good sense of community – with friendly neighbours willing to help each other
31. Friendliness of the residents plus increasing community spirit
32. Friendly rural population
33. Good community spirit
34. Friendly
35. The community
36. Community
37. Neighbours

38. I feel safe amongst nice people
39. Good community spirit generated by a core group of people on the estate
40. Residents friendly
41. Positive people

Infrastructure and amenities

1. Speed of growing/development roads/houses/footpaths (BM, 26-40)
2. Open aspect of the estate (BM, 60+)
3. Housing is attractive and well designed (BM, 26-40)
4. Ease of access to major road networks (BM, 41-60)
5. Good transport links and close to amenities (BM, 26-40)
6. Co-op (BM, 17-25)
7. Fairly good amenities (BM, 41-60)
8. Like new cut through end of Colwell (BM, 41-60)
9. Last housing estate (E, 41-60)
10. Road traffic out and about (T, 60+)
11. No shops means no problems (T, 60+)
12. Link roads / close to city (T, 60+)
13. Good roads and footpaths (T, 60+)
14. Local post box (T, 60+)
15. Keep the villages apart (no housing)
16. The parish council allotments
17. Big
18. Amenities
19. Respectful building developers
20. Local shops
21. Alvaston Park / track
22. Restaurant and pubs

Litter management and overall cleanliness

1. Tidy/clean (BM, 26-40)
2. Cleanliness of pavements and verges (BM, 60+)
3. Clean and tidy, well cared for (BM, 41-60)
4. Cleanliness (BM, 60+)
5. Nicely kept (BM, 60+)
6. Litter picking (E, 41-60)
7. Waste disposal gang first class (T, 60+)
8. Paid litter pickers, so no litter (T, 41-60)
9. Little pollution (T, 60+)
10. The cleanliness of the surrounding areas (T, 60+)
11. Waste collection (free – not in recycling bins) (T, 41-60)
12. Litter (T, 60+)
13. Bin collections and prior to COVID rubbish collections at the pub (T, 41-60)
14. Great waste service
15. Tidy area
16. Clean estate
17. Decent refuse collection
18. Its clean and attractive to look at
19. Tidy estate with nice presented houses
20. Clean

Walking, footpaths and cycle paths

1. Very nice walks (A, 60+)
2. Cycle Paths (BM, 60+)
3. Good walk and biking routes (except Snelsmoor Lane to Chellaston) (BM, 41-60)
4. Will be fab if cycle path to A6 is completed (BM, 41-60)
5. Safe crossing under the A6 and cycle/footpaths in that area (BM, 60+)
6. Good walks and cycling routes (E, 41-60)
7. Footpaths good but need extending (E, 41-60)
8. New footpath better needs extending (E, 41-60)
9. Good walks (T, 60+)
10. Good places for walking (T, 60+)
11. Local access to walks (T, 26-40)
12. Nice rural dog walks (T, 41-60)
13. Footpaths
14. Good walks for dog lovers
15. Nice paths

Harrington Arms

1. Pub (E, 41-60)
2. Service from Harrington Arms during lockdown (T, 60+)
3. Harrington Arms – great food (T, 41-60)
4. Harrington Arms pub (T, 60+)
5. Pub (T, 41-60)
6. Excellent food and drink in local pub (T, 60+)
7. Hospitable pub/restaurant (T, 60+)
8. Local pub with food (T, 60+)
9. We have a great pub serving lovely food (T, 60+)
10. Harrington Arms (T, 60+)
11. Pub in our village
12. Nice village pub
13. The Harrington Arms maintained as a friendly and financially viable pub/restaurant

Community events and activities

1. Good inclusive community groups / activities (T, 26-40)
2. Regular get togethers (T, 60+)
3. Summer fete, horticultural show which are organised by community groups (T, 41-60)
4. Community events
5. Community events
6. Clubs (WI and Line Dancing) in village hall
7. Community events and community cohesion
8. Community events
9. Community engagement
10. The things on offer to do

Community safety

1. Feeling of safeness (BM, 60+)
2. Very little nuisance / anti-social behaviour (T, 41-60)
3. Safe friendly neighbourhood to live in (T, 26-40)
4. Low crime rates (T, 26-40)
5. Very low crime (T, ?)

6. Low crime (T, ?)
7. Low crime / safe and pleasant place to live (T, 41-60)

Flowers and planters, benches and signage, greens, grass cutting and monuments

1. Lovely new sign (BM, 26-40)
2. The flowers under the sign (E, 41-60)
3. Love the care taken with greens and monuments etc. (T, 60+)
4. Greens and flower planters (T, 41-60)
5. The planters are an improvement (T, 60+)
6. Reasonably well cut grass in public areas (T, 60+)
7. Good maintenance i.e. grass cutting

Parish Council governance

1. Council is working hard to help us (BM, 41-60)
2. Easy to contact (BM, 60+)
3. Parish Councillors hard work (BM, 60+)
4. Finally having an engaged and enthusiastic parish council (T, 60+)
5. Finally a proactive parish council that is serving the needs of the community (T, 60+)
6. Parish Councillors doing a good job
7. Active parish members

Community promotion

1. Good communication (BM, 60+)
2. Notice boards with information (BM, 60+)
3. Update us well on issues (BM, 60+)
4. Community communication (T, 26-40)
5. News

Public transport

1. Good public transport (buses) (BM, 41-60)
2. Access to bus service (BM, 60+)
3. Regular bus service to Derby/Leicester (Skylink + 73) (T, 41-60)
4. Good bus provision (T, 41-60)
5. Skylink to town

Street lighting

1. Street lighting is excellent (BM, 60+)
2. Street lights (BM, 60+)
3. No polluting street lighting (E, 60+)

Village hall

1. Village hall (T, 41-60)
2. Peaceful, village hall for community activities (T, 60+)

Nothing

1. Not a lot (T, 60+)

AREAS OF CONCERN / SUGGESTIONS MADE TO IMPROVE PARISH

All respondents were asked to write up to three areas of concern or things to improve in the parish. All results are as follows:

Elvaston Castle Country Park

1. Elvaston Castle proposed development (BM, 60+)
2. Proposed development of Elvaston Castle (BM, 26-40)
3. Do not agree with planned road for Elvaston Castle (BM, 41-60)
4. Changing Elvaston Castle to make money (E, 41-60)
5. No new park access road and car parks (E, 60+)
6. No housing development or holiday lets in park (E, 60+)
7. Concerned enormously about DCC and Trust plans for new car park and access road (E, 60+)
8. Against enabling development and holiday lets and glamping in Elvaston Castle Country Park (E, 60+)
9. Roads and development in Elvaston Castle Park (E, 41-60)
10. Traffic in the castle / bridleway – dangerous driving! (E, 41-60)
11. Liaising with Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust (T, 41-60)
12. Elvaston Castle development (new roads, traffic volume, loss of woodlands) (T, 41-60)
13. Development of Elvaston Castle Country Park – new roads, destruction of woodland (T, 26-40)
14. Concern about proposed park access road (T, 41-60)
15. No new entry road (T, 60+)
16. Minimal change to Elvaston Castle – no new entry road (T, 60+)
17. Protect Elvaston Castle and Country Park from unnecessary infrastructure (road and car park) (T, 41-60)
18. Expansion of Elvaston Castle project e.g. road, car park, any future housing developments (T, 41-60)
19. No road or car park to castle (T, U16)
20. Future development of Elvaston (Castle) and impact on environment (T, 41-60)
21. Link road/movement and car park as may encourage future housing (T, 41-60)
22. DCC planned master plan for Elvaston Country Park (T, 60+)
23. Buy Elvaston Castle and run it properly (T, 41-60)
24. Protect Elvaston Castle Country Park from unnecessary road and car park and invest in the buildings and grounds themselves to income generate for sustainability (T, 60+)
25. Development and protection of castle and park
26. New road and car park in Elvaston Castle Country Park (worried about environmental impact)
27. Development of castle needs to be monitored, no new roads/residential on castle grounds
28. To keep the castle in good repair
29. Protection/development of Elvaston Castle
30. Development proposals which potentially compromise the status of the Elvaston Castle estate as a country park
31. Securing the future of Elvaston Castle
32. Stop the developing of the road in Elvaston park

Traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding

1. Speeding – Rawton Way / Chilham Way / Woodsford – main footpath through estate crosses house roads (BM, 26-40)
2. Rush hour traffic getting worse due to current road infrastructure – not supporting all the new housing (BM, 41-60)
3. Snelsmoor Lane traffic the A6 roundabout, the speed limit on the bends (BM, 41-60)

4. Can anything be done about the blind corner where Grove Close, meets Broad Lane/Oak Road outside the Harrington Arms. Very dangerous when coming out of Grove Close to turn right (BM, 60+)
5. Road safety, noise, pollution (BM, 60+)
6. Warnings to stop speeders on Colwell Drive (BM, 60+)
7. Traffic through village (E, 41-60)
8. Traffic management – Shardlow Road / A50 Derby spur / B5010 / Alvaston By Pass – part time traffic lights? (T, 26-40)
9. Road noise from A50 intrusive (T, ?)
10. Noise from Airport (T, 60+)
11. Noise from A6 (T, 60+)
12. Living in Grove Court means we are a turning circle for dog walker cars (tarmac in terrible condition) (T, 60+)
13. Mirror across road to pull out (T, 60+)
14. Need more 30 miles sign (T, 60+)
15. Speeding cars, lack of signs re speed (T, 60+)
16. Speeding through the village (T, 60+)
17. Speeding traffic (T, 60+)
18. Traffic volume and noise (T, 60+)
19. Traffic volume, noise, pollution (T, 41-60)
20. Driving instructors too many
21. Cars speeding, parking on pavement
22. Speeding on the B5010 (Broad Lane/Oak Road)
23. Traffic speeding on Main Road
24. The speed of traffic from Beechwood up to Borrowash and between is alarming
25. Speeding – Chilham Way
26. Oxygen

Pavements, pathways and footpaths

1. The state of the pavements – still not finished (BM,41-60)
2. Need a footpath from the new roundabout on Snelsmoor Lane (top of new Persimmon Estate) to the existing roundabout on Shardlow Road. There are bus stops either side of Woods Meadow but no safe path to them (BM, 60+)
3. Walkway from Boulton Moor to Chellaston (BM, 41-60)
4. Don't like cut throughs and jitty's (BM, 60+)
5. Chellaston Lane needs path all way up (E, 41-60)
6. Repairs to path to bus stop (T, 60+)
7. No pavement from Wood Meadow to bus stop to Boulton Moor along Snelsmoor Lane (muddy in Winter) (T, 26-40)
8. Footpaths through village (T, 60+)
9. The path from main road to village could be tidier (T, 60+)
10. Mark the footpath more (T, ?)
11. Make the footpath more defined (T, ?)
12. The road to Ambaston needs proper tarmac passageways (T, 60+)
13. Footpath maintenance (T, 60+)
14. The footpaths need maintaining better (T, 60+)
15. Public footpaths require maintaining more (T, 41-60)
16. Uneven pavement and overgrown hedge to A6 junction (Ball Lane) (T, 60+)
17. Part of the tarmac path between the houses is worn – not too good for us oldies (T, 60+)
18. Paths along the road for easier walking access
19. Pavement on Snelsmoor

20. No pavement to bus stops Snelsmoor Lane
21. Surface of the jitty to the park – very unsuitable for wheel chairs Grove Court to park
22. Not easy access for walking
23. Walkway from Boulton Moor to Chellaston
24. Pavement between Garden Farm up to entrance of Elvaston Castle Country Park – car park is dangerous for pedestrians
25. Footpath to Elvaston Council

Shops

1. Development shops – pharmacy etc. youth café, community building (BM, 26-40)
2. More local shops (BM, 41-60)
3. Shops, post office (BM, 26-40)
4. Need small supermarket on Buttercup Leys (BM, 26-40)
5. Another shop (BM, 41-60)
6. Affordable shops (E, 41-60)
7. More shops and school (E, 41-60)
8. Local shop (T, 41-60)
9. A village shop (T, 60+)
10. A village shop (T, 60+)
11. Shops nearby
12. Shop and community centre
13. Lack of facilities – shops
14. Shop/café – village community idea/run
15. No shop local
16. Shops, GP and chippy
17. No village shop
18. Open more shops that 12 and older can work at for money on Saturdays
19. More local shops, make a theme park
20. Open small things that 10 and over can earn money
21. More local shops and road bike trails
22. More shops, doctors survey, dentist, secondary school

Car parking

1. That owners on the estate use own driveways (BM, 26-40)
2. Increased parking on Brook Road / Grove Close junction by dog walkers etc. avoiding paying for car parking (T, 41-60)
3. Dog walker parking in Thulston – the pollution, fouling and accident risk this brings (T, 26-40)
4. Parking on the street by park goers (T, ?)
5. Parking (T, 60+)
6. Loud voices and car door banging from early morning dog walkers 6 am (T, 60+)
7. Leaflets to be posted on cars, advising of other parking areas not the junction of the village green – very dangerous! (T,41-60)
8. Dog walkers parking on streets (T, 41-60)
9. Generally parking awful by non-residents in village – dog fouling (T, 60+)
10. Stop parking outside pub (T, ?)
11. Stop the parking by pub car park (T, ?)
12. The parking outside the pub car park entrance (T, ?)
13. Car parking across from pub causing congestion when entering Hanslynn (T, 41-60)
14. Parking on roads opposite pub car park and people thinking there is a through road to castle (T, 41-60)
15. Non-resident parking in villages

16. Parking (visitors “dog walkers”)
17. Car parking – need some yellow lines
18. Inconsiderate parking on village roads to access the country park – also anti-social behaviour – litter, vandalism and overt drug dealing on the country park and surrounds
19. Visitors to castle parking on village roads
20. Discourage parking on pavements

Soft landscaping (flowers, shrubs, hedges and trees)

1. Infrequent maintenance of shrubbery (BM, 60+)
2. Replace the many dead trees in Buttercup Leys (BM, 41-60)
3. Leave grass by water to grow (BM, 60+)
4. Hedges cut more often (BM, 26-40)
5. More small trees on cut through (BM, 60+)
6. Pavement up Broad Lane – hedge overgrown – not cut often enough – thorns at face height in the dark (T, 60+)
7. Remove / prune two large trees at junction of Sturgess Lane and Grove Close (T, 60+)
8. Trim the village green tree (T, ?)
9. Control the growth of the car park tree (T, ?)
10. I am worried about the size of the trees at Thulston green especially the one nearest my boundary (T, 60+)
11. Village green – could it be used to host community events. What about a bench along footpath – or community orchard or wildflower patch (T, 60+)
12. Hedgerows left uncut on narrow pavement having to walk on road (Elvaston to Borrowwash) (T, 60+)
13. Would like more flower planters (T, 60+)
14. Hedges need attention
15. More trees and flowers
16. Hedge up to main road – scratches your eyes out
17. Poor protection of trees
18. Environment Agency owned land alongside brook from Colwell Drive to Chellaston Lane needs regular mowing
19. More trees

Housing, developers, land use and protection of green space

1. Make developers meet commitments with completing works asap (BM, 60+)
2. Delivery of developers promises for Boulton Moor – sports ground, footbridge / park and ride (T, 41-60)
3. Protect parish from excessive housing development (T, 41-60)
4. Encroachment of building distribution warehouses etc. on surrounding green spaces and threat to green belt land (T, 60+)
5. Neighbourhood plan needed to protect important green space and village identity (T, 60+)
6. The community need updates on all that’s going to be built and when dates
7. Too much housing encroaching on village
8. House building projects
9. To keep the villages as villages
10. Protection of village tranquillity
11. Encroachment by development eg. distribution centres
12. Gradual erosion of village status due to encroaching building
13. No planning strategy
14. Keep current levels of greenery
15. Need more green areas

16. Preservation of green spaces, natural environment and wildlife

General amenities

1. Lack of amenities (other than pub) (T, ?)
2. Lack of amenities (T, 26-40)
3. Ensuring viability of community facilities and groups (T, 26-40)
4. Area to hold boot sales
5. More allotments
6. No facilities
7. Add parks and more things to do
8. Picnic area for families
9. Hybrid car points
10. Recycle station and clothing bank etc.
11. Attic to re-open and a new brothel on Sevenlands
12. Handwashing and sanitiser areas near park and food areas

Geographical governance

1. Too big – separate Boulton Moor (E, 41-60)
2. Integrating rural and new development – balance of differing resident needs (T, 26-40)
3. Fear of villages' needs being swamped by growing Boulton Moor (T, 60+)
4. The separate areas of the parish seem somewhat disconnected (T, 26-40)
5. Disconnection between rural side of parish and Boulton Moor – too geographically spread to have focussed community activities and value for money – separate parish councils needed (T, 41-60)
6. Better liaison between areas through parish council and all groups consideration of growing population (T, 60+)
7. Take Boulton Moor out of the parish – the parish here should be Elvaston, Ambaston and Thulston only (T, 41-60)
8. Would prefer Boulton Moor not to be part of Elvaston parish (T, 60+)
9. Get rid of Boulton Moor – its urban (T, 41-60)
10. Concentrate on the rural matters (T, 41-60)
11. Separation of rural and urban parish wards (T, 41-60)
12. Size of the parish, rural/BM growing

Litter, rubbish and cleanliness

1. Litter (BM, 60+)
2. Cleanliness of communal areas (BM, 60+)
3. Litter left behind by visitors (E, 41-60)
4. Continuous dumping of rubbish in gateway near A6 island (T, 60+)
5. General tidy up (T, 60+)
6. Litter and fly tipping (T, 60+)
7. Pollution, litter, fly tipping
8. Pollution litter – too many log burners
9. Pollution, litter especially non-residents parking in village to use castle facilities
10. Litter
11. Litter
12. Skip in Thulston why not here

School

1. School – no sign of build (BM, 26-40)
2. Uncertainty about schools (BM, 26-40)
3. A clear plan (and timeline) from Persimmon for Buttercup Leys and school (BM, 26-40)
4. Local primary school / s (BM, 41-60)
5. General lack of facilities. I've lived here for 5 ½ years and still feels like a building site, no school, no shops, no bus route, no post box, no bins (BM, 41-60)
6. Dates and information when school being built
7. Lack of good schools
8. School?
9. Requires a secondary school
10. Secondary schools need to be better

Public transport

1. Bus service (E, 41-60)
2. Bus route on new estate (BM, 41-60)
3. No bus service (T, 60+)
4. Bus service through village (T, 60+)
5. Bus timetable on the village notice board (T, 60+)
6. Bus stop nearby
7. Need a bus route from Snelsmoor Lane linking to town
8. No bus stop / pavement on Snelsmoor Lane
9. Bus route for Snelsmoor Lane
10. Bus service for Swadlincote and Burton

Play area / park

1. Park – not a great standard (BM, 26-40)
2. Lack of safe access to playing field, children's play area – Field Lane Recreation Ground (BM, 60+)
3. Lack of parks/things for small children (T, 26-40)
4. Better play facilities for children
5. Bigger park
6. Bigger park, more activities suitable for young and older children
7. Park and playing facilities for children
8. Better parks needed
9. Add more parks and more courts

Community welfare, activities, events

1. Introduction of a Christmas Fayre in the area (BM, 60+)
2. Christmas lights would be nice (E, 41-60)
3. More community events, particularly at Christmas (T, 60+)
4. More community events, for example Aston and Weston Trent – well dressing, scarecrow trail, Christmas tree on green (T, 41-60)
5. Christmas events – not just carols in the pub (T, 41-60)
6. Would like a village Christmas tree with lights (T, 60+)
7. Future of church (T, 60+)
8. Post COVID a music festival / venue would be nice!
9. Lack of interest in and help for elderly especially those living alone

Community safety, crime, policing

1. Lack of visible policing (BM, 60+)
2. Local crime issues (BM, 60+)
3. Concern about vandalism / theft increasing (BM, 60+)
4. No/lack of local policing (BM, 60+)
5. Crime (BM, 17-25)
6. Close cut through to reduce crime (BM, 60+)
7. Teenagers loitering (BM, 60+)
8. Car crime

Bins

1. One or two more bins on Buttercup Leys (BM, 41-60)
2. Rubbish bins / poo bins none on new estate (BM, 26-40)
3. Need grit bin by Colwell Drive /Sevenlands (new cut through end) (BM, 41-60)
4. Need more bins
5. More bins
6. Not enough litter bins
7. More bins on the estate
8. Need more bins on the estate

Fly tipping

1. Fly tipping on Ambaston Lane (E, 41-60)
2. Fly tipping / litter (particularly Ambaston Lane area) (T, 41-60)
3. Fly tipping (T, 60+)
4. Fly tipping, dog walkers not picking up poo (T, 41-60)
5. Fly tipping Ambaston Lane (T, 60+)
6. Fly tipping and volume of litter (T, 41-60)
7. Fly tipping – litter pollution especially non-residents that park in village to use castle facilities
8. Fly tipping – preservation of green areas

Flooding

1. Waterways cleared regularly (BM, 60+)
2. Flooding – road Thulston – Borrowwash plus Ambaston (T, 41-60)
3. Hedge / drains need dredging, prevents flooding (T, 41-60)
4. Flooding – need to clear out drains and waterways (T, 41-60)
5. Floods (T, 60+)
6. Flood control and prevention along Borrowwash Road and threat from Derwent if levels rise (T, 60+)
7. Flood prevention by way of maintenance of brooks and drains (T, 60+)
8. The persistent flooding on B5010 between Beechwood and Elvaston Castle Country car park entrance really needs to be addressed once and for all especially in front of the wall

Public house, café

1. Lack of facilities on the Boulton Moor estate e.g. pub and bus route (BM, 41-60)
2. Nice public house with beer garden (family orientated) (BM, 41-60)
3. More amenities needed – local pub, shop, post office, bus route, post box
4. Café
5. Pub
6. Fish and Chip shop and takeaway
7. Restaurants and pubs

Street lighting

1. Better lighting (BM, 17-25)
2. No street lights please (E, 60+)
3. Lighting (Broad Lane – Grove Close) (T, 60+)
4. More lighting needed
5. Lighting
6. Lights on cut through between Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys

Footbridge

1. Lack of safe access for school children to walk home from Noel Baker! Solution foot bridge across ditches (BM, 60+)
2. Bridge across Field Lane brook (BM, 26-40)
3. (Possibly not our parish) but the Borrowash Bridge needs sorting out i.e. bikes on road to allow pedestrians across (T, 60+)
4. Bridge from Field Lane sports field to Boulton Moor estate
5. Bridge between Field Lane park

Cycle paths

1. Speed up cycle paths to Elvaston Castle (BM, 60+)
2. Needs cycle lane on the lane – Swarkeston Road to Chellaston (E, 41-60)
3. Better cycle networks (T, U16)
4. Bike track
5. More cycle paths and footpaths

Sports facilities

1. Lack of sports areas for all sports activities with central community building (T, 60+)
2. Skate park or BMX track (T, U16)
3. Playing fields, basketball court and tennis court
4. Changing rooms and toilets
5. Alvaston park / track

Community Centre at Boulton Moor

1. Need a community centre for area (BM, 60+)
2. Lack of safe access to the nearest community meeting place (BM, 60+)
3. A community centre (BM, 26-40)
4. We need (desperately) some community facilities on Buttercup Leys / Boulton Moor (BM, 41-60)
5. Community/village hall on Boulton Moor

Nuisance (roadworks, other noise (dogs, neighbours))

1. Constant roadworks (BM, 41-60)
2. Barking dogs (T, 60+)
3. Dog walkers and barking dogs (T, 60+)
4. Some noisy neighbours could be quietly reminded of social obligations
5. Road works

Dog bins and dog fouling

1. Dog poo!!! (BM, 17-25)
2. Dog owners to pick up mess (BM, 26-40)
3. More dog bins please

4. Dog bins, no bins
5. More dog mess bins

Community promotion

1. Regular newsletter about community events (BM, 60+)
2. Stop moaning about pointless issues on Facebook (BM, 26-40)
3. Lack of easily accessible information about Buttercup Leys including school, shops, play grounds and community centre (BM, 26-40)
4. Parish news sheet / paper (T, 60+)
5. We would like to know more – recently moved in

Parish Council governance

1. Remit / power of parish council (lack of it) (T, 60+)
2. Frustrating that the same political conversations are still taking place now as were 10 years ago (T, 60+)
3. Council knowledge about parish (T, 60+)
4. Why has the Communities Group been bypassed?

Road maintenance

1. The roads need finishing
2. Road surfacing (poor)
3. Keep roads in good repair
4. Better road surface

Benches

1. Benches on the green areas (BM, 60+)
2. Would like bench on top village green (E, 60+)
3. Benches around estates

Signage

1. Signpost to where things are
2. A drive safely sign to curb speeding on Sevenlands Drive (BM, 60+)
3. Give way sign at Post box (T, 60+)

GP

1. Local GP surgery would be nice (BM, 26-40)
2. Doctors
3. Have GP in Boulton Moor

Post office and box

1. Post box (BM, 60+)
2. Need more facilities – post box
3. Post box

Village Hall at Thulston

1. New village hall (more accessible) (T, 60+)
2. Better “social” use of village hall
3. We need to use the village hall for more like dance nights (can teach rock n roll no problem) (T, 60+)

Did not understand comment made

Find new route for proposed one

APPENDIX B

Researched Grant Aid Opportunities

The following funds have been identified as having potential to support a community-based project. Please note that some opportunities are to support capital-based land and building projects and others only support revenue-based projects i.e. start-up costs. As follows:

Biffaward

Biffaward is aimed at groups that need funding to improve the quality of life in their community. It provides funding for site-based capital expenditure to create or improve a community amenity or habitat for biodiversity. Up to £75,000 can be awarded. All projects must fit within one of four themes; Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings, Recreation or Cultural Facilities.

The application must show evidence of wider community use, involvement and consultation. The funding themes are as follows:

Rebuilding Biodiversity – Projects under this theme support a variety of living things including all species of plants and animals and the natural systems/habitats that support them. Work can include habitat improvement works, tree surgery, scrub removal and the purchase of plants, seeds and trees. Ideally projects will have a strong element of public access or inclusion such as volunteer involvement.

Recreation - The recreation theme generally covers projects which will benefit people within their free time. Many projects under this theme also have elements of the other themes within them. Examples of projects include play equipment, landscaping including boardwalks, trees and shrubs, skate parks, woodland walks, nature trails, outdoor gym and building work within wider community areas of sporting clubhouses, e.g. kitchen and toilets which have a wider community use and are not for the sole use of sports club members. Biffaward do not fund sports related projects e.g. floodlighting, pitches, changing rooms and cricket nets.

Community Buildings – Projects under this theme include those which improve buildings at the heart of their communities, such as village halls, community centres and church halls. They can include building refurbishments and internal works to kitchens, toilets, roofs, flooring, window, doors and heating systems.

Cultural Facilities – this theme aims to improve recreation, interest and education including theatres, gallery, museum, concert hall, arts or heritage centre. The facility should be inclusive and inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation.

Built Environment – projects should aim to restore, modernise and improve facilities such as cultural, heritage or visitor centres to engage and encourage tourists and/or day visitors. The facility should be inclusive and inspire and promote learning, creativity and participation. (Biffaward website 2017)

This fund is subject to a specific project location postcode check to determine if it is an option, but should be examined.

Community Fund - Awards for All

Supports not for profit smaller charities and community led groups (including parish councils) to prosper and thrive. It is available to help communities recover, rebuild and grow following the Covid-19 pandemic. Applicants can apply for funding to deliver a new or existing activity or support your organisation to change and adapt to new and future challenges. It recognises barriers to opportunity, funding and being able to join in for some people experiencing exclusion or stigma and encourages applications that represent diversity across England and particularly want to support those who experience the greatest exclusion. In order to support communities to thrive, we aim to:

- Build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

Funding can be spent on: running costs, small land or refurbishment projects, equipment, one off events, staff costs, training costs, utilities and volunteer expenses. (The National Lottery website, Undated)

Community Fund - Reaching Communities England

This programme offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work with their community to help them thrive. It funds projects that work to make positive changes in their community, whether that is for people living in the same area or people with similar interests or life experiences. With the Covid-19 pandemic still with us, it will continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by Covid-19. In order to support communities to thrive, it aims to:

- Build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

Funding can be spent on: direct costs, organisation development and purchasing, refurbishing or development of land and buildings. (The National Lottery website, Undated)

Foundation Derbyshire

The Let's Create Jubilee Fund / Derbyshire High Sheriff Fund (up to £1,000)

The fund will support revenue costs, capital costs, project work and one-off events and activities, which improve people's understanding of crime, alcohol, drug and solvent abuse and projects that help create safer communities and help prevent crimes in neighbourhoods.

The William and Griselda Kerr Fund (up to £1,000)

The fund supports groups that use the arts, such as music, dance and drama to work with and help some of the most vulnerable in our society. It will also consider groups using horticulture to develop skills, health and opportunities including gardening and allotments to farming.

The Police and Crime Commissioner Community Investment Fund (up to £2,000)

The fund supports activities that help to reduce anti-social behaviour and other causes of crime, activities that support vulnerable young people at risk of committing crime or becoming victims of crime, projects that promote personal and or community safety, projects that help to improve the local community through an activity or through improving the community physically.

The Ashby Fund (up to £2,000)

The fund will support a broad cross section of projects and a wide variety of groups to improve the quality of life for Derbyshire residents and tackle inequalities and disadvantages faced in local communities.

The Freemasons of Derbyshire Fund (up to £2,000)

Priority is given to activities and groups that are working to promote the advancement of health and well-being, prevent or relieve poverty, support the most vulnerable in our communities such as children and young people, the elderly and isolated or individuals with mental health problems or disabilities and enhance the quality of life for people living in local communities.

The Derbyshire Volunteer Fund (up to £2,000)

The fund has three main strands; volunteer recruitment, training and retention, training of staff and community members, and projects working to increase communication and networking opportunities.

The Foundation Derbyshire General Fund (up to £2,000)

The fund aims to support community life and tackle disadvantage. (Foundation Derbyshire website, Undated)

Severn Trent Community Fund

From 2020, the fund will award more than £10 million over the next five years to support new projects by local charities and community groups in the Severn Trent region – helping to make a real and tangible difference in our communities.

The fund is based around improving community well-being including:

- People – Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills
- Places – Projects that help to create better places to live in and use
- Environment – Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

The fund seeks to fund projects that link to these key elements of community wellbeing – with favourability shown to projects that ideally lie within a sweet spot that incorporates all three. If applying for over £75,000 a combination of all three themes is necessary to be eligible. Being a water-company it would love to see applications for projects that have a connection to water too although not essential. This could include sustainable drainage, installing grey water recycling or creating water efficient green spaces. Applicants must be not for profit. It will not fund projects where Severn Trent is not the majority funder.

Open to not-for-profit groups – local authority, parish council, CIO, registered company limited by guarantee or CIC, registered charity, volunteer or community group, foundation school. Applicants can apply for £2,000-£10,000, £10,001-£75,000 and £75,001-£200,000. Ten percent from own reserves if applying for over £10,000. The fund looks for projects that are unique, have a genuine community need and stand out as having a real impact on improving community wellbeing. Assessed against community need and involvement, project well planned, sustainability and value for money. (Severn Trent website (2016))

South Derbyshire District Council - Community Grants

The Community Partnership to Community & Environment Partnership Scheme offers the chance for community groups, charities and volunteer organisations to apply to receive funding. This is available for a wide variety of organisations and projects, from parish councils and sporting groups

to arts, heritage and environmental schemes. In the past, the scheme has, among other things, invested in communities to help with the cost of new buildings and supported improvements to community spaces. Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 will be awarded as matched funding to support capital projects with a value of £4,000 and above. Those applying must demonstrate that being awarded the funding would improve the quality of life of residents in South Derbyshire. (South Derbyshire District Council website, (Undated))

[South Derbyshire District Council - The Active South Derbyshire Sports Pass and Grant Scheme](#)

The scheme is designed to help talented local sports people to reach county, regional, national and international levels. Depending on their level of achievement to date, individual applicants will be eligible for one or both of the following: The provision of a Sports Pass, which allows free use of certain sports facilities for training purposes at Green Bank or Etwall Leisure Centre, A small financial grant for training and coaching expenses, travel costs or specialist equipment. Funding is available twice a year. (South Derbyshire District Council website, (Undated))

[Sport England Queens Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund](#)

This fund aims to support sport and physical activity as a means of bringing a community together and tackling inequalities via awards of between £300 and £10,000 with the priority to support projects working with people in disadvantaged communities IMD 1-3. Awards are to help inactive people get active or less active people become more active. Not for profit organisations can apply including parish councils. Minor facility alterations can be funded eg. to adapt a community space to make it more accessible / provide an offer of sport and physical activity. (Sport England website (Undated))

[Veolia Environmental Trust](#)

It awards grants towards projects that make improvements to community facilities and the natural environment. There are two grant schemes available; Community Grants Scheme and Nature Conservation Grants Scheme. The Community Grants Scheme is available to constituted not for profit organisations, local authorities and environmental bodies. Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community. The Habitat and Biodiversity Grant and Environmental Improvement Grant both fund projects between £10,000 and £75,000. (Veolia Environmental Trust (2020))

This fund is subject to a specific project location postcode check to determine if it is an option, but should be examined.

APPENDIX C

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PARISH CLERK

Elvaston Parish Council Updated information to support Parish Plan Submission by Elvaston Parish Council

Elvaston Parish Council comprises nine Parish Councillors, six representing the rural areas of Ambaston, Thulston and Elvaston and three representing the Boulton ward. There is one current vacancy for a Boulton ward Councillor which has been vacant since February 2022 and is expected to be filled in April 2022. The Councillors are supported by a Clerk/RFO who currently works 10 hours per week and a lengthsman who works 20 hours per week across all four parish areas.

Elvaston Parish Council have the following advisory groups:

Finance – Clerk/RFO, Chairman and two other member Councillors with relevant financial experience meet at least four times annually to set the budget and discuss the precept request, check the budget expenditure is in line with the budget forecast, complete reconciliation of the cashbook and bank accounts and make recommendations for approval at full council meetings. The finance advisory group also oversee the completion of the annual return in conjunction with the Clerk/RFO, discuss recommendations from the internal auditors and report any findings or recommendations for approval to full council.

Personnel/Employment – Clerk/RFO, Chairman and two other member Councillors with relevant HR experience meet as required to discuss any personnel/employment issues which are reported. The advisory group follows the procedures as detailed in the complaints policy and the code of practice with any issues regarding Councillor conduct being directed to the Monitoring Officer at South Derbyshire District Council. Any vacancies are advertised as required and candidates shortlisted and interviewed as per the job specification.

Environmental – Chairman and two other Councillors attend meetings as required and make any recommendations to full council for approval.

Health & Safety – all member Councillors are a part of this advisory group and decisions are made and implemented at full council meetings. The Clerk/RFO advises the member Councillors on any legal/legislative changes which require implementation.

Allotments – Clerk/RFO, Chairman, one other member Councillor and a current allotment tenant make up the allotments advisory group, with any issues discussed and recommendations made to full council for approval.

General categories within the responsibility matrix:

- Footpaths – member Councillors for their respective ward areas inspect footpaths regularly and report any issues to the Clerk/RFO
- Benches are inspected regularly and any issues reported to the Clerk/RFO
- Hedges & trees are inspected regularly and any issues reported to the Clerk/RFO

- Defibrillators are inspected monthly by a member Councillor and two members of public who report any issues or send any stock requirements to the Clerk/RFO
- Website maintenance is the responsibility of the Clerk/RFO, supported by the lengthsman and one other member Councillor
- Risk Assessments are carried out annually (for reviews) and as required for new events by the Clerk/RFO with a member Councillor
- Waste Bins & dog bins are inspected regularly with any issues reported to the Clerk/RFO
- Flood/Gravel Liaison meetings attended regularly and reported to full council meeting by a member of the public

Forums and Committees attended/represented by Elvaston Parish Council

- Flood/Gravel Liaison
- East Midlands Airport Community Engagement
- Area Forum with South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Constabulary
- Parochial Church Council
- Elvaston Communities Group
- Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys Liaison Group with Persimmon Homes
- Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust
- Elvaston Castle Action Group

Information of current relevance to the plan:

Ongoing plans to improve the parish aesthetically for all residents, including work on the Thulston Brook and Sturges Lane footpath to increase accessibility for all. Further plans will be announced as we move through the year.

South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan can be found via this link: See reference.

Community Group Questionnaires: None submitted so far

Other relevant information: Elvaston Parish Council, since February 2020 continue to be compliant with all local and national procedures and are adhering to the legislation laid out in law. Furthermore, all core functions are being met in a timely manner and the previous constraints of the budget have now resolved through the passage of time with robust budget setting and monitoring; and appropriate review.

Population by Parish Area:

This information is not currently available by parish area but is expected to be available with the results of the 2021 Census data and will be updated in early summer 2022.

Approximate figures are as follows:

Ambaston – 50 dwellings with average of 2.56 persons per dwelling = 128 persons

Elvaston – 100 dwellings with average of 2.56 persons per dwelling = 256 persons

Thulston – 200 dwellings with average of 2.56 persons per dwelling = 512 persons

Boulton Moor – 1750 dwellings with average of 2.56 persons per dwelling = 4480 persons

Total of population (approx.) = 5376

There is no neighbourhood plan currently in place.

Elvaston Parish Council does not own any buildings. Elvaston Village Hall is owned by St Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council. Elvaston Parish Council does own the lower village green,

leading to Coronation Meadow and is currently in negotiation with both Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council over the ownership of the upper village green.

The Parish Council receives an annual precept of £42,588.00 – there is a publicly available breakdown of this available on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council reserves are currently between 3 and 12 months running costs for the Parish Council. Unfortunately; after a period of poor financial management, the reserve funds were depleted to an unacceptable level and are now in the process of being recovered in line with legislation.

Elvaston Parish Council offers a grant funding programme to local community groups, whereby groups can apply to receive up to £500 for their group towards a specific item of expenditure. The grant applications are assessed with strict criteria applied to each individual application. Grant applications are heard in May and November annually and successful applications receive the awarded grant funding within 24-48 hours of the grant being approved.

Elvaston Parish Council has applied for funding from South Derbyshire District Council Safer Neighbourhoods Team and Derbyshire Constabulary as part of a parish ward approach to tackling fly-tipping locally. £7,000 was awarded to be split across four of the parish areas of the Aston ward.

The council promotes council meetings and activities on its website and Facebook page. The website achieves 2,416 views per month (28,994 annually) and the Facebook page achieves 1800 views per month (602 likes). It has seven notice boards including one in Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston and four notice boards in Boulton Moor. It also administrates an Instagram account.

APPENDIX D

Community Responses to Derbyshire County Council Elvaston Castle and Country Park Master Plan – Open comments received in survey

Traffic light system – Red oppose, Amber neutral point or suggestion, green support.

1. Feels like a wish list rather than a real plan of action although the vision is to be applauded. More needs to be done to create a master plan that has the visitor in mind and what will make a great experience whether a person is walking their dog, riding bikes or staying in a flanking field. I feel there is wasted investment in infrastructure, such as the road, that could be better spent elsewhere on developing the grounds for greater things to do with family and friends – for example nature trails, etc.
2. I agree with the Friends of Elvaston Castle
3. In general ok, a welcome improvement to the estate, but siting the car park next to the nature reserve is a big mistake
4. Reasoned and achievable
5. It needs to be sympathetic to the environment and maintain current aesthetics
6. I like the plans
7. Good to see a plan for Elvaston Castle – however it would be useful if the Trust would meet and discuss the changes, and recognise the concerns of local community. Would be useful for the parish council to help with this or get the trust to instruct an impartial mediator
8. Video looks good, not too sure what all the proposals are
9. Diversification of business practice will allow for funding to come back to the area. As long as it remains open to the public and enhances the day visitors trip there shouldn't be an issue
10. I do believe it's an overall good idea for the sake of sustainability
11. As long as the public still have access at a low cost so you can walk, dog walk, exercise several times a week without costing too much
12. Positioning of a new road and car park is appalling and completely unnecessary. The restorations from the plan do not feel sympathetic and some of the proposed activities would completely take away from the peace and tranquility the park currently provides
13. I don't like the idea of creating a new road or of making more car parks. Restoring the castle is a good idea and it would make a lovely wedding venue. Camping/glamping could make the grounds too commercialised and could decrease the public's enjoyment and local sense of ownership of the park
14. Glad that attention is being given
15. Will be better organised to bring more monies attracting more people to attend. Can organise more events and better equipped to handle more people
16. No need for lot of infrastructure change – when the park has an entrance and car park already
17. Initial actions and investment should focus on restoring the main buildings, improving drainage of the show ground and improving facilities eg café/restaurant, garden centre, craft shops

18. Something needs to be done to generate income to halt the slow, perceivable decline in natural facilities, gardens and walkways
19. Other plans that I am aware of that have tried to privatise eg lettings have meant that these people have less respect as they have paid to be there – littering etc.
20. The proposals will ensure the future of the park and preserve its historic value. There is too much inappropriate traffic accessing the disabled entrance beside the Clock House. New, clearer signage might help here. The development of a new entrance would hopefully ease the traffic, passing through Elvaston village, especially on events days/weekends
21. Generally happy with the plans. Just concerned with more properties. Hoping the access to the car park will improve parking issues around the parish
22. I do not agree that a new road is necessary. I would like to see some development and restoration but the current plans look as if they will destroy the environment and also ruin the atmosphere. I do not see the point of preserving something when the way it is done ruins it.
23. Little improvement for the main users of the park – dog walkers, families with children and picnickers
24. The castle and park need a settled future and the plan provides a way forward. However, the siting of the new entrance road at the A6 remain unclear and its construction should avoid the removal of established trees, while we do not agree with the proposed residential use
25. Not keen on any residential dwellings
26. They go beyond what is reasonably required to make the maintenance of the buildings, park and grounds financially viable
27. Pleased that development will be happening. Needs restoration to ensure longevity and will be good for the local community and economy
28. We want a country park not a commercialised outlet
29. I think they could be beneficial overall, attracting more visitors and making use of the space and house. It's a shame the house is currently not used / open for visitors
30. Sad that residential has to be included
31. There is no justification for a new road or car park. It is a trojan horse to facilitate what the county really wants, which is to make the site an attractive proposition for housing development
32. Not yet reviewed the plan
33. Whilst I agree with improving Elvaston Castle, I do not agree with some of the proposals i.e. turning the current car park into a glamping site, making a new car park close to the castle, and I do not agree with the new road. Why can't the main car park be extended?
34. Looks like a plan to keep us happy while converting buildings into posh developments that locals won't be able to afford
35. I am concerned that the new proposals will destroy what makes the Castle such a lovely place to visit. It is aimed at visitors from other counties to the detriment of the locals.
36. Should bring more people to the area
37. It is about time the castle and park are renovated and made into a destination for more visitors, and the new car parking area is needed to cut down the traffic through Thulston and Elvaston
38. Does not consider the history of the area. However, economic requirements and lack of purpose by local councils now require positive steps. The area is behind the curve on advancement, to some extent because SDDC concentrated on the six areas around Swadlincote. The master plan is considered a sub part of some longer development project.
39. Your misleading question relating to the existing car park and the existing caravan park should be addressed... I support the use of existing caravan park for glamping but not the existing car park.

40. Tricky situation but not a bad plan in the round
41. If they can finance the restoration of the castle – fine. I wouldn't want people living their hotel style as they will want privacy and thus deny public access. That should be priority.
42. Encouraging, mainly because the house needs a purpose as its important that it remains part of the community and doesn't fall into a further state of disrepair.
43. Looks very shiny – doubt it would end up looking like it. Pleased an improved play area is being considered. The lack of facilities in the parish and the awful (small, often broken) provision in the Elvaston car park is just pitiful given the number of children who visit. Facilities at Markeaton are around 10x the size and quality for what seems like a similar number of visitors.
44. Plans are almost as misguided, lacking imagination, contradictory to essence of place, new access road unnecessary and foolish. Enabling/converting buildings for occupation = conflict and ruination of spirit of place. ECAG plans are far superior and should be used.
45. Nice to have investment in the area
46. This plan is a pipe dream. Probably the pre-cursor to development of the site for housing
47. New access road and car park, use of show ground for glamping, enabling development, residential use of upper castle – all atrocious ideas
48. Neutral
49. Realism needs to be considered – cost of keeping castle and estate has to be financed to maintain provision, albeit different, for public use
50. Disagree it is a country park will not see any wildlife if turned into a fairground
51. Great for the area, but the parish must benefit from job creation and the events/ visitor numbers. I just don't think the new road from the A6 and the loss of diversity and environmental impact of this and a new car park is required. I believe the existing car park would cope fine as long as it was open for extra hours
52. Agree with certain aspects of it but not all of it
53. It's dreadful to make a new road across woodland losing established woodland then building on flood land ... Its dangerous to turn off a 60 mph road without along slip road. Do not want residential letting other than a caravan site as this will lead to permanent residential buildings. Also its short sighted plan to move the equine facilities then rebuild one menage (school) can cost £25k once you figure out drainage and there are 3 schools which could be rented out on an hourly basis as well as do dog agility with a car park beside the schools. Its all very short sighted.
54. There is no need to spend £35 million to improve the Castle and parkland. A perfectly acceptable alternative plan at a fraction of the cost was presented to the County Council and it was dismissed out of hand. The proposed new entrance will cause a bottleneck at the Thulston roundabout especially with the prospect of 100 HGV using that route on a daily basis from Tarmac quarrying operations
55. New road not needed, just extend existing car park, make nice walk to the castle from the car park. We should be encouraging physical exercise. Do not disturb the nature reserve by putting anything (car park) near it !!!
56. I am in favour of Elvaston Castle & Country Park being renovated but I am not in favour of any new roads or car parks close to my property. Why can't the main car park be extended, and glamping be in another area?
57. Good. Something needs doing to maintain the castle
58. With the exception of the new road and parking there is much of merit
59. Doing as normal, no matter what we say. They will just do as they want, who getting a back handed
60. Other than glamping, I am not keen on the park being used for residential purposes as could become restrictive for visitors
61. Generally ok but not in agreement with the new access road

62. Over development will adversely affect the peaceful nature of the amenity. Showground events could be disruptive for the local community
63. I like the idea of the Gothic features and other aspects being part of an internal house tour. I think the access change makes sense.
64. Something needs to change this looks viable
65. If it brings jobs and let's general public still go freely to castle
66. In favour of the plan in general, having lived in the area for 33 years it has been a long time coming. The house is in desperate need of renovation, it has been extremely sad over the years to see the deterioration in the house and grounds and larger amounts of areas fenced off due to being unsafe
67. Ambitious
68. Load of tosh developed by idiots with an over inflated sense of their own importance. The priorities are completely wrong and it does not take into account any of the consultation feedback
69. Good to have better access from Boulton Moor
70. Accept the need to make better use of existing buildings. Some good ideas in the plan. Strongly disagree with the new access road and car park proposal, which seems neither desirable or necessary for any level of development that would be in keeping with the site's primary purpose as a country park, giving access to green space close to heavily developed areas
71. It's obvious to anyone who lives in the area that a new entrance/car park should be built off the A6 link road. This being a dual carriageway would prevent queues and only allow one way in or out. Any other entrance on a single carriageway would lead to congestion and queuing. The car park would be on the fields next to the main footpath from Alvaston. Close to the Stables, cricket club and closer to the Castle itself. This area is a lot higher than the proposed new car park, therefore preventing flooding problems and if there were water issues, a simple drain across the footpath and into the nature reserve would solve any problems. Using this site would not require a long road across several fields and roundabout entrance being built causing severe disruption to local residents
72. I agree with the Master Plan and look forward to seeing Elvaston Castle brought back to life again
73. Don't like it
74. Where do you start
75. Some could be beneficial
76. Some minor improvements will be beneficial, but don't agree with the new entrance road and the major proposals on the plan
77. Seems geared towards visitors from a far and not local people who suffer the traffic and noise (from special events)
78. As good as been put forward
79. Like the vision generally – it sounds like the appetite is there to make as much of the space while retain the history and enhance visitor awareness and experience. My main concern is this would attract a lot more people so need more car parking and better access but don't want this to encroach on current green space where possible. Also if pushing holidays lets and glamping, I think it may discourage locals from going as they'd feel 'in the way' of those holidaying
80. I agree the castle needs revenue to save it but do not agree that access roads, car parks and hard landscaping should destroy the lovely green spaces and trees. I thought the country was trying to become greener not cover fields and woodland with more roads and car parks
81. Very good, anything that keeps the castle going
82. Fine if traffic is well managed

83. Do not agree with the new road, new car park and residential plans. Agree with restricted development café, restaurant, workshops, wedding venue, conference venue and the possibility of short-term accommodation to complement wedding/conference facilities
84. I am surprised somebody thinks it needs quite so much extra car park. Otherwise, pretty sensible, especially the need to do something to conserve the building
85. Disagree strongly with them, see my earlier comments about housing
86. I support the development to Elvaston castle as long as it doesn't affect the natural beauty and charm of the historic land mark, think changes similar to those made at Staunton Harold will increase interest and help sustain the park
87. Generally good to see some ideas coming to life
88. Absolutely rubbish leave it as it is
89. There are some good elements and some not so good. Improvements needed in general.
90. No comment
91. It all looks very exciting and although I probably won't live to see the end result I think it will be a good thing for the area
92. Seems ok
93. Whilst I support development and sustainability, I think that the current plans to change the entrance route would ruin the park
94. None
95. Useful in bringing Elvaston Castle back to life, would there be space for a museum project
96. I like the master plan with the exception of changes to the car parking
97. N/A
98. Worried they will damage the surrounding environment
99. Am very concerned by any residential development, and do not agree with new access road and car park – totally unnecessary destruction of green space and new junction near Thulston roundabout dangerous and increased traffic noise to Thulston and Elvaston
100. I'm against the plans
101. I think responsible change is good to keep reinvestment and upkeep. I appreciate change is resistant to many, but keep up the hard work
102. Do not agree with them
103. I like them
104. Worried about losing biodiversity within the grounds, totally against the road and car park. Totally against enabling development. Want to see a more sympathetic restoration!
105. They are ok
106. I am pleased to see the buildings being improved and more facilities on offer but worry about the amount of housing as this will take away from the rural feel
107. There is no need for an additional access to the Elvaston Castle, it looks like this will destroy woodland and seems to be just about spending money for the sake of it
108. The current carparking is adequate
109. The inclusion of local volunteers etc. could reduce the cost of the repair work required on the castle, this would relieve the requirements for this extremely commercially minded schemes, which do little for the preservation of the area
110. Not in the best interest of the local residents or wildlife. Very short sighted, once its gone well never get it back. More should be done to get self sufficient (like Wollaton Hall). Local residents would be more than happy to fund raise to keep our castle
111. I would love to see Elvaston become self sufficient, like other large parks. I would like to see this done by putting on community events, such as spring, summer, autumn, winter fetes, winter light shows, pop up restaurants, craft shows, Christmas markets, beer festivals, children's nature walks. Similar to some of the events at Wollaton.
112. I feel they are the best option available to keep the castle and grounds open

113. Seems to reflect the very wider community and not the local community who live closest to the asset
114. This will be great for locals and visitors alike
115. Hopefully will restore the castle and prevent further decay
116. Good proposals to develop the castle and grounds. I do not think turning some of the building/part of the castle into residential property is in keeping with the public's enjoyment of the property
117. Unable to see the plans on the website listed above
118. They are driven by a profit motive not by what is best for the local community
119. To me the most important aspect is to have a little impact on the trees and wildlife around the castle as possible
120. Any residential development will only lead to increased traffic through the surrounding villages and lead to inevitable loss of public access to certain areas of the castle and park. New vehicular access is not really warranted and would destroy farmland, meadow land and trees, for no real gain. The use of the castle courtyard for businesses, such as an arts and crafts centre (think Ferrers at Staunton Harold in Leicestershire) seems a good idea and would inject some commercial viability. Seeing the ground floor of the castle used for events like antiques fairs (as it was 30-odd years ago) would be great and again inject some funds
121. Ok
122. Something needs to be done to develop the castle and outbuildings sympathetically. Im not in favour of moving the car park as proposed (I worry about the wildlife and possible house building in the future) – but I also dislike the traffic queues from Elvaston when events are taking place
123. Apart from more parking spaces, I do not agree to anything that reduces the green space on the castle grounds
124. Some good ideas but a new road and car park is not required in my opinion, just enforcement to make people use the current car park. The damage to the environment of a new road and car park is unacceptable.
125. Need to view
126. I don't see the need for the moving of the entry road, or provision of car parking closer to the castle... people go to the park to walk, not shop
127. On the whole fine, some of the residential suggestions I disagree with. It should be left alone or if restoration to the castle itself, purely used for visiting and viewing. Weddings I have no issue with but events etc such as concerns in the castle in not sure I agree with
128. I thought the plans drawn up and costed by local people was excellent but the Elvaston master plan shows little understanding of the importance of how the castle has evolved to support amazing wildlife and how many people travel here because so many other areas have been lost to development. People will walk and don't need car parks in other areas, people do not want to pay in an area where the car can still be vandalised
129. Complex trade offs. The offering needs to be improved in order to bring in more money. On balance plan seems ok
130. The plan looks commercially viable and hopefully can be progressed without delay
131. Park and castle best regarded as entirely separate from the parish, with access and parking arrangements accordingly designed to relieve access through the hamlets
132. The input from the community was almost completely ignored. It still focusses on selling off land for housing rather than maintaining the park and buildings for future generations. The park can pay for itself if maintained and run well
133. Fine, just get on with it before costs increase even more. Been dithering for decades
134. I agree development is required and income needs to be generated but disagree with any destruction of natural habitats

135. The dual road and housing are my only objections
136. Too much focus on more affluent/marginal persists. What the site needs is to be fit for the majority with amazing play area and facilities for young and old
137. Worried about sustainability of roads. Preservation of rural features important. B5610 cannot take more traffic
138. No comment
139. Fair
140. Apart from the new road, car park and proposed location of main event ground, generally the plans are acceptable. To do nothing is not an option
141. I am concerned about the elements of the plan which would introduce residential usage of the buildings and grounds. Also highly concerned about any impact on/reduction of existing woodlands and natural/wildlife areas
142. Some good points but some significant flaws, concerned about the residential proposals. Deeply concerned about potential impacts on wildlife and trees/vegetation
143. It looks impressive and ambitious. It will attract a lot of people to the area which could impact in those living nearby. However it will offer more facilities and create sustainability. It is really important that the castle and grounds remain therefore can see that a business model is the only way forward
144. The proposals put forward by the local parish council action group are far more palatable
145. Do not need new entrances
146. Would be great for the site to be used to weddings and events as its potential is currently not being met
147. Interesting. Pleased to see that the intention is to maintain and increase biodiversity
148. Mostly positive. Overall will have a good impact on the area
149. We need to do something to fund preservation of the grounds and some of the ideas will help generate these funds eg events, camping and access to the castle. Not convinced that residents/renting/offices is the right way
150. The new car park still involves a walk and would ruin the feel of the castle, the glamping space would not be in profit for multiple years and a better use would be to extend the car park into that area which would in turn benefit the use of the showground for multiple functions, people come to use the country park space more than to visit the actual buildings
151. While nothing is perfect, the plan does appear to provide strategic options for the long term viability of the castle and estate. Too much opposition appears to come from individuals who would prefer that nothing changes, or has personal interests at play. This does not meet the long term needs of providing a community resource that has the possibility to offer more than it currently does and be self supporting financially
152. Strongly oppose the proposals for a new entrance, access road and car park as this will destroy important green space and biodiversity. Better to invest funds into improving the estate's drainage and restoration of historical buildings than waste money on infrastructure that would detract from use as a country park
153. I believe the new access road and roundabout on the B5010 to be unnecessary and will have dire consequences for Rookery Wood itself. Traffic pollution is going to increase due to other planned changes to the road system which will increase traffic pollution locally and the new access road and roundabout will only make traffic volume and pollution worse. I do not agree with a new car park being sited adjacent to the existing nature reserve. Whilst I appreciate investment needs to be brought into Elvaston Castle and Country Park I am disappointed that renovation of the grounds and gardens are not an immediate priority

154. Uniformed with regard to protection of environmental health and biodiversity. Local authorities should be promoting reduced use of vehicles not building roads
155. **Generally I strongly disagree with the Master Plan.** There are better and less costly ways to turn the castle and grounds into a viable concern.
156. **Some good ideas** but needs to be more mindful of the environmental and wildlife.

APPENDIX E

Additional comments made in community survey

Residents were asked if they had any further comments, concerns, suggestions or other project ideas. 67 residents recorded other comments under this question. However, some of these comments included multiple issues and topics under one comment and entry. For the purpose of analysis all of these comments have been reorganised into topic categories. This has meant that in some cases, a resident's comment has had to be split across different topic headings. For example, the single comment below included comments about six separate issues. Therefore, in this case the wording relating to each issue has been separately organised under the appropriate topic area.

Really pleased with the work of the lengthsman to ensure the area is clean. Sometimes feel a little left out from spending/activities in Ambaston, such a shame we don't have a community space. Would wholly support the creation of a Boulton Moor and rural council separately – this might hopefully help mitigate the rural character of the none urban area effectively. Please pass on our thanks to the parish council for the work they do on behalf of the community! Please tackle fly tippers and aggressive inappropriate cycling around our villages

All the comments below have been recorded word for word and 78 comments were recorded in total. As follows:

Table 153 – other comments

Topic	Number of comments	Rank
Thank you and general	14 comments	1
Community safety and anti-social behaviour	8 comments	2
Community events, partnerships and projects	7 comments	3
Rural preservation	6 comments	4=
Governance	6 comments	4=
Volunteering	5 comments	5=
Car parking	5 comments	5=
Amenities	5 comments	5=
Traffic and roads	4 comments	6=
Elvaston Castle Country Park	4 comments	6=
Housing and development	3 comments	7=
Promotion	3 comments	7=
Cycling	2 comments	8=
Flooding	2 comments	8=
Cleanliness	2 comments	8=
Recycling	1 comment	9=
Light pollution	1 comment	9=
	78 comments in total	

Thank you and general

1. *Thank you for setting up the survey and allowing us to contribute.*
2. *I enjoy the parish I live in and appreciate what the local parish is doing and trying to do. I have not felt this way in the past, thank you.*

3. *Have not answered the last section because of age. We moved here from Bristol 9 years ago and enjoy living in Boulton Moor*
4. *Thank you*
5. *I would be interested in a number of initiatives, but am presently coping with the loss of my partner on January 1st. I am sure I will feel more sociable as time goes on.*
6. *Thank you for considering my comments*
7. *None*
8. *Keep up the good work*
9. *We only moved to Boulton Moor in October and love it*
10. *None*
11. *None*
12. *Much too long..*
13. *Please pass on our thanks to the parish council for the work they do on behalf of the community!*
14. *Thanks.*

Community safety and anti-social behaviour

1. *A bit more police presence on the estate would be good. Notice an occasional drive round but it is occasional!*
2. *Anti-social behaviour is the main problem, it's getting worse at the moment and as such considering moving out of the area*
3. *Please review the closure of the footpath from The Greenway through to Castle Croft. It causes no end of anti-social behaviour coming from Castle Croft, scooters/motorcycles using it as a cut through. Many residents on The Greenway have had enough of it and want it closed.*
4. *Please consider doing something to help stop the problems with the path between The Greenway and Castle Croft*
5. *A lot of anti-social behaviour i.e. speeding, burglary, theft in the area*
6. *Although there was question about noise pollution in the crime section, I believe there has been an increase in non-criminal noise pollution, from house and car alarms plus loud music gatherings*
7. *Motorbikes cut through Sevenlands to Kimbolton Way because the paths and cut through have no vehicle prevention measure. Then they ride on the footpaths which is very dangerous and is anti-social*
8. *I disagree with the weddings due to the amount of noise. If I sleep in my back bed room I can hear all of the noise from the wedding, and if I sleep in the front bedroom I get woken by guests waiting for taxis, traffic and sounding of car horns. The wedding organisers would not like it if I was outside of their property; it is extremely unacceptable. I feel very strongly that my neighbour and I are being forced out of our homes.*

Community events, partnerships and projects

1. *I would like to see more events in the village to cater for all age groups. When I first arrived at the village I was involved in mid-Summer night treasure hunts, Halloween and whist drives. Although I believe these are still continuing. We have a wonderful local pub, a secure village green, a lovely village hall. Although it is difficult to imagine at this time, I think we should try and instigate more communal events, especially for young families.*
2. *Need to ensure that there are also opportunities for girls and women and older people to participate in sport and recreation within the parish alongside the cricket club which primarily caters for boys and men*

3. *It is important that the parish council works with the charity Elvaston Communities Group. It equals important that all the parish councillors are involved with SDDC representatives / meetings which has seldom occurred historically*
4. *Would love to see more street parties like we had last year*
5. *More community projects for the village.*
6. *It would be nice for each village to participate in the 'in bloom' and perhaps have a coordinated colour scheme, bunting, flags on houses etc like you see in places like Breaston*
7. *Would like to see project to plant verges with wildflowers and other projects to encourage wildlife*

Rural preservation

1. *I think there needs to be more green space*
2. *Maintenance of green spaces is key to the future of the parish areas.*
3. *Worried also that the further development of Boulton Moor and the factories, warehouses towards Donington may encroach on the rural feel of the community*
4. *The preservation of the rural character of the parish should be the highest priority. There is a real threat posed by the ever expanding, urban developments taking place just to the east of the A6 that threatens to engulf the villages (an expansion of the City of Derby boundaries by another name).*
5. *Development of Elvaston Castle must not be to the detriment of the rural nature of Thulston and Elvaston villages*
6. *If it's a rural parish, stop tidying – its not a garden ffs, it's the countryside, where wildlife does best if you leave it alone. Things like flooding are just natural processes, inevitable in a low lying flood plain such as this parish occupies, so just accept it for what it is. Otherwise you appear to regard this as a suburb and you might as well give permission for extensive housing development*

Governance

1. *To concentrate on releasing Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys from the parish as we the rural parish have very little or nothing in common with each other*
2. *Having read some of the minutes from parish council meetings, it is clear there is a huge distinction between Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys and the rural areas of the parish. I think there will be a lot of residents who did not know they were in the same parish as Thulston and Ambaston. The issues affecting the rural bits are very different to the issues affecting us on Boulton Moor and would it be an idea to consider having a council dedicated to serving this area on its own which far outnumbers the houses in the other parts of the parish*
3. *Very concerned that the two areas of the parish are now diametrically different. The character and needs of Boulton Moor are totally different from the rural villages.*
4. *Boulton Moor to be a separate parish and not part of this one.*
5. *Because the interests of the residents of Boulton Moor and those in Thulston, Elvaston and Ambaston really do not align, the proposal that Boulton Moor should have its own parish council, that can properly represent its own interests is one that should be pursued. The alternative is a parish council with conflicts of interest and at odds with itself.*
6. *Would wholly support the creation of a Boulton Moor and rural council separately – this might hopefully help mitigate the rural character of the none urban area effectively*

Soft landscaping maintenance

1. *With regard to the trees along Oak Road we have repeatedly asked for them to be pruned back as it appears the roots are starting to damage the sewers, they also make the path very slippery when the leaves come down and the seeds are growing into smaller trees now in the grass and in the phone wires affecting the phones.*

2. *The Wilne drain runs behind our house and is very overgrown, would it be easier to put in large pipework and make it underground then cover it over and let the properties either side extend their gardens over it, with the proviso that the area is only grassed and access must be provided for maintenance etc.*
3. *The brook at the end of the Boulton Moor estate which is the boundary with Derby City needs more regular planned maintenance which would allow it to develop into a focal point for the estate and to enhance its use by local wildlife*
4. *All private hedges in the parish along roads should be cut back off the pavement*
5. *The flood bank around the North East side of Ambaston is in a terrible muddy state due to the farmer continually racing up and down on a quad bike/land rover and letting the sheep pass along it. This cannot be good for the long-term maintenance of the bank.*
6. *More organized planters on telegraph poles / make a feature of the village entrance. It could so easily be a community asset, It's just very poorly maintained (other than the new Ambaston sign and the planter which the villages seem to tend more than the authorities)*

Volunteering

1. *Due to moving to the area recently I have yet to investigate what service, facilities, groups and events are available in the parish. I am hoping to get more involved in some projects in the future post Covid-19 and attend parish council meetings to join and get to know the community.*
2. *Maybe interested in assisting with local brook clearing project and also parish conservation projects and (if appropriate) would contact the parish clerk direct when detailed information became available.*
3. *I would definitely be interested in some of the projects, activities just listed, but don't want to give my personal details on here. I am happy to telephone to volunteer*
4. *I don't have time myself to volunteer for any of the suggested activities but I am pleased to see them suggested, particularly the befriending schemes to help isolated residents*
5. *Will be keen to volunteer next year but currently too busy.*

Car parking

1. *Stop Thulston becoming a dog walkers car park!*
2. *Parking on footways, I would like to see them get warnings or penalty fines*
3. *Get people not to park down Silver Lane if they are going for a walk they get in the way of my driveway and people parking next to the memorial to me is disrespectful and a safety hazard because if someone has an emergency no emergency services could get down there*
4. *People parking on green verges in winter*
5. *People using the village as free car parking for the Country Park has been an issue at times. Wasn't really a problem pre-Covid but possibly a result of the car park having been closed during lockdown 1.*

Amenities

1. *Sometimes feel a little left out from spending/activities in Ambaston, such a shame we don't have a community space.*
2. *Facilities on the new developments (pub, shop, school, bus route) to reduce pedestrian traffic though old Boulton Moor.*
3. *Bit more for teenagers to do or else they may resort to anti-social behaviour due to boredom.*
4. *I would like to see a community allotment and community orchard. These are areas with no restrictions on coming and going, where the public can plant or pick as they want.*
5. *Make more allotment spaces.*

Traffic and roads

1. *When the Covid restrictions are unlocked and traffic returns to normal, the traffic on Shardlow Road/A6 roundabout queues back way too far and is made worse by the new housing being built off Chellaston Lane. This is a problem and needs a study to determine what traffic management is required. In my opinion cars on the A6 (coming from the A50) approach the roundabout and drive on the roundabout so quickly, cars cannot pull out onto the roundabout from Shardlow road causing tailbacks.*
2. *Traffic management to reduce congestion and disruption on Shardlow Road out to the A6/A50. I fully support the fact that old Boulton Moor is not connected by road to Snelsmoor Lane at the end of Sevenlands Drive, so please do not change that decision. Access only signs on Colwell Drive to get rid of the menace of learner driving practicing on old Boulton Moor.*
3. *When we first moved to Thulston the traffic was a lot less before a sign was added to the Broad Lane turn as a cut through to Borrowwash. This road is not suitable for that extent of traffic and noise pollution and should be for access only*
4. *There is a significant amount of speeding within the area and possibly some confusion around the speed limit off of the new Boulton Moor estate. I believe there needs to be some sort of council CCTV around the estate especially on the grassed area and the brook between the two estates. I believe there should be a public footpath that continues along Snelsmore Lane towards the roundabout along with some sort of crossing in order to get across the main roads easier. The walk to Elvaston castle from Boulton Moor is very dicey and unsuitable which I believe limits the occasions I have walked there.*

Elvaston Castle Country Park

1. *The park should get more funding for DCC as it's the closest of its type for Derby and is used more than its funding represents*
2. *I think common sense needs to be applied to the plans. Short sightedness could really damage our community, wildlife and permanently damage the unique and beautiful castle and grounds. People are willing to help protect our parish for future generations, the council only needs to ask*
3. *Protection and development of Elvaston Castle to stop deteriorating further.*
4. *Very concerned that castle master plan will spoil the open feeling of the castle grounds*

Housing and development

1. *Site builders need to be held to greater account to complete building phases before starting the next. For instance, roads, pavements, flood drainage and children's parks still not completed when 50+ houses built on newer estate*
2. *I think that Buttercup Leys has lowered the tone of Boulton Moor. Before that was built it was a lovely area but now the new part is full of undesirable people*
3. *Very much hope that the rural character of Ambaston can be protected without it becoming a magnet for people to knock down existing properties and build mansions which out price young people from the community.*

Promotion

1. *More attention to keeping the notice boards current and attractive. The two in Boulton Moor look very sorry and out of date (not touched in at least 3 months).*
2. *A welcome pack for new residents would be great. I was unaware of any of the local things going on until this survey*
3. *Better advertising of events on at Elvaston Castle. Communication on when parish council meetings are.*

Cycling

1. *Concerned about the safety of Ambaston Lane as a cycle route. It is not in good enough condition, it is not wide enough and it is not safe for other road users, particularly pedestrians when cyclists use it as a race track and do not alert pedestrians to their presence, do not cycle in single file, do not wear masks and are often abusive*
2. *Please tackle aggressive inappropriate cycling around our villages*

Flooding

1. *Ambaston flooding requires urgent attention*
2. *Since I have lived at Lodge Cottage, we never got flooded until November 2018 / early 2020 and January 2021 and my neighbour who has lived here since 1965 says she has never known it to flood since she has lived here.*

Cleanliness

1. *Really pleased with the work of the lengthsman to ensure the area is clean.*
2. *Please tackle fly tippers*

Recycling

1. *I think it would be beneficial to promote and encourage more recycling within our community. At the Coop on Bembridge Drive there is a clothes recycling station which is not monitored or emptied, although am aware that we have Raynesway recycling centre close by I think we should potentially look into having extra recycling stations in the local community to help encourage people to recycle items even when their green bins are full. For example, a clothes, cardboard and glass recycling bins in the village hall car park which can be used as an overflow for when peoples recycling bins have been missed or are full.*

Light pollution

1. *Overall, Boulton Moor is a nice place to live. One thing I've noticed in recent months is a significant increase in security lights being installed (possibly resulting from reports of local crime incidents eg thefts of catalytic converters and cars broken into). This has led to an increase in light pollution. Would it be possible to designate part of (eg.) Elvaston Park as a dark skies area? Alternatively, can anything further be done to reduce light pollution from street lighting?*

ACTION PLAN

The purpose of the action plan is to set out all priority areas for Elvaston Parish Council and partner organisations to move forward over the next ten years from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2032. The plans will assist with the day-to-day planning and management of the parish council and the evidence base can help to secure grant funding towards community activities and projects. It will contribute towards strengthening community cohesion to improve well-being, sustainability and the environment as well as increasing volunteering, community participation and skills. It also aims to encourage partnerships with other organisations and utilise other programmes, campaigns and initiatives where possible. There are significant advantages for Elvaston Parish Council to pinpoint opportunities and areas for development and to work more closely with other organisations and groups. These are:

- To improve the coordination of effort and maximise related expenditure on delivery
- To be in an improved position to apply for both capital and revenue funding support
- To improve local services for the community
- To reduce unnecessary duplication and overlap of resources

The action plan includes actions to be achieved over a ten-year period which will be based on three different timeframes:

- Short term (within three years, by March 2025)
- Medium term (within five years, by March 2027)
- Long term (within seven to ten years, by March 2029-Mar 2032)

It is structured and organised across six key themes, as follows:

1. Community
2. Conservation
3. Environment
4. Facilities and amenities
5. Governance
6. Wellbeing

It is recommended that the planning for the next parish plan be commenced 12 and 18 months (August 2030) before the end of this parish plan owing to the timeframe required to undertake an extensive community consultation process, analysis and report writing.

DEVELOPMENT AREA: COMMUNITY**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To increase and improve the range of community events held annually
2. To increase and improve the range and quality of community activities, clubs and groups within the parish
3. To improve all methods of community promotion to inform residents about community events, activities and local information
4. To increase the number of volunteers working on local community projects

Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Suggested Partners	Suggested Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To support Elvaston Communities Group to provide an annual programme of community events, using the feedback obtained from the community consultation. To provide Elvaston Communities Group with a full copy of the results on community events.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Communities Group	See 1.4	
1.2	To set up regular meetings with Elvaston Communities Group ideally on a quarterly basis to provide assistance and support where necessary with the community events programme.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Communities Group	Nil	
1.3	To support Elvaston Communities Group to recruit volunteers to help to coordinate and organise all community events, following the feedback received in the community group survey. This item should be included in quarterly meetings and publicised where possible. To utilise the volunteer register developed through the consultation process. See 4.1 onwards.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Communities Group	Nil	
1.4	To develop an annual programme of community events which consists of events annually. This may include the Christmas tree light switch on, held in December and other events to be agreed. To ensure that all events are publicised on the parish council website, Elvaston Communities Group website, parish council social media platforms and in the proposed parish council newsletter.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Communities Group	£3000 (£500 allocated to each event)	

2.1	To support all existing and new community clubs and groups to recruit new members and volunteers including the Boulton Moor Joggers, Elvaston Art Club, Elvaston and District Women's Institute, Elvaston Castle Action Group, Elvaston Communities Group, Elvaston Cricket Club, Elvaston Garden Club, Elvaston Village Hall, St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Elvaston Line Dancing Group and Windmill Playgroup (Boulton Moor) etc. To publicise grant programmes (including the parish councils own grant programme) to all groups and to meet with each group annually or as required to discuss any support required.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	As listed and required	£1000	
2.2	To examine all the results relating to community and sport activity needs highlighted in the survey and to develop a support package to be offered to any new groups and clubs. This could include a start-up grant of £200 plus support from the Community Engagement worker, parish council and access to all parish council promotional tools including social media, website and proposed newsletter.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	As required	£1000	
2.3	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in helping to set up and run more community and sports activities, clubs and groups (x25). To offer support with grant aid to help with start-up costs for new clubs and activities. See 4.1 onwards.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	As required	As 2.1	
2.4	To examine local grant programmes (outlined in Appendix B) with the aim of obtaining start-up funding to support the appointment of a part time Community Engagement worker (8 hours per week) to help with the promotion of activities, groups and facilities and to coordinate different community projects. To submit applications as necessary to obtain funding support. This could be developed in association with neighbouring parish councils to create a possible full-time role.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Neighbouring parish councils Grant funding organisations	Nil	

3.1	To maintain the parish council website, Facebook page and Instagram page with posts being made as required. To monitor monthly and annual views to assess the ongoing effectiveness of this promotion. To include a welcome pack section for all new residents on the website. To review the format and design of the website every five years.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Website provider	£300	
3.2	To maintain all 7 parish council notice boards (Ambaston 1, Boulton Moor 4, Elvaston 1, Thulston 1). To display all relevant information which should include as a minimum information on council meetings, the role of the council with contact details, Neighbourhood Watch scheme, location of all defibrillators, established clubs and groups inviting new members and volunteers, Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel schemes and community events.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
3.3	To review the number of notice boards currently provided across the parish and to consider providing additional notice boards in Boulton Moor to cater for the expansion of houses on the new estates.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£500	
3.4	To review the condition and appearance of the notice boards every three to five years to ensure that all information is up to date and to carry out any repair and renovation works to the notice boards to ensure that they continue to look fresh, vibrant, clean and tidy.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£100	
3.5	To produce an A4/A5 two-sided parish newsletter in hard copy to all residents as a minimum once or twice per year. It should feature local events, clubs, activities, important meetings, local information on topics such as Neighbourhood Watch, and guest speakers such as the Police Community Support Officer attending a council meeting etc.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Communities Group	£2000	

4.1	To review all volunteer details obtained through the consultation process and to correspond with all volunteers to acknowledge receipt of their contact details and to introduce the parish plan and projects to be developed. To work with Derbyshire Voluntary Action and/or Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire to obtain support with volunteering and volunteering projects.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire Voluntary Action Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire	Nil	
4.2	To set up a volunteering open day/evening, to meet all volunteers and to find out more about what they can offer in terms of volunteering support locally. As follows: Anti- litter campaign (72), Brook cleaning project (53), Parish conservation group (38), Befriending scheme (29), Community activities (25), Eco group (23), Cycling project (20) and Governance (14). This event could be repeated every three to five years to continue to recruit volunteers and to acknowledge the support of existing volunteers as some form of volunteer recognition day.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire Voluntary Action Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire	£200	
4.3	To develop a parish volunteer policy and volunteering programme to recruit and retain community volunteers to support with clubs, groups, events, campaigns and initiatives. A warm welcome should be extended to all residents interested in volunteering locally, which should be integral to the volunteering policy as well as training and an invitation to a volunteer recognition day.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire Voluntary Action Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire	Nil	

DEVELOPMENT AREA: CONSERVATION						
OBJECTIVES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To protect and conserve the rural character and identity of the parish including all the Green Belt, historic and natural resources, green space, hedgerows, ancient woodland and veteran trees 2. To safeguard all historic buildings, rural pasture, meadows, green space, ancient woodland and veteran trees in Elvaston Castle and Country Park to protect and conserve the character of the park 3. To help to improve flood alleviation measures within the parish 4. To increase and improve options and opportunities for recycling and energy efficiency within the parish 						
Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Suggested Partners	Suggested Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To produce a Neighbourhood Plan to help to protect the rural character and identity of the parish. This document should align with the SDDC Local Plan and consider spatial development for the location and type of housing, regeneration of derelict land, design, infrastructure, green space, conservation, specifications for development and type of use. To appoint a qualified Planning Consultant with appropriate qualifications and experience. This should include a full review of South Derbyshire Local Plan 2011-2028.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Appointed Planning Consultant	TBC – subject to quotations	
1.2	To prepare an inventory of all buildings, places, ancient woodland, veteran trees, coronation meadows, green spaces, assets of community value and views which were highlighted by residents in the community survey as being important to protect and conserve. This information should be provided to the Planning Consultant appointed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.	Short term By March 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	

1.3	To review the parish council's environment group and / or to set up a parish conservation group to help to preserve, maintain and monitor conservation issues locally. This process should start with setting up this group to support the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Appointed Planning Consultant	£200	
1.4	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in joining a parish conservation group x38 and to make contact with all volunteers.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
2.1	To maintain the Asset of Community Value status for Elvaston Castle and Country Park.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire County Council	Nil	

2.2	<p>To work towards safeguarding all those aspects of Elvaston Castle and Country Park which were highlighted in the consultation results as being necessary to protect and conserve. To correspond with Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust stating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support the castle ground floor being used for education, conferences, weddings and interpretation. - To support the restoration and conversion of Top and Lower Stable Yards and museum building to include café, retail, offices and workshops. - To raise concern about the Kennels and Saw Yard becoming a residential area. - To raise concern about the redeveloping Home Farm and the site of former Thatch Cottage as housing / enabling development. - To raise concern about the new vehicular access route from a new junction on the B5010. - To raise concern to the new visitor car park adjacent to the nature reserve. - To support the lake and rockwork restoration and enhancing drainage across the estate. - To support the existing showground being the estates principal events space. - To support the turning of the current caravan site into a glamp site for camping, holiday use. 	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust	£1000	
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2.3	To support Elvaston Castle Action Group and other campaign groups which also oppose those elements of the Elvaston Castle and Country Park master plan which detract from the preservation of the rural identity of the park.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Castle Action Group Friends of Elvaston	£1000	
3.1	To progress the Thulston Brook project and clearing to assist with flood alleviation locally. This should include a 2-day clearing exercise being held annually. To extend and develop this project as needed to aid flood prevention.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Local landowners Environment Agency	£5,000 £100 ongoing maintenance	
3.2	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in joining a brook clearing project x53 and to make contact with all volunteers.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
3.3.	To produce a documented inventory of all brooks, ditches and waterways (across the parish) which could require periodic clearing to assist with flood alleviation. To examine the consultation results to identify feedback relating to this and specific locations, from local residents.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Local Landowners	Nil	
3.4	To correspond with Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust to highlight the importance of improvement works to the drainage of the Elvaston Castle and Country Park estate to assist with flood alleviation. To examine potential grant aid opportunities which could assist with these works, as per Appendix B.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	

3.5	To instruct the Lengthsman to observe all ditches, brooks and drains and potential blockages / clearing works required, whilst carrying out normal duties, so that these can be reported to Derbyshire County Council/South Derbyshire District Council. To ensure that this task is incorporated into the Lengthsman's work programme.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council Environment Agency	Nil	
3.6	To offer support as required to local residents who are affected by property flooding, including information and guidance to prevent flooding. To look to set up a volunteer support group, which can offer immediate assistance and support to residents facing imminent flooding at their property.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	£500	
4.1	To produce a recycling and energy efficiency parish strategy and action plan for the parish, which will consider all forms of recycling and energy efficiency. To fully appraise the consultation results on this issue to start this process. This could be undertaken alongside the Neighbourhood Plan production.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	£500	
4.2	To start the strategy process by setting up a parish eco sustainability group with the objective of making the parish carbon neutral.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
4.3	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in joining an Eco group x23 and to make contact with all volunteers.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	

DEVELOPMENT AREA: ENVIRONMENT						
OBJECTIVES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To implement measures to reduce the amount of littering, dog fouling and fly tipping in the parish and improve the general cleanliness and appearance of the parish 2. To improve the provision and management of all footpaths and bridleways and soft landscaping throughout the parish including trees, hedgerows, flowers, plants and pots 3. To implement measures to improve road safety, minimise traffic volume, noise, pollution and speeding including the promotion of public transport and active travel (walking and cycling) opportunities 4. To look to reduce the amount of inconsiderate car parking which is taking place in the parish 						
Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Suggested Partners	Suggested Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To review the litter picking hours being undertaken by the Lengthsman to determine if the hours should be increased to cater for population growth and additional households within the parish, particularly in Boulton Moor. To increase the hours and/or new appointments as required.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£5,000 per year	
1.2	To work with neighbouring parish councils with the aim of setting up talks in local Primary school assemblies to raise awareness amongst children about the importance of not dropping litter and its negative impact on the environment and wildlife. To include a minimum of one school each year. To utilise Keep Britain Tidy resources where required.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Keep Britain Tidy	£50	
1.3	To undertake a documented mapping exercise of all waste bins and dog waste bins provided throughout the parish, to determine if the current supply of waste bins, dog waste bins adequately serve the existing parish population together with expected population growth rates estimated by 2028.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	

1.4	To consider the provision of additional waste bins, dog waste bins in the following areas and/or more frequent emptying of existing bins. To examine consultation results and specific locations: Waste bins: Elvaston/Thulston layby, Elvaston Castle and Country Park entry points, Ambaston and Boulton Moor old and new estates Dog waste bins: Boulton Moor old and new estates, Elvaston Castle Country Park entry points, Ambaston, Elvaston, Thulston and Shardlow Road	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	£1000	
1.5	To organise an annual litter picking event within the parish in association with the Great British Spring Clean Keep Britain Tidy Campaign (which normally takes place 25 March until 10 April). To become an annual event, which all residents can take part. This could be undertaken over one weekend in Boulton Moor and another weekend in Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston. To ensure that the promotion includes the x72 residents which provided their contact details in the consultation process.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Keep Britain Tidy	£100	
1.6	To review the results on fly tipping in the survey results in regards to all the suggestions being made on this issue. If not already provided, to consider installing CCTV cameras particularly on Ambaston Lane and other identified fly tipping hot spots in the results. To also consider installing enforcement signage at all hot spots warning people of enforcement measurements which will be taken against those found fly tipping.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	£1000	
1.7	To undertake an annual clean and tidy of the WW2 war memorial in Elvaston just prior to remembrance Sunday.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	St Bartholomew's Church	Nil	
2.1	To progress improvements to the footpath at Sturges Lane, currently being assessed by the parish council.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£500	

2.2	To feedback all the results obtained on footpaths and bridleways to the South Derbyshire District Council / Derbyshire County Council Footpath Officer so that the information can be fed into a rolling programme to maintain paths and stiles. This should include the footpaths around Elvaston Castle and Country Park, stile at the footpath on the corner of Ambaston Lane and the Sturges Lane footpath and fencing. The bridleway at Noonning Ford also requires attention and needs to be reported.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire County Council	Nil	
2.3	To undertake a documented mapping exercise of all soft landscaping areas across the parish which identifies those responsible for maintenance including parish council, district council and county council responsibilities.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire County Council	Nil	
2.4	To produce a documented soft landscaping maintenance programme for all parish council areas of responsibility relating to trees, hedgerows and green space. To ensure it operates on a rolling basis over a five-year period. To seek the services of a qualified landscaping professional to advise on the level and frequency of maintenance of all trees and hedgerows in the parish.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Derbyshire County Council	£100	
2.5	Through the community volunteering programme outlined above, to consider setting up a group of volunteers who will be responsible for the provision and management of additional flowers, planters and pots throughout the parish. This could result in participation in Britain in Bloom which is a nationwide gardening competition designed for building communities and tackling local issues.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	Britain in Bloom	£100	

2.6	To organise a bulb planting day in all areas of the parish to include both spring and summer bulbs. This would not need to be repeated annually but to be reviewed / repeated every 10 years i.e. at the beginning of each parish plan cycle.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£200	
2.7	To promote the No Mow May campaign across the parish. This campaign is organised by Plantlife from the 1 st May to let wild flowers in gardens bloom to support pollinators (bees, butterflies, wildlife). To feature this on the parish council website, Facebook Page and newsletter.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Plantlife	Nil	
2.8	To map and document all open spaces across the parish including footpaths/rights of way, open green spaces, village greens, meadows and commons, for which the parish council is responsible. This should be undertaken and identified as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process and documented accordingly. To also determine if any areas might be suitable for rewilding and provision of wild flowers. To examine resources on the Rewilding Britain and Open Spaces Society websites.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Rewilding Britain Open Spaces Society	Nil	
2.9	To consider setting up a coordinated tree planting scheme across the parish in only those areas which would be suitable for tree planting. This could be organised in association with National Tree Week. To seek the services of a qualified professional to advise on the type of tree and suitable location to prevent any issues related to tree roots and light reduction. To examine resources on the Tree Council and Woodland Trust websites.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	The Tree Council Woodland Trust	£500	

2.10	To produce a documented inventory of all ancient woodland and veteran trees within the parish and to update the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) listings. To provide updated information to South Derbyshire District Council.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	The Tree Council Woodland Trust South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
3.1	To look at the process of introducing traffic calming measures on roads between Elvaston Castle entrance and Thulston, Ambaston Lane, Snelsmoor Lane and on B5010, which were all highlighted in the consultation results. General hot spots for speeding were identified as Ball Lane, Oak Road, Main Road, Old Boulton Moor, B5010, Snelsmoor Lane, Broad Lane, Shardlow Road, Ambaston Lane and Buttercup Leys estate. To feedback all findings to South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
3.2	To produce a car share register and to promote and encourage all car sharing opportunities and use of public transport including Skylink and Service Number 73 to help towards reducing the number of cars travelling locally.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Skylink Service Number 73	Nil	
3.3	To promote the Derbyshire Connect and Active Travel Scheme which provides transport to shopping destinations for people unable to use conventional buses and door to door transport for health appointments on the parish council website, Facebook page and to regularly feature these schemes in the parish council proposed newsletter.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council	Nil	

3.4	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in setting up a cycling project x20 and to make contact with all volunteers. This group should be a starting point for an Active Travel strategy. This would reduce the number of cars on the road and thereby reduce noise and air pollution.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
3.5	To produce an Active Travel strategy for the parish which makes recommendations on improvements to pavements, walkways and cycling routes to connect all areas of the parish to support active travel. To undertake specific grant research relating to resources which might be available to create new cycling paths and connection between the rural side of the parish, Boulton Moor and Chelllaston. To utilise Active Travel England resources.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	Active Travel England	£1000	
4.1	To work with Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust to review the opening and closing times of the Elvaston Castle country park gates to try to reduce inconsiderate parking in the villages when visitors want to access the country park. To set up a meeting with Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust to discuss this possibility together with seasonal requirements. To also discuss a potential campaign as outlined in 4.2.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust	Nil	
4.2	To set up a campaign to raise awareness amongst visitors to Elvaston Castle and Country Park to use the country park car park to help with the park's sustainability. To set up a meeting with the Elvaston Castle Country Park Manager to discuss producing and installing signage at all entrances to the park, which would fully explain this issue.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust	Nil	

4.3	<p>To explore the idea of setting up pop up campaign displays in the areas most affected by inconsiderate car parking to raise awareness of the need for visitors to use Elvaston Castle and Country Park car park to help to improve the sustainability of the park. The top five general hot spots for inconsiderate parking included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thulston village 35.40% (97) - Elvaston Castle and Country Park 13.87% (38) - Elvaston village 13.14% (36) - Ball Lane (stretch of road linking Elvaston and Thulston villages) 9.49% (26) - Boulton Moor 9.12% (25) <p>The top specific hot spots for inconsiderate parking included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ball Lane, Thulston (x26) - Brook Road, Thulston (x18) - Slip road into main entrance of Elvaston Castle Country Park (x17) - Grove Close / Court, Thulston (x14) - Main Road, Elvaston (x14) - Silver Lane and Castle Court, Elvaston (x14) - Entrance / opposite Harrington Arms, Thulston (x13) - New Buttercup Lees estate (x10) - Ambaston Lane (8) <p>This could include leaflet dropping all vehicles parking in the residential areas to access the country park. This should be attempted before the consideration of other restricted parking schemes.</p>	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Constabulary Derbyshire County Council Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust	£100	
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4.4	To undertake further consultation on inconsiderate car parking and to specifically explore different measures which could be implemented to help to improve this issue locally, particularly amongst the residents in Thulston and Elvaston.	Short term By Mar 25	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council	£200	
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DEVELOPMENT AREA: FACILITIES AND AMENITIES						
OBJECTIVES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve the range and quality of community facilities and amenities to cater for the needs of the community and growth in population 2. To improve the range and quality of children’s play areas locally to cater for the needs of the community and growth in population 3. To improve the range and quality of sport and recreation facilities locally to cater for the needs of the community and growth in population 4. To provide adequate street furniture to cater for the needs of the community and growth in population 5. To ensure that the parish is serviced by high-quality well-maintained roads and pavements 						
Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Suggested Partners	Suggested Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To assess the feedback received in the consultation results on potential improvements which could be made to Elvaston Village Hall and to feed them back to Elvaston Village Hall committee. To also feedback the results of the grant funding research contained in Appendix B. Residents would like to see more social use of the village hall, Wifi, more function space, improved heating and a BBQ area which are listed in order of priority by residents.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Elvaston Village Hall Committee St Bartholomew’s Church	Nil	
1.2	To assess the feedback received on most required community amenities, with the top five being a local shop, improved bus service, community building at Boulton Moor, more children’s play areas particularly at Boulton Moor and Ambaston and a post box at Boulton Moor. To focus on a local shop, community building, play area and post box at Boulton Moor and a play area at Ambaston. Grant opportunities should be sought where available to enhance facility provision. See Appendix B.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Persimmon Homes	Nil	

1.3	To work closely with South Derbyshire District Council and Persimmon Homes in regards to amenity requirements needed at Boulton Moor as per housing building expansion referenced in the SDDC Local Plan 2011-2028, including a community building/centre, adequate children's play areas, shopping retail and school facilities. To organise a meeting and to feedback the consultation results regarding these areas directly to South Derbyshire District Council and Persimmon Homes. To assess S106 and CIL grant funding opportunities to support these facilities. To assess the grant funding research in Appendix B which could be approached to provide enhanced facilities relating to a community building and children's play facilities.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Persimmon Homes	Nil	
1.4	To provide details in all parish council communications on the nearest grocery shops in view of the survey results highlighting the need for a local shop. To feedback this information to all interested organisations.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Local Shops	Nil	
2.1	To undertake a documented audit and review of all children's play facilities across the parish (including those for which the parish council is responsible for and those which the District and County Council are responsible). To ensure that high quality facilities are provided which cater for all ages of children including teens to promote improved health and well-being amongst children locally. In regards to the house building at Boulton Moor, to work with Persimmon Homes to ensure that adequate children's play areas are provided in the newly built estates. To also explore potential grant aid opportunities to support additional/enhanced provision being provided. See Appendix B. To examine children's play area needs at Boulton Moor and Ambaston.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Persimmon Homes	Nil	

2.2	To consider provision of children's sports activities during the school summer holidays to promote health and wellbeing. This should be undertaken in conjunction with South Derbyshire District Council's holiday activity schemes.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	£1000	
3.1	To examine the results on sports and recreational facility needs taking into account those facility needs which could be achievable within the parish including cycling provision, tennis courts, playing fields, bowls green outdoor gym and multi-use games area. To also feedback these results to South Derbyshire District Council and Persimmon Homes in regards to development at Boulton Moor and use of S106 and CIL funding. To assess the grant funding research in Appendix B which could be approached to provide enhanced facilities relating to a community sports facilities.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
4.1	To review post box provision across all areas of the parish and to request additional post boxes from the appropriate agency so that they can provide them, where necessary, particularly at Boulton Moor. To review all suggestions made in the survey results.	Short term By March 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
4.2	To provide an adequate number of post boxes across the Boulton Moor estate to cater for the number of the households now and projected for the future. This should include both the old and new Boulton Moor estates and be actioned and provided without delay.	Short term By March 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	£1000	

4.3	To consider the provision of additional benches being provided across the parish, with one being required in Ambaston, a number of benches to be provided across the Boulton Moor estate, a bench in Elvaston and a bench in Thulston (on the green). To review all suggestions made on the survey results. Provision of benches and location should be considered very carefully alongside any likelihood of this causing anti-social behaviour and littering.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council South Derbyshire District Council	£1000	
4.4	To undertake a documented mapping exercise of all current signage provided across the parish. To consider the need for new signage owing to the dilapidation of signage locally. To provide additional signage as required to reduce dog fouling, inconsiderate car parking, cycling and speed awareness. To review all suggestions made on the survey results regarding additional signage being required.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Highways Department South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
5.1	To feedback all results relating pavement maintenance to South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council so that it can be fed into maintenance schedules. The top five hot spots relating to pavement maintenance included: Snelsmoor Lane, A6 Thulston roundabout, Ambaston Lane, Broad Lane and Boulton Moor generally.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Highways Department South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
5.2	To feedback all results relating to road maintenance to South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council so that it can be fed into maintenance schedules. The top five hot spots relating to road maintenance included: Elvaston Castle to Thulston through road, Ambaston Lane, Snelsmoor Lane, Thulston village internally and B5010	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Highways Department South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	

5.3	To feedback all results relating to street lighting maintenance to South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council so that it can be fed into maintenance schedules. Street lighting at Boulton Moor was particularly highlighted.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Highways Department South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
5.4	To specifically work with South Derbyshire District Council and Persimmon Homes to obtain pavement provision along Snelsmoor Lane connecting Chellaston and Elvaston Castle and Country Park.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire County Council Highways Department South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	

DEVELOPMENT AREA: GOVERNANCE						
OBJECTIVES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To sustain the running of the parish council by maintaining and reviewing all resources, structures, policies, procedures and grant programmes 2. To determine the best way forward for the running of the parish in regards to both rural and urban characteristics and projected population growth in Boulton Moor 						
Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Partners	Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To review all policies and procedures annually and to amend and update all documentation as required in accordance with guidance and legislation from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC).	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils National Association of Local Councils NALC Society of Local Council Clerks SLCC	Nil	
1.2	To sustain the part time positions of Parish Clerk and Lengthsman and to review their hours of work annually to reflect additional work and projects, required at any one time.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£20000	
1.3	To review all structures, sub groups and forums annually and to make changes to representation where necessary. To be advised by DALC.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils National Association of Local Councils NALC Society of Local Council Clerks SLCC	Nil	

1.4	To administrate monthly parish council meetings with an agenda, minutes and to administrate all annual financial returns as required.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils National Association of Local Councils NALC Society of Local Council Clerks SLCC	£10000	
1.5	To try to engage and raise awareness of the parish council and the role it fulfils in the community by way of improved promotion of meetings, as previously outlined in the community section relating to community promotion. To use the Annual Parish Meeting held in April as a key driver to achieve this. This could begin by officially launching the parish plan and recruitment of volunteers.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
1.6	To review the number of parish councillors representing the urban and rural side of the parish, considering increases to the Boulton Moor population and to make changes, as required.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	Nil	
1.7	To review the register of volunteers which was collated within the household survey in relation to residents registering their interest in being a parish councillor x14 and to make contact with all volunteers.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
1.8	To administrate and promote the council's grant programme to local groups and clubs. To review the grant criteria to ensure that it fits with the council's priorities and encourages community cohesion.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	

1.9	To promote the council's allotments and review the survey results in relation to residents registering their interest x18 in going on a waiting list. To make contact with all residents who registered their interest to acknowledge receipt of this.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
1.10	To review the parish council matrix of areas of responsibility to nominate a lead councillor for each key theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community - Conservation - Environment - Facilities and amenities - Governance - Wellbeing To review the progress of all action plans annually and to structure parish council agendas and minutes according to the six key themes within the parish plan.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
1.11	To officially launch the Elvaston Parish Plan to be taken forwards over the next 10 years by way of a launch event being organised to update the community on the work completed and future priorities.	Short term By March 23	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£100	
2.1	Following survey results, to undertake a governance review to determine if Boulton Moor should be set up as a parish council in its own right, leaving Ambaston, Elvaston and Thulston as a parish council.	Short term By March 23	South Derbyshire District Council	Elvaston Parish Council	£1000	

DEVELOPMENT AREA: WELLBEING						
OBJECTIVES:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer support to vulnerable and elderly members of the community who feel isolated, lonely or vulnerable 2. To provide opportunities for children and adults to be fit and active, and to help to reduce levels of child obesity 3. To help to improve levels of community safety locally and reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour 4. To improve disabled and emergency access and provision across the parish, where possible 						
Ref	Action / Task	Timescale	Lead Organisation / Individual	Partners	Resources	Review Date / Outcome
1.1	To signpost and correspond with all 11 people who submitted their contact details for a vulnerable persons register, to a section on the parish council website which will provide details and links to appropriate agencies which can provide relevant support i.e. NHS etc. To examine resources provided by Age UK and Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire for website content and links to be signposted.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Age UK Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire	Nil	
1.2	To consider setting up a befriending scheme for older and vulnerable people in the parish which could consist of host families inviting an older person to Sunday lunch. This could be a good volunteering project for a member of the community to coordinate. To correspond with all 29 families which provided their contact details in the household survey registering their interest in taking part in a befriending scheme, to acknowledge receipt of their details. To examine resources provided by Age UK and Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	Age UK Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire	£1000	

2.1	To undertake a documented audit and review of all children's play facilities across the parish (including those which the parish council is responsible for and those which the District and County Council are responsible). To ensure that high quality facilities are provided which cater for all ages of children including teens to promote improved health and well-being amongst children locally. In regards to the house building at Boulton Moor, to work with Persimmon Homes to ensure that adequate children's play areas are provided in the newly built estates. To also explore potential grant aid opportunities to support additional/enhanced provision being provided. See Appendix B.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council Persimmon Homes	Nil	
2.2	To consider provision of children's sports activities during the school summer holidays and/or setting up a youth club at Boulton Moor. This should be undertaken in conjunction with South Derbyshire District Council's holiday activity schemes.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	South Derbyshire District Council	£1500	
2.3	To consider providing suitable health and fitness activities for adults locally. This could include activities such as Tai Chi, pilates, yoga etc. See results for most popular fitness activities recorded in the household survey.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£750	
3.1	To review the number of monthly crimes using Police UK Your Area, Derbyshire Constabulary website (Melbourne area) to monitor the number of crimes and offences each month including violence and sexual offences, shop lifting, anti-social behaviour and other theft. To record this data in the monthly parish council minutes to monitor levels of offences locally.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Constabulary Police UK	Nil	

3.2	To set up a dedicated section about Neighbourhood Watch Scheme on the parish council website and all notice boards. This could also be a topic to be included at a parish council meeting or annual parish meeting, or within an annual newsletter to regularly raise awareness.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	Neighbourhood Watch Derbyshire Constabulary	Nil	
3.3	To form a partnership with North East Area 3 Safer Neighbourhood Team and to invite a Police Community Support Officer to a meeting annually, which is well publicised to allow residents to raise concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour locally. This should be publicised on the website, Facebook page and proposed parish council newsletter.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	Derbyshire Constabulary North East Area 3 Safer Neighbourhood Team	Nil	
4.1	To fully appraise the consultation results relating to disabled access and provision.	Medium term By Mar 27	Elvaston Parish Council	None	Nil	
4.2	To consider undertaking a Disability Discrimination Access and Facilities Audit with specialist professional support being obtained to improve disabled access across the parish.	Long term By Mar 32	Elvaston Parish Council	Specialist company support	£3000	
4.3	To publicise the locations of all parish defibrillators with details being included on the parish website, Facebook page, notice boards and to be featured in the proposed parish newsletter. To undertake service repair and testing as required.	Short term By Mar 2025	Elvaston Parish Council	None	£100	