

Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

Questionnaire 2014 (109 respondents)

SUMMARY

Some key points from the survey are summarised below.

- When respondents were asked how important it was to them to have various facilities within Hardwicke, the top 3 were as follows: Post office 92% (62% very important, 30% important); Shops 90% (50% very important, 40% important); Health facilities 88% (68% very important, 20% important).
- 81% of respondents said it is important to them that Hardwicke has a defined centre e.g. for amenities, retail, services and leisure (39% very important, 42% important).
- 88% said that community spirit is important to them (39% very important, 49% important) but only 28% think there is a strong community spirit in Hardwicke (44% disagree and the remainder do not know or did not reply). When asked how community spirit could be enhanced, the most common answer was to have more community events such as village show, fetes and events like the Jubilee.
- When asked what contributes most to a 'village feel' the most common answers were a pub, a village green and countryside.
- 99% said that retention of hedgerows is important to them (67% very important, 32% important).
- 97% said that ditch management is important to them (79% very important, 18% important).
- 45% think there is a need to review recycling arrangements in Hardwicke. The most common comments about recycling concerned green waste.
- 46% think that production of renewable energy in Hardwicke should be explored as part of the NDP. 19% disagree and the remainder had no opinion or did not reply.
- 50% are concerned about flooding in Hardwicke. The most common locations mentioned were Church Lane, Pound Lane and Green Lane.
- When asked to state if there are any locations in Hardwicke they do not feel safe and to give the reasons why, 38% of respondents did so. The most common locations were Church Lane and Sellars Road and the most common reason was traffic, e.g. speeding traffic posing a danger to pedestrians.
- 87% are concerned about road safety in Hardwicke. The most common locations mentioned were Green Lane, Sellars Road, Church Lane and Pound Lane, with issues including speeding, volume, parking and narrow roads.
- 87% are concerned about the condition of roads, 69% about the condition of pavements and 72% about the condition of footpaths.
- 31% use buses in Hardwicke daily or weekly. 28% would be encouraged to use the buses more often if they were more frequent.
- 65% are in favour of providing more local job opportunities in Hardwicke and 52% think that enhancing the local economy should be addressed through the NDP.
- 28% do not think the current housing mix in Hardwicke is right. 22% think there is a shortage of bungalows and 15% think there is a shortage of sheltered/retirement housing.
- 84% think the NDP should address maintaining a rural feel for the parish, 61% maintaining a separation from Gloucester/Quedgeley and 55% standards in housing design and style.

FULL RESULTS

SECTION A: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

A1 Which age group do you belong to?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Under 16	0	0%
Aged 16-40	15	14%
Aged 41-59	32	29%
Aged 60+	61	56%
No reply	1	1%
Total	109	100%

A2 To show us which part of the parish you live in, please state the name of your road.

Number of responses: 105

Summary of responses (A-Z)

Road	Number of respondents
Arkendale Drive	1
Ashgrove Close	2
Barley Close	3
Bath Road	2
Beech Close	1
Bristol Road	4
Church Lane	4
Church Road	1
Clover Drive	2
Cornfield Drive	3
Dimore Close	10
Elmgrove	1
Elmgrove Estate	4
Elmgrove Road East	1
Elmgrove Road West	4
Green Lane	3
Green Park	1
Hawthorn Close	2
Hembury Close	1
Hildyard Close	6
Hunters Way	1
Hunts Grove Drive	6

Road (ctd)	Number of respondents
Lloyd-Baker Court	1
Longney Road	1
Maple Close	2
Oak Tree Close	2
Orchard Close	5
Overbrook	1
Overbrook Road	3
Peartree Close	1
Ploughmans Way	2
Poplar Way	1
Pound Lane	1
Sellars	1
Sellars Road	2
Springdale Close	2
Stank Lane	1
Sunnyfield	1
Sunnyfield Road	5
Westbourne Drive	1
Westland Road	2
Wharfdale Way	3
Whitstone Rise	1
Woodlands Park	3

N.B. The respondent who wrote 'Longney Road' added "(over the Pilot Bridge) - still part of Hardwicke although usually forgotten".

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SECTION B: IMPROVED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

B1 How important is it for you to have the following facilities within Hardwicke? *(Tick one per row)*

Number of respondents	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion	No reply	Total
Community Centre	35	45	12	7	10	109
Health facilities	74	22	7	0	6	109
Post office	68	33	7	0	1	109
Shops	54	44	5	0	6	109
Sporting facilities	27	37	24	8	13	109
Elderly care and facilities	53	34	14	4	4	109
Family facilities	28	51	11	7	12	109
New school	22	29	32	16	10	109
Youth facilities	33	49	11	7	9	109

% of 109 respondents	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion	No reply	Total
Community Centre	32%	41%	11%	6%	9%	100%
Health facilities	68%	20%	6%	0%	6%	100%
Post office	62%	30%	6%	0%	1%	100%
Shops	50%	40%	5%	0%	6%	100%
Sporting facilities	25%	34%	22%	7%	12%	100%
Elderly care and facilities	49%	31%	13%	4%	4%	100%
Family facilities	26%	47%	10%	6%	11%	100%
New school	20%	27%	29%	15%	9%	100%
Youth facilities	30%	45%	10%	6%	8%	100%

B2 Are there any additional facilities and services needed for Hardwicke Parish? If so, please state below

Number of responses: 51

Most common answers:

- Doctor's surgery 12 respondents
- Shop(s) 8
- Swimming pool 8
- Bus service (more/better) 6
- Restaurant/takeaway 5
- Park 5
- Post office 4
- Pub 4
- Pharmacy 3
- Coffee shop/tea room 2
- Leisure centre 2
- Skate park 2

Full comments A-Z

- A decent pub and curry house
- A doctor's surgery would be useful. (The Starting Gate pub would be a nice setting for one.)
- A local pub and walkways that are wheelchair/pushchair friendly.
- A really good size, fenced off, all weather play park for the children. Skate boarding, or other, for the youth/teenagers. Highbridge Somerset a great example!
- Additional eating places i.e. public house or tea room etc.
- Although possibly beyond means, a community centre similar to the one at Quedgeley would be good which seems to be open a great [no word here but should it say 'deal?'], including a social club.
- Better doctor services. Current times to see my GP are 3 weeks.
- Better roads - less potholes. Green Lane needs speed limit.
- Bike locks at village hall. Possibly more public transport.
- Bring back the doctor to Hardwicke.
- Bus service: running 7 days a week.
- Centre for youth club and internet café.
- Chemist within walking distance
- Childcare.
- Could do with pharmacy.
- Decent bus service. Access from Bath Road over to services, shop, & McDonald's, garage over roads 4008 & A38.
- Desperately need a post office, and a really good local pub, restaurant.
- Doctors surgery.
- Doctors surgery. School is it being extended due to number of houses coming. Swing replacing at park on Wharfdale Way which I have reported twice.
- Doctor's surgery? Clinic? Dentist?
- Doctors, post office.
- Good bus services. Post boxes. Playgrounds for young children and open spaces.
- GPs Doctors
- Hairdressers, barbers shop. More seating, gardens, parks, small animal zoos. Coffee shop. Shop for selling individual's goods, 'farm shop'.
- Improved Drs facilities. Better bus times.
- It needs a focal point, all successful villages have one. Where people come together. A good shopping area with small shops will work (not Tesco!).
- Keep the village hall. Provide a local doctors surgery as in Overbrook Road in the past!
- Leisure - swimming pool - health club.
- Local doctors.
- Meeting places.
- More doctor's surgeries either in Hardwicke or Quedgeley, but Hardwicke would be better.
- More shops - possibly a takeaway
- No - keep as a small village.
- No additional facilities really but disabled access to some areas need improvement. The loss of our shop and post office has hit Hardwicke hard so a new one has to be a priority.
- No.
- None that I can think of.
- Not necessarily Hardwicke, but a swimming pool close by would be great!
- Open space for relaxation e.g. green spaces, with benches etc.
- Return of a local shop and PO
- Safe places for dog walkers that do not conflict with other space users. Good car parking on estates - real problem in our area at the moment. More recycling facilities at prime times of the year e.g. cardboard at Christmas.
- Sporting facilities for girls e.g. tennis, netball. Skate park (at present, children go to Kingsway or Quedgeley).
- Swimming pool - maybe at Severn Vale School, so half costs with Quedgeley?
- Swimming pool. Activities for all ages.
- Swimming pool. Drs. More shops. Buses.
- Swimming pool. More recognition from SDC that although Hardwicke may be closer to Gloucester, we do exist, this applies to MP too.
- Swimming pool/spa.

- Takeaway?
- There are no health facilities in Hardwicke so this needs to be addressed urgently. Greater variety of shops would be nice. A nice formal, but natural wildlife area would be good for Hardwicke.
- There should be a public park, which could incorporate some of the above facilities.
- We have no chemist, no GP surgeries, no library, no district nurse, no dentist. I have lived in Hardwicke 59 years.
- Would like to see bigger sports facilities in this area. With the amount of housing we could do with our own leisure centre with swimming facilities.

B3 Please suggest any improvements to the above facilities and services in the space below

Number of responses: 43

Most common answers

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| • Post office in Hardwicke | 8 | |
| • More facilities/clubs for young people | 4 | e.g. indoor sports; astro pitch; youth clubs |
| • More use of village hall | 4 | e.g. indoor sports; pub; more activities |
| • More sports facilities | 3 | e.g. indoor sports; tennis court; bowling green |
| • Bigger car parks | 3 | e.g. doctors; dentist; police station; school; post office |
| • New school building | 2 | |
| • GP surgery in Hardwicke | 2 | |
| • Shorter waiting times at GP | 2 | |
| • Dental surgery in Hardwicke | 2 | |
| • Coffee shop | 2 | |

Full comments A-Z

- A doctors surgery in Hardwicke would be good as would a dentists. More open playing fields.
- A strong play area for teenagers - they like using swings, slides, climbing frames too but the existing facilities get damaged because they are not strong enough for them. 2. A bus service between Hardwicke/Quedgeley and Tuffley.
- A youth club focused on computers, games as well as physical activities. (They won't come otherwise.)
- All of B1. Roads.
- Bring back our post office ASAP.
- Car park at post office is not big enough.
- Chemist. Dentist.
- Coffee shop/internet café.
- Community Centre (village hall) enlarged for sports facilities e.g. badminton, table tennis, and indoor sports for very young. Concerts etc. Also bowling green outside.
- Covered bus stops at bottom of School Lane, opposite woodlands, with seat if possible for use of elderly.
- Desperately need the post office reopening.
- Do not need a new school, perhaps extend current school.
- For the elder people - closer health facilities and post office.
- Good news about 'ONE-STOP' shop (previously Starting Gate pub) and post office - absolutely vital to residents of Hardwicke. THANK you to all those involved in this.
- Health facilities to include complimentary medicine. Sporting facilities geared toward all generations, i.e. tennis courts, bowling green, ballroom dancing.
- I hope a new doctors surgery will be at the "Health Facilities" plus a small physio centre. There are more vets in the area than doctors!
- I think we are lucky to have such good facilities in Hardwicke and close by.
- I would like to see Hardwicke village hall used more often and by more diverse activities.
- Improve community centre facilities.
- Improved bus services. Post boxes, telephone and playground in Hunts Grove area.
- Larger car park by doctors/dentist/police station. Bring back the post office - often long queues at the one at Tesco.
- Make an entrance to the school from Green Lane. And more in school parking.
- Most certainly a bigger post office. Also being able to see a doctor at short notice.

- Need more of all of the ticked boxes. The housing grows but not the facilities.
- Need to build new facilities.
- No GP surgery in Hardwicke needed as cannot get into Quedgeley surgeries.
- Post office.
- Preferably a new build school to supplement the existing school provision.
- Recycle and refuse. Is a nightmare for disabled and elderly.
- Re-open the post office, or at least get something in place for the whole community.
- Road safety - Pound Lane, Church Lane.
- Shops - see comment at end of survey [A few retail units would be a good idea/nice. Coffee shop/cake & bakery? / local art & craft shop, etc. This would give area a boost and help retain boundary separation from Quedgeley.]
- Speed limits and pedestrian lights.
- Sports areas.
- The school is at capacity, both for children and buildings - a new school is vital. An increased police presence would be helpful. Post office provided a centre for the village as well as a vital service.
- The village hall could be used as a pub, like the Legion. A building which could be made profitable. A gold mine, making nothing. Saturdays could have Sky Sport matches etc. and watch Hardwicke AFC. But no, always shut for some non profit making effort.
- There seems to be very little for young folk with youth clubs meeting about twice a month. Surely there should be more for young people.
- There should be a preservation of green fields with footpaths for dog walkers.
- Urgently need more health facilities.
- Waiting times cut in doctors surgery.
- We seem to put the cart before the horse, why not build some decent roads, then build your new houses round them, at the moment you build the houses, then try to find a way of getting the traffic moving.
- Wider use of village hall.
- Youth facilities need to be all weather and open to all ages. I suggest an Astro pitch with multi use set-up for football, netball and basketball.

B4 How well do the following green spaces in Hardwicke serve your needs? Please suggest your own in the "Other" row and text box. (Tick one per row)

Number of respondents	Completely	Partially	Not at all	Do not use	No reply	Total
Spaces for sport	16	31	7	41	14	109
Spaces for walking	38	55	3	5	8	109
Playgrounds	21	35	4	42	7	109
Allotments	5	13	16	59	16	109
Wildlife areas	23	47	20	12	7	109
Tranquil areas	22	50	18	8	11	109
Informal play areas	12	29	9	48	11	109

% of 109 respondents	Completely	Partially	Not at all	Do not use	No reply	Total
Spaces for sport	15%	28%	6%	38%	13%	100%
Spaces for walking	35%	50%	3%	5%	7%	100%
Playgrounds	19%	32%	4%	39%	6%	100%
Allotments	5%	12%	15%	54%	15%	100%
Wildlife areas	21%	43%	18%	11%	6%	100%
Tranquil areas	20%	46%	17%	7%	10%	100%
Informal play areas	11%	27%	8%	44%	10%	100%

C1 How important is it to you that Hardwicke has a defined centre? e.g. for amenities, retail, services & leisure

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Very important	42	39%
Important	46	42%
Not important	15	14%
No opinion	2	2%
No reply	4	4%
Total	109	100%

C2 Do you think there is a strong community spirit in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	30	28%
No	48	44%
Don't know	26	24%
No reply	5	5%
Total	109	100%

C3 How important to you is community spirit?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Very important	42	39%
Important	53	49%
Not important	4	4%
No opinion	8	7%
No reply	2	2%
Total	109	100%

C4 How could community spirit in Hardwicke be enhanced?

Number of responses: 51

Most common answers

- Events 18 (e.g. village show, fetes, events like Jubilee)
- Places to gather/meet 6
- Community centre 4
- Focal point/defined centre 4
- Coffee shop/café 3

Full comments A-Z

- Encouragement of looking out for each other - scheme to get to know neighbours and OAPs who could do with some help.
- A defined centre where people and services can meet up.
- Annual events like Jubilee celebrations.
- Better links between Hunts Grove and Hardwicke.

- Bonfire night could be an earner of [do they mean 'for'?] Parish Council. If they had a big community bonfire, lots of stalls, parking a plenty on field, Danter's fairground, Attwools tents. A good village spirit, full bar in village hall and everything. It won't happen as health & safety I suspect. I know, let's play bowls!
- Bring back village show, horticulture event. Possible vintage car show.
- By creating a centre.
- By encouraging people to keep Hardwicke litter free and dog mess free and for the residents to take a pride in where they live.
- By having a community centre and more events that bring people together.
- By having a focal point. People need to interact and there is nowhere for them to do this!
- By identifying it as a community rather than a housing estate.
- By incorporating some of the points itemised in B4, B1, and improving and strengthening these areas.
- By more mature facilities for family gatherings.
- By organising more events where the community could work together e.g. fetes. In the light of recent burglaries, develop more community spirit so folk look out for each other.
- Communal garden, events, cycle routes, that all ages can participate in. Parks, coffee shop/farm shop.
- Community centre/sports centre.
- Community spirit has to come from the people in the main. Providing a village with, as much as possible in the NDP to help this: ie: as detailed in B4, can only help - important to try - important to work together.
- Continuing with Hardwicke Matters and events in and around Hardwicke village hall. Stroud Council to take more interest in Hardwicke.
- Don't know.
- Encourage more locally based events.
- Events like Jubilee. Music events.
- Events on the green.
- For everyone to appreciate how lucky we are to live here.
- Gathering area/community centre with adjacent shops/school/parking.
- Get the village hall to put on 'village dos' i.e. veg/flower shows, entertainment - utilise the playing field - fairs - stall etc. etc. I know who will do it - we have and it worked.
- Give the village a centre! From this, its identity will be enhanced. Hardwicke has grown too quickly and is now in danger of becoming simply a "dormitory" for Glos/Stroud etc.
- I believe a start was made at the Jubilee celebrations. It would be nice to have this kind of event increased.
- I think in places it is strong. Sadly in the area of Hardwicke we live people don't respect their surroundings. A lot of rubbish appears through the week, noise and drugs. It has got a lot worse in last 2 years. The newsletter is great: keeps people informed.
- I think it is very good. Even though I have not been involved it feels good to be somewhere where you see people engaging with the community and participating
- I think nowadays it's very difficult due to lifestyles and the volume of people.
- I think there is some 'local' community spirit with people friendly when you do see them. However, probably due to people working there are few possibilities to "get together" and generally get to know other people.
- I use Quedgeley facilities which are excellent, perhaps do similar, or amalgamate.
- Involve young people in British Legion.
- Jubilee funday was fantastic. More similar family friendly events would be good.
- Local tea/coffee shop.
- Meeting places - café. Locally run shop.
- More community events. More information about what is going on in area.
- More events on field and in Legion and village hall.
- More groups for specified activities. Slimming club.
- More places and opportunities to meet with other people in the community and have activities available to work together and get to know each other.
- More social places.
- More use of notice boards. Most events are only read about in the Hardwicke Matters mag. Most parents get close to the board at the school gate.
- New to the area - no opinion as yet.
- Newcomers to village want to make too many changes. Close access roads to local villages. How do you get here and how do they get [can't read rest of comment].

- Perhaps a community centre to meet with others?
- Possibly more individual involvement in the community.
- Somewhere people can meet.
- Summer outdoor fair/BBQ/stalls/entertainment
- Unfortunately Hardwicke has grown too large to retain its 'village feel' as it was when I moved here 25 years ago.
- Website: local *up-to-date* news and events. Social get togethers (seasonal; summer fete, Xmas coffee etc.)

C5 In your view, what contributes most to a village 'feel'? e.g. local pub, village green, countryside etc.

Number of responses: 82

Most common answers:

- Pub 35
- Village green 25
- Countryside 24
- Shops 18
- Church 12
- Village hall 9
- People/community spirit 5
- Events 4

Full comments A-Z

- A better village pub would be good. Pilot requires improvement.
- A focal point, meeting area, with shops, sitting areas, cafes etc.
- A good village pub - proper old style. Serving food. Tidy countryside. Village green utilised fully.
- A small community without all the new houses.
- A village centre. A centre is a "heart", and without it, the village has no life. The centre would include shop/PO, pub, church, doctors.
- A village church! - (sadly extremely unlikely). (i.e. church in the 'heart' of the village.) Café/pub - village green - facilities for children/youth will all help bring people together to create that 'feel'.
- A village green with local pub would be really nice, but unsure where it would be possible. Also some 'countryside feel' walking spaces available for families, dog walkers and wheelchair friendly.
- All mentioned above
- All of above.
- All of the above but people need to be willing to make it so.
- All of the above, but the continued sprawl of new housing simply smothers this 'feel' turning a village atmosphere into bland suburbia.
- All of the above.
- All you stated.
- Better upkeep i.e. litter, hedges/grass verges and roadsides. Overgrown hedges in Green Lane reported to HPC nothing done.
- Church, school, community centre, pub, local shop and post office. Local businesses, farms.
- Community spirit - support local parish church.
- Community spirit.
- Community supporting each other, shop, post office, cafes, churches, hall, green, youth facilities, countryside.
- Countryside and lack of traffic (stop filling every space with houses).
- Countryside and village green.
- Countryside, village green - focal point. Small housing developments, summer fete.
- Countryside, village green, small shops.
- Countryside, village green, village hall, church.
- Countryside, village green.
- Football Club facilities - sports, cricket, rugby. Pub. Post office. Village area.
- Good local pub with excellent local food produce. Good places to walk/picnic/cycle etc.
- Green belt, fields, natural areas, church.

- Green, countryside.
- Hardwicke is very spread out now and not a village i.e. located around the church. Perhaps we could improve clubs/facilities around the Village Hall.
- It is nice to live close to the countryside and canal and much unspoilt land - nice to see familiar faces when out locally.
- Local church, local pub - a focus that is central to everyone. There is no identification of Hardwicke as a village - where is the sign that says "welcome to Hardwicke village".
- Local community events, bringing different parts of community together i.e. sports days, fetes, dances.
- Local events, getting the community together, working together.
- Local pub (independent landlord). Post office/shop. Pavements & paths.
- Local pub and village green etc.
- Local pub would be lovely. I cannot use "The Pilot" at all as it is not wheelchair friendly. A village green with a pub on would be lovely but possibly not a realistic proposal - where would it be? A small café may be good and may encourage people to get together.
- Local pub, countryside.
- Local pub, shop.
- Local pub, shops.
- Local pub.
- Local pub.
- Local pub.
- Local pub. Village green. Countryside.
- Local pub. Village green. Village shop/post office. Countryside, picnic areas.
- Local pub. WI. Post office for information [?]. People.
- Local pubs that serve good food and are family friendly. Family events.
- Local pubs. Churches.
- Local shops, village hall and sports field and parks.
- Not buildings, but people's attitudes and consideration for each other.
- Nothing now that Sellars Road estate has been started. It feels like one large housing estate now.
- Open space; open farmland and fields either side of canal. Lanes such as Church Lane, Green Lane. Hedgerows.
- People and spirit.
- Post office or a shop
- Pub - village green - countryside shops and PO.
- Pub, activities on the playing field and at the village hall.
- Pub, eating house, sport etc.
- Pub, village green, countryside, community centre.
- Pub. Village green. Community centre.
- Pub/restaurant and countryside.
- Pubs, Community Centre.
- Quiet roads.
- See C4 [Gathering area/community centre with adjacent shops/school/parking.]
- The biggest asset to village life is being close to the countryside. Most of the village open space is being hijacked by house developers.
- The village feel in Hardwicke to me centres around the village hall and the Millennium stone & pond. Flowers around these areas and seats and if it is kept up together.
- The village hall - and a more litter free environment. Dog poo has increased in last two years (we are dog owners).
- To have a village shop; pub/restaurant; open and accessible countryside. The 'village feel' is already being eroded by developments which have/are occurring.
- Tranquil areas/access to wildlife. Not too built up. Access to canal. Good community spirit.
- Village green - restriction on volume/speed of traffic through village.
- Village green and local countryside, mix of very old and new houses.
- Village green, church, older houses in village.
- Village green, local pub and few shops - could do with a place to get a good coffee/coffee shop and meeting place.
- Village green, local pub.
- Village green.
- Village green.

- Village green. Countryside.
- Village green. Countryside.
- Village green. More open spaces to play/sit.
- Village Hall, green, shop.
- Village hall/community centre. Fields and play areas. Sports clubs.
- Village shop - pub - garage - a club of some sort.
- Village shop, pub, tea/coffee shop, access to open countryside and nature areas. A good defined cycle route around the village would also be good.
- You feel that you live in a village when you have countryside by you. Now I have houses being built at the end of my road.

C6 Would you be interested in joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	46	42%
No	37	34%
No opinion	18	17%
No reply	8	7%
Total	109	100%

C7 If there are any areas in Hardwicke where you don't feel safe, please state where and explain why you don't feel safe there.

Number of responses: 48

41 respondents (38% of 109) stated either locations, reasons or both. A summary of the most common locations and reasons is provided separately below, followed by a table showing the reasons at each of the common locations. 7 of the 48 respondents who made comments in response to this question said they feel safe in Hardwicke.

Most common answers

Locations

- Church Lane 6
- Sellars Road 5
- Green Lane 3
- Pound Lane 3
- Underpass/subway 3
- Alleyways 2
- Waterwells Drive 2
- Westbourne News 2

Reasons

- Traffic 15 (e.g. speeding, dangerous driving, dangerous parking)
- Groups of young people/youths 8
- The dark 6
- Lack of street lights 3
- Drugs 2

Locations with reasons

Location	Reasons at stated location
Church Lane (6)	Traffic (6)
Sellars Road (5)	Traffic (3), Dark (1)
Green Lane (3)	Traffic (2), Youths (1)
Pound Lane (3)	Traffic (3)
Underpass/subway (3)	Youths (1)
Alleyways (2)	
Waterwells Drive (2)	Traffic (1), Dark (1)
Westbourne News (2)	Youths (2)

Full comments A-Z

a) Locations/reasons

- Alleys
- Alleyways. The lanes when walking - traffic going too fast.
- Anywhere the street lights are turned off at night.
- Around Westbourne News shop, as young youths hang around there, and you dare not look at them as you might get attacked.
- Church Lane - high volume/speed of traffic pose a threat to pedestrians.
- Church Lane - traffic volumes. 'Rat run'. I would like to see access to Church Lane restricted but NOT closed.
- Crossing on roundabout, see item B2 and B3. [B2: Decent bus service. Access from Bath Road over to services, shop, & McDonald's, garage over roads 4008 & A38. B3: Speed limits and pedestrian lights.]
- Don't go out in the dark.
- Drugs is a big problem locally. Lack of police presence. Speed of traffic down our roads and locality. Lots of fence panels down at the moment - not sure if dogs will appear when walking past.
- Footpaths around Oak Tree Close and surrounding area - after dark - lack of street lights; village green/pond/footpath area generally, the same - maybe concern more for teenagers than adults.
- I am concerned about recent burglaries in Barley Close and Elmgrove Road East.
- I live on the Bristol Road, where there are obvious traffic hazards - poor road surface, speeding vehicles, increasing traffic volume - no policing to control this.
- In Green Lane between the caravan site and the next bungalow with cars always parked on bend. This is always making me drive on the wrong side of the road. Very, very dangerous.
- Increased volume of traffic makes walking in the lanes dangerous.
- Marconi Drive and Waterwells Drive. I know these are in Quedgeley!! but join to Hardwicke at top of road. The amount of learner drivers turning is a 'joke' with lorries, kids walking home from school - the most I have seen doing 3 point turns in one go is 5 - every time I go in or out there is a car there.
- New estates have brought Hardwicke away from being a village and now it's an estate like all others. Youths urinating on gates. Drunks in the road (Bristol Road). Even hovering the car, I had the mats stolen. (We are Hardwicke estate.)
- Not so much where, as why, i.e. 1) Where there are groups of youths displaying antisocial behaviour. 2) Where cars are being driven dangerously around lanes.
- Only don't feel safe if I have to walk in the dark at night.
- Overbrook Road, we have experienced a lot of trouble where we live due to other residents in rented accommodation having a huge lack of respect for others.
- Pathways between housing at night.
- Pilot roundabout > School Lane roundabout. High overhanging branches and brambles. If go to post box can't see traffic SLR > PR direction due to hedges.
- Pond side of playing field near Green Lane - area frequented by bored youths/graffiti/fag butts/broken glass.
- Pound Lane, Church Lane - walking on the road is unsafe due to the speed of the traffic.
- Pound Lane/Church Lane/Sellars Road, because of the increase in traffic!!

- See E2. [Sellars Road, Church Lane, Pound Lane - RAT RUN. I know, walking to the church, no pavement and dangerous corners, is very dangerous - cars won't stop!!! and people drive too fast. Get the speed camera in action again!!]
- Sellars Road
- Sellars Road area - just because it is so dark in the evenings. Pavements in general worry me - potholes/cracks/severe sideways slopes are all dangerous and can cause major problems to me in a wheelchair and also to anyone walking.
- Sellars Road, Green Lane, Bristol Road - speeding traffic.
- Some roads in 'rougher' parts of village.
- Sometimes felt little intimidated around youth shelter on playing field when large group are there. But I have never felt 'unsafe' in Hardwicke.
- Stay in dark nights.
- Subway into Quedgeley. Too many teenagers gathered under the bridge.
- There are a few roads with no street lighting which I avoid walking down as I do not feel safe at all. Also there are some roads that, although they have pavement, you cannot use the pavements as they are overgrown so forcing you to use the roads to walk on. Also there are many pavements that are not wide enough for wheelchair access.
- Underpass area at night time.
- Underpass. Sometimes outside Westbourne News when there are a large youth crowd.
- Village hall car park at night attracts lots of cars/music and people hanging around.
- Walking down Church Lane - speeding traffic.
- Walking down to the church with the cars speeding and using the lane as a rabbit run to avoid the traffic.
- Walking in any streets after dark. Due to: gang/drug/youth culture.
- Waterwells Drive, especially when dark. Later in evening, few cars using the road. Sometimes feel "vulnerable".
- Where there are large collection of youngsters.

b) Feel safe

- Am OK where I go.
- N/A
- No.
- No, I feel safe in Hardwicke.
- No.
- No.
- Not really, I do not personally have any issues with safety.

SECTION D: PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

D1 How important is retention of hedgerows to you?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Very important	73	67%
Important	35	32%
Not important	0	0%
No opinion	1	1%
No reply	0	0%
Total	109	100%

D2 How important is ditch management to you?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Very important	86	79%
Important	20	18%

Not important	2	2%
No opinion	0	0%
No reply	1	1%
Total	109	100%

D3 Is there a need to review recycling arrangements in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	49	45%
No	42	39%
No opinion	16	15%
No reply	2	2%
Total	109	100%

D4 Do you think production of renewable energy in Hardwicke should be explored as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	50	46%
No	21	19%
No opinion	32	29%
No reply	6	6%
Total	109	100%

D5 Please use the space below to make any comments about protecting the environment in Hardwicke

Number of responses: 53

The comments have been categorised under headings corresponding to questions D1-D4 as well as a range of others. A few of the comments span more than one heading and have been split for the purpose of categorisation. The headed comments have been arranged in descending numerical order (i.e. the category with the most comments appears first). The categories are as follows:

- Recycling arrangements 13 incl. collection of garden waste (7); collection of food waste (2)
- Litter/dog mess 10
- No/Less housing development 9
- Renewable energy 5 incl. no wind farms (3)
- Hedgerows 4 keep hedgerows (3); cut back hedgerows from pavements (1)
- Ditch management 3 vital (2); wash mud off edges (1)
- Pond 3 maintain (2); landscape (1)
- No bonfires 2
- Footpaths 2 maintain (1); make safe from bulls (1); open up more (1)
- No incinerator 2
- Lanes 2 reduce speed limits (2)
- Trees 2 replace dead trees (1); plant more (1)
- Waste collection 2 supply wheelie bins (1); stop people putting out bags too early (1)
- Wildlife 2 protect flowers (1); protect open spaces (1)
- Other 4

Full comments by category (then A-Z within each category)

Recycling arrangements (13)

- A collection service for garden waste is urgently needed (not bags that cost a fortune).
- Composting of garden waste/cuttings.
- Cooked food and green waste should also be taken.
- D3 - Green waste (garden waste) can be a problem. Gardens are too small for "compost heaps" - the alternative is a trip to the tip in Gloucester!
- Lots of evidence of recycling. SDC really good to provide collections etc. - would be a relief if building would stop but unfortunately that's not going to happen.
- Recycling of garden rubbish needs sorting. I buy the green sacks for it only for it be emptied in the normal bin lorry.
- Regarding recycling - it would be a tremendous help if garden and food waste was collected.
- Small cardboard box too small and green bin is too large.
- Stop the recycling lorry coming before 8am. Presently it comes around 6am.
- Think recycling works very well.
- We need green waste facilities. I compact all possible green stuff but woody bushes etc. nowhere to put.
- We need to be able to recycle more plastic bags, cling film and polystyrene.
- Would like collection of green waste, "gardening" stuff. I recycle nearly everything else.

Litter/dog mess (10)

- Clear rubbish dumped in Marconi Drive ditches. Dog poo bins - Hunts Grove. People are starting to leave by acorn [?].
- Dog excrement left on pavements etc.!!!
- Keep village clear of litter.
- Many areas could be cleaner if a regular collection was made to pick up litter, there is a lot on Dales Wharf, you can pass the same cans and bottles week after week.
- People should take their litter home.
- Rubbish on grass verges, roads, hedgerows etc. could be cleaned up more often - it is dangerous for wildlife.
- Stop litter and dog fouling.
- There are some gorgeous areas in Hardwicke along the brooks and canal. Sadly some people don't respect this dumping their garden waste in them.
- Those on community service should clear up litter.
- We used to be part of a team of villagers who used to improve the environment e.g. plant daffodils/clear ditches/litter picking - this would be good to reinstate.

No/Less housing development (9)

- Less building on open spaces. Use existing derelict land etc.
- Less new building.
- Limiting the amount of 'new builds' - housing development sites. Hardwicke will quickly lose its country/village 'feel' if it becomes too large!
- No more housing developments.
- See 'C5'. [Countryside and lack of traffic (stop filling every space with houses).]
- Stop building estates without also putting in community facilities.
- Stop building new houses.
- The environment - do you mean all the housing that is destroying the environment. That needs protecting.
- The village roads and lanes will not take any more vehicles - so no more housing.

Renewable energy (5)

- As a chartered energy manager I do not believe you would get good advice or renewable energy, Gloucester's renewable energy package was bad and overpriced with lots of money to the contractor and a large [can't read the word].
- But we don't need wind farms.
- D4 - If "Renewable Energy" means a wind farm, then definitely NO.
- I don't have a problem with the proposed facility by Blooms for producing energy and dealing with waste. I would like to see more solar panels used and have been trying to find out more about them and what is the best set up and supplier.

- It depends on what 'renewable energy' means. Wind farms absolutely not - solar panels? (would you put solar panels on a listed building - if not why not, and why on unlisted housing?)

Hedgerows (4)

- Keeping the hedgerows and fields intact.
- Hedgerows and natural open spaces with plenty of wildlife is integral to the 'feel' of Hardwicke. These should be protected and recognised in some way.
- Hedgerows should be kept. Allow hedges to be planted on estates newly built.
- I feel it is vital that all hedgerows are kept cut back and off pavements so they are accessible to all - including wheelchair users, people with young children and the elderly.

Ditch management (3)

- Ditch management is vital but there is no point digging them out only to leave the mud etc. on the edges. This not only looks bad but also washes back in at next heavy rainfall - so a total waste of time and money.
- Hardwicke suffers from flash flooding and therefore the management of the water courses that run through the village is critical. Ensuring ditches are cleared on a regular basis and kept clear and being able to call on the council/parish council/EA to respond quickly if a ditch becomes blocked. This is not the case at present.
- The culvert from Bath Road under the road to front of McDonald's should be cleared more often, also ditch running from last house in the road to said culvert (we are flooded out during heavy rain storms).

Pond (3)

- Maintain the pond.
- Pond area - please keep and more importantly maintain and look after - could be lovely place to sit and enjoy.
- The pond on Green Lane could be landscape [do they mean landscaped?] to make it more attractive.

No bonfires (2)

- No bonfires, they are from the past and no longer necessary.
- Terrible problem here with bonfires, some people are thoughtless! Smoke pollution, fumes etc. I feel bonfires should be stopped in built up areas like Hardwicke.

Footpaths (2)

- I would like to see the footpaths maintained and made safe. Currently there is a herd of bulls in the field along Glevum Way to church rendering it unsafe to walk to Puddleducks as they charge at you.
- Open up footpaths so they can be used instead of walking on roads, and encourage people to walk more, further and often.

No incinerator (2)

- Keep the burner off Javelin!
- No incinerator!

Lanes (2)

- The lanes round Hardwicke are in need of tighter speed limits or one way system (Green Lane, Pound Lane).
- We need to keep Pound Lane as a 'lane' - reduce the speed limit.

Trees (2)

- Replace dead trees.
- We also have some lovely trees in Hardwicke, good to plant more if possible.

Waste collection (2)

- Some folk put out their black rubbish bags far too early - sometimes 4 days early - what an eyesore, what can be done to re-educate these folk?
- Supply wheelie bins not black bags which rip etc.

Wildlife (2)

- Wild flowers. Wildlife need protection.
- Failure at protecting Hardwicke's environment has been evident for many years. Once a rural natural village. Now all green areas are built on and no wildlife continues to thrive. Map's Land once a home to a sparrow hawk family is being built on and the sparrow hawks have disappeared. IT'S TOO LATE!!!

Other (4)

- Keep the open feel - one of the reasons why we chose this area.
- The parish council seem have a strong team that manage this.
- Too many commercial vehicles are parked in front of houses even on grass verges - ruining the verges!
- We have a very good mix of countryside and development at the moment and this mix should be retained and enhanced, with the current countryside areas retained - west of the canal, Pound Lane, Church Lane, Green Lane - this allows access for the parish community to enjoy the countryside.

SECTION E: COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT

E1 Are you concerned about road safety in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	95	87%
No	9	8%
No opinion	3	3%
No reply	2	2%
Total	109	100%

E2 If yes, please state locations

Number of responses: 91

Most common answers:

- Green Lane 29 e.g. speed, volume, parking, narrow road
- Sellars Road 28 e.g. speed, volume, potholes, drunk drivers, unsafe for walkers
- Church Lane 20 e.g. speed, volume, narrow road, unsafe for walkers
- Pound Lane 16 e.g. speed, volume, narrow road, unsafe for walkers
- Bristol Road 12 e.g. speed, weight limit needed, potholes
- Westbourne Drive 9 e.g. speed, parking
- Around school 8 e.g. parking
- Westland Road 5 e.g. speed, parking, cars from driving school doing manoeuvres at busy times
- School Lane 4 e.g. overhanging branches and brambles

Full comments A-Z

- 20 m.p.h. everywhere and double yellow lines on Green Lane bends.
- All roads.
- All roads.
- All roads. Speeding is a real problem.
- Area around Hardwicke school during the start and end of school days.
- Around school. Along Church Lane/Pound Lane/Green Lane speeding drivers.
- Around Westbourne Drive, as people speed up that road, there are a lot of children around.
- As C7 [Pilot roundabout > School Lane roundabout. High overhanging branches and brambles. If go to post box can't see traffic SLR > PR direction due to hedges.]
- As we live other side of Pilot Bridge, parking by the bridgemans hut, often several cars, obscures vision and very dangerous. Perhaps fishermen etc. could use Pilot Pub car park for small fee or free. Speed limit and signs required

along Haywicks Lane/Longney Road, as there is no footpath and more runners, cyclists, walkers use these lanes now, which is good, but dangerous.

- At peak times it can take 10 mins to exit one's own driveway. Bristol Road opposite Map's Land. GL2 4QY.
- Bath Road. Traffic/speed/running in wrong lane. Clear lane marking required before fatal [fatality?] occurs on the exit. You can sit on the wall at Sunnyde [?] to confirm these observations.
- Bristol Road and near school.
- Bristol Road, Pound Lane, Church Lane, Sellars Road, the latter three lanes not safe for walking.
- Bristol Road.
- Bristol Road.
- Bristol Road. Green Lane. Sellars Road.
- Bristol Road. There should be a weight restriction.
- By church and playgroup. Green Lane.
- By the school very dangerous people parking on bends and keep clear area outside school.
- Car speeds in Westbourne Road. Rat runs in lanes.
- Cars sometimes drive too fast even in dangerous spots such as the narrow road on a bend by the RB Legion also on Church Lane and Sellars Road. Too many potholes on Bristol Road and other roads in the village.
- Cars travel too fast down Pound Lane and Green Lane.
- Church Lane, Green Lane and Pound Lane.
- Church Lane, Green Lane, Sellars Road.
- Church Lane.
- Church Road. I have seen many near accidents and one head on accident outside my property.
- Considering the Hardwicke infant/junior is in the main used by local families, I am surprised how many parents pick their children up in cars. They are sometimes very inconsiderate when parking and at times careless when driving through the area.
- Cross Keys roundabout.
- Entrance to Overbrook Road.
- Entrance to Sellars Road estate. Already had two cars and one lorry pull out in front of me. Too many lorries use the lanes.
- Generally
- Green Lane - cars parked by the close football pitch. And cars parked at the top end.
- Green Lane - too fast and increasing no. with Sellars Bridge development will only make worse.
- Green Lane and Church Lane.
- Green Lane rat run (short cuts) especially with new building off Sellars Road etc.
- Green Lane too narrow should be one way. Church Lane lethal!!
- Green Lane, Church Lane, Pound Lane, Sellars Road, School Lane west of roundabout.
- Green Lane, Church Lane.
- Green Lane, Westbourne Drive, School Lane, Westland Road, junction at bottom of Elmgrove Road West.
- Green Lane.
- I ride a bicycle and housing developments are encroaching more on our lanes.
- In Church Lane where road narrows and overall speeding traffic along Church Lane and Pound Lane.
- In general, people do drive fast in the housing estates and also round Westland Road where many school children cross. Driving school cars should not be able to reverse/3 point turns in Westland Road at school times (which they do), or in fact, any time near the Sellars Road end where there are often near misses as people drive in onto Westland Road only to be forced by a Driving school car across the road, in the middle of their 3 point turn.
- Inconsiderate parking - on pavements either partially or in whole, by cars.
- Industrial/business sites and A38.
- Junction to 4008 when houses built.
- L' drivers and large lorries parked on roads leading to residential area. Many young children walk these roads as only access to school. Will there be some cut through at some point from Hunts Grove coming out by Police HQ. I had to wait 10 mins to go to work the other day for learner drivers to do 3 point turn - it's a joke now - I'm not the only resident that feels this way!!!
- Lanes.
- Main roads.
- On the road by the Legion/Village hall. It's getting very fast - any chance of speed bumps/traffic calming measures?

- Outside my house with huge lorries getting lost and turning round causing damage to kerbs, property etc. 29 Hunts Grove Drive.
- People speed especially Waterwells Drive!
- Poplar Way by the school, drivers only see their own child, we see a lot of near misses.
- Potholes need to be addressed in many locations and many pavements need restoring.
- Pound Lane and Church Lane. Cars go very fast.
- Pound Lane, Green Lane, Sellars Road.
- Pound Lane/Church Lane/Green Lane. Traffic increased enormously, and people do NOT drive carefully.
- Pound/Church/Green Lane. Sellars Road. School Lane. Westbourne Drive (near school).
- Residents parking on pavements on Hunts Grove Estate. Lots of inconsiderate parking - as a parent of one small child plus one in a wheelchair it is a hazard walking around the estate.
- Roads leading up to end around the school! 2. Lanes - all! 3. Westbourne Drive -> Overbrook Road area. Massive thank you to all those involved with campaigning to reduce speed limit on Bristol Road.
- See item D5 [The culvert from Bath Road under the road to front of McDonald's should be cleared more often, also ditch running from last house in the road to said culvert (we are flooded out during heavy rain storms).]
- Sellars Road - potholes/drunken drivers. Bristol Road - speed.
- Sellars Road now increased traffic.
- Sellars Road should be 20 mph.
- Sellars Road, Church Lane
- Sellars Road, Church Lane, Pound Lane - RAT RUN. I know, walking to the church, no pavement and dangerous corners, is very dangerous - cars won't stop!!! and people drive too fast. Get the speed camera in action again!!
- Sellars Road, Green Lane areas.
- Sellars Road, Pound Lane, Church Lane, Green Lane, too much traffic on very narrow roads, which will get worse as more houses built in Hardwicke.
- Sellars Road, Pound Lane, Green Lane.
- Sellars Road. Church Lane. Green Lane. -> There are new houses with many young children here. I've seen playing on lane. The traffic mostly use the lane as a rat run. One day soon I predict a fatality or serious accident as the traffic go over the speed limit.
- Sellars Road. Green Lane. Bristol Road.
- Sellars Road. Green Lane. Pound Lane.
- Sellars Road/Church Lane/Pound Lane - now used as a 'rat run' with very little or no consideration for speed limit.
- Severn Vale Drive, Green Lane, Westward Road, Sellars Road, Over-use of side roads for school parking: Dimore/Hembury Close.
- Speeding on estate roads.
- The bend in road Cornfield Drive. Needs white line to hopefully prompt drivers to drive on right side of road. Amazed there are no accidents on bend.
- The Bristol Road, especially the Green Lane exit. I see daily difficulties, and experience problems driving from my own home.
- The first corner/bend in Overbrook Road just before Westbourne Drive turning, there's often a vehicle parked there causing obstruction.
- The potholes in roads and pavements makes things very difficult.
- Too many cars in church, green spaces and Sellars Road.
- Too many to list, drivers travel far too fast without consideration for pedestrians.
- Too many vehicles using the lanes around the village.
- Traffic at Hardwicke school. Green Lane with cars parked on end by junction near the church.
- Use of Pound Lane as a rat run at peak times. General speeding in and around Hardwicke/Gloucester.
- Usual places, Church Lane, Sellars Road. Speed of cars using it as a 'rat run' is dangerous. The proposed Hunts Grove junction at A38 will likely cause massive congestion on the B4008/A38 roundabout.
- Very fast on Green Lane/Sticky Lane
- Westbourne Drive, Sellars Road, potholes in general.
- Westbourne Drive. Overbrook Road.
- Westland Road past shop.
- Westland Road, particularly at school starting and finishing times, parking is horrendous and often have to pull out of my road blind due to inconsiderate parking. This is dangerous, could lead to car accidents or person on foot accidents.

- Westland Road, Westbourne Drive, Sellars Road.

E3 Are you concerned about the following aspects? (Tick one per row)

Number of respondents	Yes	No	Don't know	No reply	Total
Condition of roads	95	8	3	3	109
Condition of pavements	75	21	7	6	109
Condition of footpaths	78	14	10	7	109

% of 109 respondents	Yes	No	Don't know	No reply	Total
Condition of roads	87%	7%	3%	3%	100%
Condition of pavements	69%	19%	6%	6%	100%
Condition of footpaths	72%	13%	9%	6%	100%

E4 How often do you use public transport (buses) in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Daily	8	7%
Weekly	26	24%
Monthly	16	15%
Less often	35	32%
Never	23	21%
No reply	1	1%
Total	109	100%

E5 What would encourage you to use buses more often? (Tick all that apply)

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Increased frequency	31	28%
Different times	8	7%
Different routes	21	19%
Cheaper	22	20%
Disabled access	8	7%
Pushchair access	3	3%
Additional bus shelters	16	15%
Would not use	19	17%
Other, please specify	9	8%
No reply	22	20%

“Other, please specify”

Number of responses: 25*

*Only 9 respondents actually ticked the box marked "Other" but 25 wrote comments in the "Other" box. 16 of these stated changes that would encouraged them to use buses more often and 9 made other comments such as "Do not need" or "Adequate".

Most common answers

- More buses on Sundays 3
- More buses in evenings 2
- Allow bus passes to be used earlier in morning 2

Full comments A-Z

a) Changes required

- Allow bus passes to be used earlier than 9.30.
- Alter the bus pass time in the morning.
- Although wheelchairs can go on buses - the positioning of a pole on the bus makes it extremely difficult to get into the wheelchair space.
- Better service on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- Bus service on a Sunday.
- Free for over 60s.
- I go over to the catholic church in Tuffley and as there is no bus, have to drive or walk.
- If they came through village.
- Later service in evenings.
- Less breakdowns, esp. regarding train connections.
- No buses through Church Lane and I cannot walk to Westland Road.
- Reliability and availability evenings, early mornings and Sundays.
- Ride on buses should be routed to hospital on required times to coincide with hospital times.
- See D5 - commercial vehicles, speeding in the lanes. [D5 - Too many commercial vehicles are parked in front of houses even on grass verges - ruining the verges!]
- Timetables always changing.
- We are not within walking distance of a bus stop.

b) Other comments

- Cycle, walk or use car.
- Do not need (at the moment).
- I feel bus service is adequate.
- I think bus services are adequate at this time.
- Unable to drive.
- Use Park & Ride daily.
- Used every time I go to town. 2-3 times week.
- We just use the Park & Ride which is excellent.
- When I can no longer drive (to Park & Ride).

E6 Please use this space to make comments on any other traffic issues

Number of responses: 53

The comments have been categorised under a range of headings. A few of the comments span more than one heading and have been split for the purpose of categorisation. The headed comments have been arranged in descending numerical order (i.e. the category with the most comments appears first). The categories are as follows:

- Speeding 17 e.g. Pound Lane; Bristol Road; lanes; traffic calming needed
- Parking 16 e.g. school; pavements; outside houses; Poplar Way
- Traffic volume 9 e.g. rush hour
- Buses 7 e.g. more bus stops; more laybys

- Walking 4 e.g. pedestrian crossings
- Learner drivers/Driving school 3
- Repair potholes 3
- Cycle paths needed 2
- Quiet lane status 2
- Other 4

Full comments by category (then A-Z within each category)

Speeding (17)

- Concerned about speeding on estate roads
- Drivers ignoring speed limit along lanes.
- Heavy volume and speed in Pound Lane a problem.
- I have already mentioned excess speed, especially reckless in the early morning rush hour - a 30 mph limit is a must - I'll believe it when I see it imposed.
- Pursuance of traffic calming.
- Reduce speed on Bristol Road
- Residents need to remember to follow speed limits when using 'rat runs' e.g. Church Lane/Pound Lane.
- Slower traffic, 20mph, traffic calming
- Some young people are v. inconsiderate (speedsters).
- Speed limit along Bristol Road is too high. Residential areas need 'children at play' signs.
- Speed limit signs on Waterwells Drive to be more prominent.
- Speed of traffic sadly dreadful - more traffic calming measures so needed together with the speed restrictions - other comments made in 'road safety' box overleaf. THE NUMBER OF CARS CAN ONLY BE ON THE INCREASE!
- Speeding along Westbourne Drive.
- Speeding and rat run issues are the main problem.
- Speeding in villages.
- Speeding on all 30mph lanes.
- Too much speeding on Corkeys roundabout.

Parking (16)

- Cars parked in Green Lane, Naas Lane roundabout (peak times). Cars/vehicles parked on the pavements.
- Concerned about the habit of parking routinely on pavement. Often have to push pram into road. Often not necessary at all. Why allow extensions to cover a driveway when it means the cars will be parked on the road.
- Congestion at school finishing time. Cars parked everywhere. What happened to walking to school?
- Excessive purchasing of cars per households blocking entrance/exits to residential areas.
- Irresponsible parking by people dropping children off and picking them up at Hardwicke School. Very dangerous at times, all around corners of roads, so that you cannot see what traffic is coming.
- Parking at Hardwicke School.
- Parents using Green Lane for school parking.
- Parking along Westlands Road, Poplar Way, Dimore Close.
- Parking by Legion on dangerous corner/wide/visibility nil/double Y lines.
- Parking in and out of school times in Poplar Way, Peartree Close, Oaktree Close, Westland Road.
- Parking of cars.
- Parking on the pavements should be stopped.
- Please see E2 [Residents parking on pavements on Hunts Grove Estate. Lots of inconsiderate parking - as a parent of one small child plus one in a wheelchair it is a hazard walking around the estate.]
- See C7 [In Green Lane between the caravan site and the next bungalow with cars always parked on bend. This is always making me drive on the wrong side of the road. Very, very dangerous.]
- See E2 [Considering the Hardwicke infant/junior is in the main used by local families, I am surprised how many parents pick their children up in cars. They are sometimes very inconsiderate when parking and at times careless when driving through the area.]
- Silly parking around school. Especially around alleyway forcing children to cross between parked cars.

Traffic volume (9)

- Amount of traffic coming off at J12 and using the roads into Gloucester. Traffic queues from 6am at Duncar[?]/Bath Road.
- Church Lane used as short cut to motorway/A38 junction at peak times (7.00-9.00am/5.00-7.00pm). Becoming increasingly congested at these times.
- Congestion at school finishing time. Cars parked everywhere. What happened to walking to school?
- Heavy volume and speed in Pound Lane a problem.
- It's increasingly difficult to exit Elmgrove Road East onto the Bristol Road as the traffic is so busy.
- Takes me 10 mins to get onto road. Bristol Road is now a shortcut to motorway. Why not close bridge on Bristol Road, then traffic would have to go over Naas Lane Bridge.
- There should be traffic lights at the junction at the Starting Gate pub, as I have spent up to 10 minutes trying to get out of my driveway. If there was traffic lights there would be no need for 30mph limit.
- VERY worried about the talked about closures of Green Lane, Pound Lane etc. which we are very much against. This would just push traffic into other areas of the village and cause severe delays for all. Why should we all pay the price for a small number of individuals whose self-interest benefits none but themselves.
- With all the new houses built over the last 30 years the road system has remained the same. Rush hours in Hardwicke and Quedgeley are now a nightmare.

Buses (7)

- Bus shelters important especially for older people. Could do with one at bottom of Sunnyfield Road especially now that there is all those extra houses in Sellers Bridge.
- Bus shelters that stop you getting wet.
- Buses are much more accessible now but if companies consulted disabled when designing space it could be even better. 'Low' parts of pavements are often not low enough for a wheelchair to get up so can cause you to get stuck in the road.
- I would like to use service 12A however it will not get me to work on time - a review and additional times e.g. 7.30am, 7.45am, 8am to get into Gloucester earlier than the existing times.
- No laybys for buses to pull into is annoying and causes some drivers to complete silly manoeuvres.
- Park & Ride is excellent. Need more frequent to shops and back (Tesco, Aldi, P.O.)
- Would not be able to meet destinations (work in Mitcheldean) and flexibility needed.

Walking (4)

- The roads are very busy so people should be able to access all the public footpaths which are traffic free but many are not accessible. See opposite the old hall in Church Lane. Who is responsible?
- St. Nicholas Court/Lloyd Baker Court - accommodation for the elderly - are good but both open onto areas where footpaths are inadequate, forcing the residents to walk in the roads.
- Pedestrian crossing.
- Pedestrian crossing on Bristol Road.

Learner drivers/Driving school (3)

- Learner drivers (too many on Westland Road route).
- Learner drivers - there must be other hills within Waterwells they can use away from children and pedestrians.
- Too many driving instructors/schools use Marconi Drive to teach 3-point turns. This causes congestion from time to time. Also, speed limit down Marconi Drive and Hunts Grove Drive needs to be adhered to, as many residents are driving far too fast.

Potholes (3)

- Bad potholes are a menace to drivers/cars.
- Potholes in roads
- Too many potholes taking too long to be filled.

Cycling (2)

- Creation of cycle paths may help relieve traffic around lanes.
- Would be good to have cycle lanes/pavements as it's not safe to cycle in Hardwicke.

Quiet lane status (2)

- Application for 'quiet lane' status for Sticky Lane, Stank Lane, Pound Lane etc. to maintain the village feel for older parts of Hardwicke.
- I would support traffic calming and adopting a quiet lane status for some roads in order to enhance the enjoyment of the countryside.

Other (4)

- Business transport: large vans, open backed lorries blocking narrow roads
- I have no road surface outside my house and I have lived here over 2 years!
- Poor lighting in Green Lane and Elmore Road.
- The condition of some of the road verges are very poor and need rectifying.

SECTION F: HOMES TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS

F1 Do you think the current housing mix in Hardwicke is right? e.g. sizes and tenure

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	48	44%
No	31	28%
No opinion	21	19%
No reply	9	8%
Total	109	100%

F2 If 'No', which types of housing do you think there is a shortage of in Hardwicke? (Tick all that apply)

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
3-4 bed homes	9	8%
1-2 bed homes	7	6%
Flats/apartments	4	4%
Bungalows	24	22%
Sheltered/ retirement	16	15%
Owner occupied	9	8%
Privately rented	1	1%
Social housing	4	4%
Buy-to-let	0	0%
Other, please specify	0	0%
No reply	70	64%

“Other, please specify”

Number of responses: 6*

*No respondents actually ticked the box marked “Other” but 6 wrote comments in the “Other” box. Only one specified an additional type of housing (“Non estate individually built”). Another said “Retirement properties”, but this is already in the list. One said there were too many rented houses/flats at the moment and two said there was no shortage of housing.

Full comments A-Z

- No shortage!!
- No shortage.
- Non estate individually built - Hardwicke is a village not an extension to the housing estates at Quedgeley.
- Retirement properties.

- Skyscrapers, blocks of flats - a typical village. [N.B. In the context of this respondent's other answers in the questionnaire I think he's being sarcastic]
- Too many rented houses/flats.

F3 Are you concerned about flooding in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	54	50%
No	44	40%
No opinion	10	9%
No reply	1	1%
Total	109	100%

F4 If yes, in which locations is flooding an issue?

Number of responses: 49

Most common answers

- Church Lane 11
- Pound Lane 11
- Green Lane 9
- Sellars Road/Bridge 7
- Hunts Grove 4
- Bristol Road 3
- Dales Wharf 2
- Around church 2
- By canal 2

Full comments A-Z

- A general concern about increased flooding and continued development of fields.
- After excellent work by parish council, ditches have been cleared. I would like to see agreements in place to clear ditches and water courses by landowners and not rely on parish council to chase.
- Any area where streams and ponds are inadequately maintained.
- Anywhere around a drainage ditch as they get blocked. The additional water draining from developments such as Hunts Grove makes flooding a real concern.
- Around the church, Pound Lane areas could now be an issue and Sellars Road due to Sellars Bridge Estate.
- Around the lanes where roadside streams overflow.
- Bath Road very often flooded and has been ignored by PCC.
- Bottom of Green Lane. Sticky Lane. Sellars Bridge?
- By canal.
- By the village hall.
- Church Lane - via Shome [?] Brook which carries flood water from school [?] miles away to the canal and is subject to flash flooding and therefore need critical management which it currently does not receive. Need to ensure it is kept dredged on a yearly basis and free from blockage (fallen trees/branches/fence staker) on a weekly basis.
- Church Lane and Pound Lane.
- Church Lane, Green Lane, Pound Lane.

- Church Lane, Pound Lane, Stank Lane, Green Lane, Dales Wharf, Dimore Brook.
- Church Lane. Green Lane. Pound Lane.
- Church Lane. On a personal basis my home sits below the Bristol Road and the adjacent paddock. After 2007 I am wary.
- Church Lane. Sellars Road.
- Church Lane; Pound Lane.
- Church Road
- Church/Pound Lanes.
- Ditches not kept to correct standard.
- Flooding is happening in areas not previously affected so it's a concern to me it could happen here.
- Green Lane - ditches not kept clear or deep enough.
- Green Lane - The Plantation.
- Green Lane (pond and by the village hall bend).
- Green Lane. Church Lane.
- Heavy rainfall 'run off' - climate change. Effects of sea-level rise on the Severn - it is tidal.
- If ditches are maintained properly, I see no need for flooding, unless we have extreme weather.
- I'm concerned that the Sellars Bridge development will impact on flooding.
- Keep brook clear. Check regular.
- Lanes.
- Mainly the lane from Sellars Road, down Church Lane, past the church etc. Also, concerned further areas may become a problem due to more housing development.
- New build and drainage are the potential issues.
- No particular area but the council keep approving more building sites and there is less and less land for rain and surface water to soak away in. Meaning homes that previously have never flooded may do so.
- Not sure - just feel that building on the land (Sellars Bridge) increases risk if hedging and ditching is not done.
- *Personal* The high winds drove rain into my shed. Rang council, could not supply 2 sand bags with sand, only empty ones!
- Possible flooding on built flood plains near canal.
- Pound Lane
- Pound Lane, Church Lane.
- Pound Lane.
- Pound Lane/Green Lane. Roundabout (small) second roundabout near Dales Wharf from Pilot Inn.
- Right here, the ground water came very close to flooding here in Dec 2013 to Feb 2014. Heavy clay soil is why. 29 Hunts Grove Drive.
- Sellars Road.
- The areas that the brook runs through although good management this year has averted too many problems.
- The new Bovis site on Bristol Road ditch. I know, let's build a balancing pond, so it can get filled with crap!
- The roads around by the church frequently flooded due to large/many ditches.
- Water from Bristol Road floods into our garden as road is higher than our garden.
- Waterwells roundabout on dual carriageway. Possible flooding around Hunts Grove.
- We have been lucky so far. Consideration should be made when housing developments are proposed. Good to see ditches cleared - now do the brooks which are overgrown.
- Well I wasn't [concerned] but with new housing estate and potential for more I will be.
- Who's doing drainage ditches. Bath Road and Hunts Grove, where is the water when this concrete jungle is completed. New access road is not required, this will only [lead] to more pollution and traffic chaos.

F5 Please make suggestions of locations where new housing and/or employment development could take place

Number of responses: 56*

*Of which 25 suggested locations. Most of the remainder said there should be no further development. A few of those who suggested locations also said there should be no further housing development and only suggested locations for employment development, while others indicated that they would prefer no further development but nonetheless suggested locations which would be more preferable than others.

Most common answers (locations)

- Brownfield land 5
- A38 4
- Hunts Grove 3
- Waterwells 3
- Starting Gate 2
- Incinerator site 2

Full comments A-Z

a) Locations

- Along A38.
- Any new employment development should only be allowed if current facilities are not sufficient. Then it should be on land already designated for industrial use e.g. Quedgeley West. Any additional development for housing should avoid filling the land centered around the village green.
- At industrially scarred site. Nowhere else, please.
- Away from the centre of village as spoiling its character. Old brownfield sites.
- Brown sites only.
- Brownfield land/empty houses. Something REALLY needs to be done with the Starting Gate.
- Commercial development should border the M5 corridor where noise would be a problem for housing.
- Don't believe there is space for any further housing development. Employment development would only really be feasible on a small scale - perhaps in new shops/pub or café near new housing.
- Enough housing already. Industry Waterwells.
- Fields south of village hall.
- Hunts Grove between M5 and A38.
- Hunts Grove. If in the established part of Hardwicke, within the area bordered by Sticky Lane, Green Lane and Bristol Road. South East part of Hardwicke should be kept as unspoilt as possible.
- I would look to place smaller, more targetted areas of development to cover only the needs of the community - specifically smaller plots of land. We must avoid the development of Hardwicke into another Quedgeley.
- Land behind Nortons Piece - easy access to M5. Ideal for new college and employment areas or Javelin Park if not used for incinerator.
- No more new housing - we are full. Waterwells for employment etc.
- NONE. Otherwise A38 towards Whitminster.
- Not Pound Lane or Church Lane if we are to maintain a 'country' aspect to the community. Due to road infrastructure, safety etc. - look towards land along the A.
- On brown fields sites first. On green field sites unsuitable for farming.
- Only on brownfield sites - leave fields alone.
- Other side of Sellars Bridge, were land empty there, then this side of Hardwicke or, what about Hardwicke Court land on A38, see how Mr Lloyd Baker likes it after allowing 39 houses on land bequeathed by Olive, his aunt to village! Lots of room there, would have thought.
- Put shops on new Redrow/Sellars Bridge housing estate.
- Stroud! If we must build houses, have them instead of incinerator.
- The starting gate site, infill areas. Not greenfields.
- Use existing derelict buildings e.g. old school/Morning Star.
- Waterwells. Hunts Grove.

b) No further development

- All green land is filled. What else do you require? Our drives? Lawns?
- Area already overburdened with both items.
- Do not need any more.

- I feel there is already too much housing taking over what were the rural parts of Hardwicke, and feel this is spoiling the village.
- I feel there is no more room for house building. The infrastructure is not coping with the new building going on in Hardwicke now.
- I think with Kingsway, Hunts Grove and the Pilot we have enough now.
- No more development!
- No more estates.
- No more in Hardwicke village boundary.
- No more in Hardwicke, our green fields are rapidly disappearing under bricks and mortar.
- No more.
- No more. Present medicals not coping. Chaotic at present.
- No new housing!
- No new locations. Too much at present.
- None to new housing.
- Not in Hardwicke!
- Not in this parish - there is enough already!!
- Nowhere!!!
- Somewhere else? Seriously, can we leave a little land for walking, cycling and wildlife?
- Surely new housing is already taking place with more already arranged isn't it? New sports facilities, doctors, post office and housing would all provide employment.
- The village feel has been destroyed with all the new houses and roads cannot take any more traffic, nowhere left to build.
- There is enough already.
- There should be no more new housing - Stroud has used Hardwicke as a convenient dumping group for its problems - Hunts Grove is still developing.
- Too many houses now, NO MORE!!
- Too many housing estates already.
- We are in danger of being over developed and there is nothing we can do about it. Planning is out of our hands, big money wins every time.
- Would not want to see Hardwicke over-developed.
- Would prefer the house building didn't occur anywhere anytime!! We have enough to remain a rural village.

c) Don't know/Other

- Don't know!
- I do not feel qualified to comment.
- Too old to bother.

F6 Do you think our Neighbourhood Development Plan should address:

	Yes	No	No opinion	No reply	Total
Standards in housing design & style	60	9	21	19	109
Maintaining separation from Gloucester/Quedgeley	66	11	18	14	109
Maintaining a rural feel for the parish	92	1	10	6	109

	Yes	No	No opinion	No reply	Total
Standards in housing design & style	55%	8%	19%	17%	100%
Maintaining separation from Gloucester/Quedgeley	61%	10%	17%	13%	100%
Maintaining a rural feel for the parish	84%	1%	9%	6%	100%

SECTION G: ENHANCING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

G1 Are you in favour of providing more local job opportunities in Hardwicke?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	71	65%
No	12	11%
No opinion	19	17%
No reply	7	6%
Total	109	100%

G2 Do you think that enhancing the local economy should be addressed through the Neighbourhood Development Plan?

	Number of respondents	% of 109 respondents
Yes	57	52%
No	11	10%
No opinion	31	28%
No reply	10	9%
Total	109	100%

COMMENTS

What do you value about Hardwicke?

Number of responses: 79

Most common answers

- Close to countryside 21
- Close to facilities/amenities/shops 17
- Rural aspect/feel 19
- Village feel 16
- Peaceful/quiet 14
- Community/people/neighbours 15
- Close to motorway 15
- Close to Gloucester/city 13
- Safe 6
- Open/green spaces 5

Full comments categorised as 'Positive', 'Mixed' and 'Negative' (then A-Z within each category)

Positive

- All of it.
- Although Hardwicke has become much bigger in recent years you don't have to go far to be in the countryside or along the canal. I have made good friends in Hardwicke, and felt more a part of the community through helping at various clubs etc. through my children as they have grown up.
- Being a village to be proud of.
- Being close to family.
- City on the north, country on the south. 2. Proximity to M5. 3. Canal. 4. Bus service. 5. Local shop. 6. Supermarket, library (in Quedgeley), post office.

- Community. Proximity to city and countryside.
- Community. Villagers. Peaceful/quiet.
- Convenience to Glos city/country/canal/small size/shopping/village hall facilities.
- Countryside/city mix. Easy to access both. Parish feel.
- Currently it still feels like a village but I feel more housing will change this.
- For my family all amenities are on hand but a short stroll and you're in lovely countryside.
- Friendly people.
- Friendly; quiet; feels like a village & semi rural.
- Good community feel. We are not Quedgeley, and are different to Gloucester.
- Hardwicke is a friendly quiet village which is why I decided to move here and bring up my boys here. I feel safe to let my children play outside and go to the park. My boys enjoy Hardwicke Rangers football.
- Has a good community feel, like being close to the countryside.
- I have lived in Dimore Close for 16 years and raised my children here - I have felt safe and my children have enjoyed lots of freedom locally - I feel very content living here and have long standing neighbours - I would not want to live anywhere else.
- I value the current mix of countryside and development along with immediate access to the open spaces around Hardwicke. The current green spaces either side Church Lane and Pound Lane are very important countryside areas and must be retained.
- I value the 'village feel' in some parts of Hardwicke. I also value the people of Hardwicke that are doing their best to keep Hardwicke as it is.
- It is quite 'green' being near beautiful countryside. Houses are varied in design. Roads, generally, are sufficiently wide. There are some beautiful historic buildings.
- It still has a 'country/rural' feel.
- It still has the country feel if you walk out of the estates. It has a good parish council that cares!
- It's a peaceful, safe feeling place to live. Close to the countryside and not too far from shops. It's an established neighbourhood, without that many new housing estates.
- Its closeness to country and canal, its trees and hedgerows, its varied housing, its churches, its hall, its community, its parks, its closeness to Gloucester and its facilities, its shops, its closeness to Quedgeley doctors and shops.
- Its locality - convenient access to shops, motorway etc.
- Its rural aspect yet close to motorway and major road.
- Its rural aspects but with good communications to Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham.
- Its rural character.
- Its rural feel. Open spaces.
- It's still just about a stand alone village with a combination of age groups.
- Lived here for 40 years, starting in Westland Road 1973. Very handy access to M5. Very good primary school. Good housing and easy access to countryside, and canal walks.
- Maintaining the rural community.
- Peace, quiet, darkness.
- Peaceful, semi rural location.
- Proximity to green fields. Please do not allow any more of our fields to be lost.
- Quiet location but nearness to good transport facilities. Nearness to countryside and rural areas. Good shops.
- Quiet. Good local facilities e.g. shops.
- Rural feel but close to facilities
- Rural feel, but close to good transport/road networks and a city/shopping/entertainment.
- Rural location but 2 minutes from motorway - peace and tranquillity.
- Rural setting. Canal walks.
- Rural with access to Gloucester.
- Separate to Quedgeley. Peaceful.
- So near countryside. Village feel.
- Some "village feel" left. Proximity to Quedgeley shops. Proximity to motorway.
- Somewhere near the country to live.
- Space. Rural feel. Location - close to M5/Gloucester/access to work. Facilities.
- The beauty of being able to walk in the countryside/by the canal a short distance from housing. Friends and neighbours.
- The church and other facilities, rural aspects.

- The current green fields surrounding the south and east of the parish.
- The number of people working together in various places: i.e. village hall committee/activities, football/cricket clubs, Hardwicke church, school, St Nicholas Court, convenient location to motorways and other.
- The south of Hardwicke is peaceful and a good feel to it due to older homes and spacing, we must keep this in any future development, also very little crime or bad behaviour in Hardwicke.
- The village, the surrounding countryside, the community spirit enhanced by the school, church and village hall. I deplore the prospect of losing these values in an impersonal sprawl of suburbia.
- There is a rural/country aspect to Hardwicke that provides a village 'feel'. If so many houses - new building developments are allowed, we will lose the 'country feel' and turn into another Quedgeley.
- Two minutes away from open countryside. Older parts of Hardwicke village. Must not be surrounded by properties. Not against development but in the right format and the right place.
- Village environment. Distance from city. Easy access to M5.
- Village feel, close to Gloucester by bus, but walk 5 mins and you're in beautiful countryside.
- Village feel, green spaces, safety, good motorway links.
- Village feel; close to major stores such as Tesco, Asda, etc. The views; being part of the Cotswolds and its wonderful views.
- Village hall and fields. H Matters magazine.
- We have a pleasant and reasonably quiet area, close to towns - Glos, Stroud, Chelt, Bristol, with no serious crime figures.
- Where we live is a quiet area in the main, weather permitting one can sit in the garden with little disturbance. Good neighbours.

Mixed

- As we are living on a new development, we are new to the existing opportunities. There is good access to the motorway, but we have found a lack of certain amenities and facilities.
- It is very near to the M5, but it needs a soul. Looks at Stonehouse if you need a guide.
- Its close links to the countryside but this is being eroded by developments such as Sellars Bridge. Becoming another Quedgeley where there is no character and no village feel.
- Its rural aspect and village feel still distinct from Quedgeley but being eroded quickly by new development.
- Its rural feel - which is rapidly going. Views of countryside.
- Living in a village & I would like it to remain that way. Open spaces; local amenities (not currently available!).
- Mainly a pleasant quiet place to live. At present it is still managing to maintain a village feel. A few retail units would be a good idea/nice. Coffee shop/cake & bakery? / local art & craft shop, etc. This would give area a boost and help retain boundary separation from Quedgeley.
- Neighbours and surroundings, the fact that it is just a step away from the countryside, but still close enough to town and lots of local amenities, and in spite of everything, it still has feel of a village. (Unfortunately this seems to be vanishing with all of the housing going up.)
- The canal, would like to see better paths and footbridge put in where Hardwicke bridge once was. The church, greater access by foot, put down descent [do they mean 'decent'?] paths along Glevium [Glevum?] Way footpath.
- We are a village and should stay as a village. Over the years I've seen the village of Hardwicke grow far too fast and far too big. The value is small is good.
- We came here in 1978 to the countryside, no more development please. Rush time congestion needs to be addressed ASAP. *Upkeep of play areas - Dales Wharf by Rosedale, in bad need of repair, 1 swing missing for over 3 years!! 1 remaining has splits in seat!!*

Negative

- 15 years ago Hardwicke was the place I wanted to bring my children up. Now I would dearly love to move to a rural village. Hardwick estate has nothing left to cherish or value. What village, becoming scrawl.
- I did value a quiet village (1977) - all is now spoilt.
- It used to be a very close community - but with so much new housing in Quedgeley and Hardwicke that spirit has been lost - too much too soon.
- More attention and signage should be given to companies already on existing sites Hardwicke, Haresfield and Waterwells.
- Not a lot.
- Nothing!

Please use the space below to make any other comments or suggestions regarding the aims for Hardwicke's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Number of responses: 42

There was a wide range of answers to this question. The most common theme was to avoid over-development.

The comments have been categorised below. Comments which span more than one category have been split. The categories are as follows:

- Avoid over-development/building on green spaces 15
- Facilities for children/young people 4 e.g. sports; play areas
- Other services/facilities 4 e.g. post office; pub; sports/leisure
- Crime/safety 3 e.g. NW; youth shelter – drugs/disturbance
- Tidiness/cleanliness 3 e.g. house frontages; litter
- Canal 2 e.g. improve canal path; no housing development
- Repair/use old school 2
- Traffic volume 2
- Other 16 incl. disabled access; broadband; road signs

Full comments by category (then A-Z within each category)

Avoid over-development/building on green spaces (15)

- Be true to the village and let's not spoil it by over development.
- Development plan - great idea - aims - good. But I'm afraid there is not a lot of room for development - no one has ever listened in the past, so am I wrong to think no one will listen in the future, is this just another PR exercise??!!
- F6 No 2 - Keep separate identity but work in partnership with our neighbours! Preserving existing GREEN AREAS in the village; e.g. Oak Tree Close, Ashgrove.
- Hardwicke needs to maintain its identity and not get [the sentence ends here]
- Hope for any future developments retaining green spaces (what's left).
- I feel Hardwicke should try to maintain its 'village' feel - (not be over-developed) and go for quality pubs/houses and any future buildings or developments.
- I think the development plan should focus on what Hardwicke already has and to improve in these areas rather than looking to expand!
- Knock down the new builds and plant trees and grass.
- Maintain good 'green/rural' areas for wildlife and country aspect. Do not allow big housing developments to happen.
- No more building, please!
- Not too much building. E.g. look at Stonehouse. One cannot build any more and stay in Stonehouse. Have you ever been to Derby? Just outside the city is teeming with wildlife. Where is ours?
- Opposition to further housing development on Green Lane, Sticky Lane, Pound Lane, on grounds of inadequate roads, school places, doctors.

- Please, please do not build any more houses within this village. I cannot imagine what it will be like when all houses are occupied on Sellars Bridge, the lanes are far too busy already from other recent developments. Hardwicke will just become a suburb of Gloucester, instead of the special place it has been to us over the last 19 years.
- We have on our doorstep three ongoing housing developments - Hunts Grove, Sellars, Margo's [?] Field - enough is enough! It is time to think of providing social facilities for the people of Hardwicke, who are already in residence, and, have been sadly neglected.
- We must keep as much natural space - green areas, trees - as possible. We must not be browbeaten into agreeing to "political" agendas to build houses, almost without check, on flat land. We must address "infrastructure" issues like healthcare, schooling and road usage when viewing any development.

Facilities for children/young people (4)

- Although I realise Hunts Grove is in the ward of Hardwicke, I am led to believe that a sports centre, sports field etc. are going to be built at Hunts Grove. Although this is good - it will mean that Hardwicke will have no football or cricket on the field by the village hall and no young footballers. This is what helps to make a village atmosphere. I really feel this problem needs to be discussed by H.N.D.G. before Hardwicke is a ghost village.
- Children's play areas need to be developed. This should include within their own streets e.g. "playing out" scheme - playingout.net/ and 'play streets' - www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-24463263
- Sporting facilities are desperately needed and by this I don't mean football pitches. We need different interests catered for and this in turn would encourage youth to be more active.
- Youngsters need somewhere to go. No more congregating in groups at shop.

Other services/facilities (4)

- Can a way be found to reinstate our post office?
- Development of local pub needed.
- Perhaps Hardwicke Court (company) should be more involved; as big landowners, but never seem to want to contribute to "village life" as you put it. (Apart from selling land for more houses.) They should release some land for community use and sport/leisure facilities for Hardwicke.
- We need decisive action regarding shop and Starting Gate pub.

Crime/safety (3)

- C6 - This did run in our close in the past but unfortunately is no longer running. If there was a NW scheme it would help awareness of people's movements/times when houses may be empty, it may also help with building up community spirit.
- Higher police presence at the school in and out times.
- Living on Hardwicke playing field, I would love to see the removal of the teenage shelter as this is a den for drug and alcohol use and nightly disturbances, this is quite a serious issue for the residents along here. Please help!!!

Tidiness/cleanliness (3)

- Can ways be found to encourage owners/tenants to keep their frontage tidy i.e. no black bags left out for days, grass kept reasonably cut, hedges cut back tidily.
- The litter problem needs tackling properly and organised somehow urgently!
- The upkeep is very important, we all need to be proud of where we live.

Canal (2)

- I would very much like to see the canal path on the Pilot site improved and gravel pathway improved as the first few hundred yards get very muddy. The canal is a fantastic asset and gets a lot of use from walkers. Could anyone liaise with British Waterways to achieve this?
- No further development on the canalside of Hardwicke or in the Hunts Grove area once that is completed.

Old school (2)

- The old school is in bad repair and should be repaired and used - or are you letting it fall down so you can build lots of houses.
- Use the old Hardwicke school for something, it seems so sad to see it empty and falling into disrepair. Split into small, affordable business units, or sell it so someone can turn it into a home.

Traffic (2)

- I'm concerned how busy Green Lane/Church Lane will become once Sellars Bridge housing development has finished. The lanes are busy already and they are only just wide enough for two cars but the hedges and ditches are getting worse and damaging vehicles.
- No wonder they build cars to go 100mph, it's so we can accelerate and get off our drive in gap of traffic!

Other (16)

- At least you're asking!
- Disabled access needs to be looked at around the village. Hedgerows overhang paths, holes in pavements, low parts of pavements not all low enough for a wheelchair to get up. Also railings at shop end of private road at end of footpath across field prevent any wheelchair user getting through so limiting access to some areas. I realise these are probably not priority as they don't affect the majority but if some areas can be looked at it would improve access for us minority around Hardwicke.
- Fibre-optic broadband should be available in Hardwicke and surrounding areas.
- I have answered the questions. Most do not concern me now, because I am almost 90, but I feel so much needs to be addressed in Hardwicke. I have lived here for around 20 years. It is the most uncaring I have lived.
- I think the council needs to get down with the kids!
- I think the incinerator will get built in the future because money is no object.
- Improve/develop community spirit/belonging.
- It would be nice to see a pothole warden round the village roads and lanes. Also a weed warden.
- More events.
- Needs immediate action. Will someone on PC please sort out developers and media [?] e.g. Hardwicke [can't read next word] chapel - road farm on A38 J12 on M5 is in Haresfield not Quedgeley, RAF old depot by M5 J12 is in Haresfield and not Quedgeley and Quedgeley West is in Hardwicke. Can clear signs be installed at app points. Again sit on wall and see the people and frustrated drivers who think and argue they are in Quedgeley because the signs say so.
- Playing fields are great, but often, at weekends and summer evenings used by organised groups.
- Preserve areas for wildlife and natural ecology.
- The plan needs to ensure as wide an input of views from the inhabitants as possible, and, if we can keep politics out of it, that would be wonderful.
- There is a definite need for a Village Centre but apart from that I do not see that much needs to change.
- To maintain a village type development with open green places and good quality homes, especially bearing in mind the ageing population.
- We believe that Hardwicke should foster links with and co-operation with Quedgeley (and ideally a move from Stroud DC to Gloucester CC). The two villages have as good as merged and could then formally share facilities. Personally we feel as much a part of Quedgeley as Hardwicke. We also find we use a lot of facilities in Quedgeley - much more convenient than Stroud!!