

**SHERINGTON VILLAGE SURVEY:
SEPTEMBER 1989**

IN SEPTEMBER 1989 THE PARISH COUNCIL UNDERTOOK A VILLAGE APPRAISAL INTO THE FEELINGS RESIDENTS HAD TOWARDS THE VILLAGE AND THE CHANGES TAKING PALCE WITHIN IT. THE ACCOMPANYING TEXT IS THE RESULT OF THAT SURVEY AND HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AS TRUE AS POSSIBLE TO THE REPLIES OBTAINED.

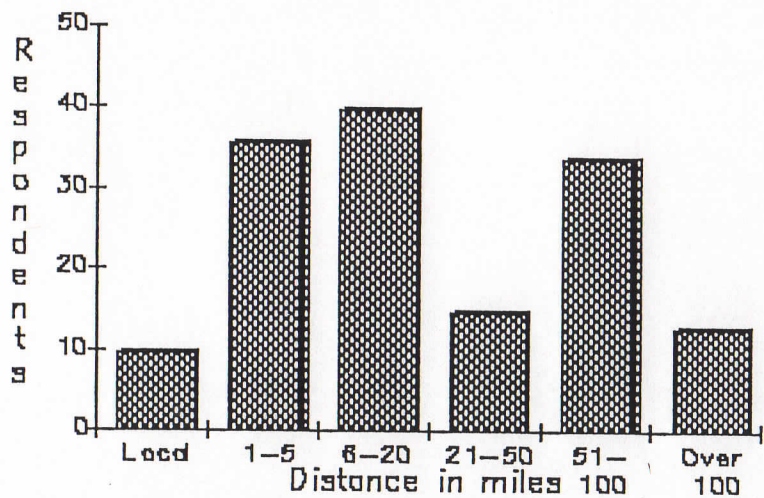
HOPEFULLY IT WILL PROVIDE AN INTERESTING RECORD OF THE VILLAGE AND WILL BE OF VALUE WHEN OPINIONS ARE SOUGHT ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES.

MANY THANKS TO THE 156 RESIDENTS WHO GAVE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO THE PARISH COUNCILLORS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO COLLECT THEM.

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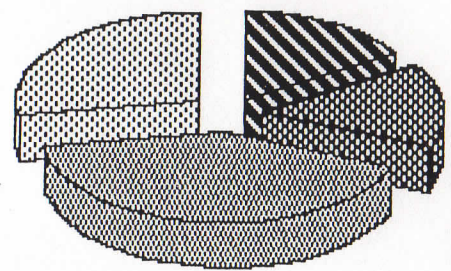
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PREVIOUS RESIDENCE OF RESPONDENTS

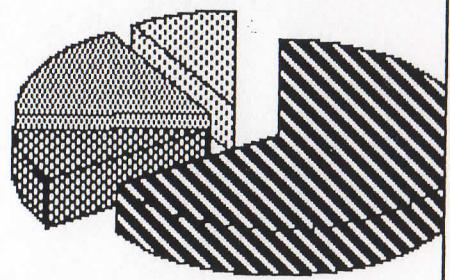
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Type of settlement

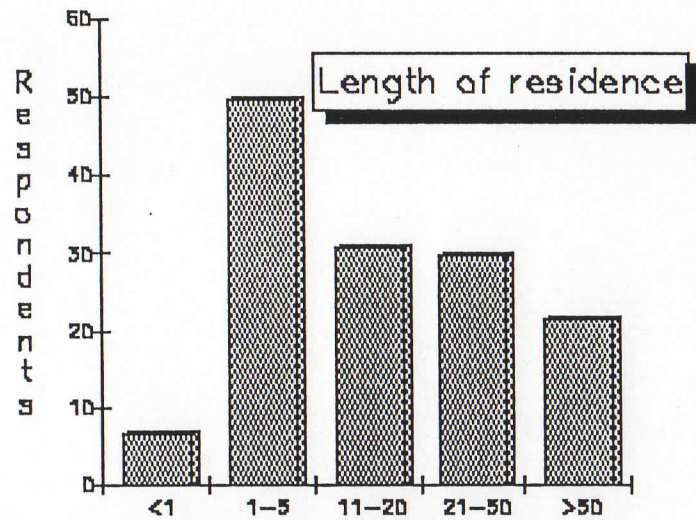


- City
- Large town
- Small town
- Village

Geographical area



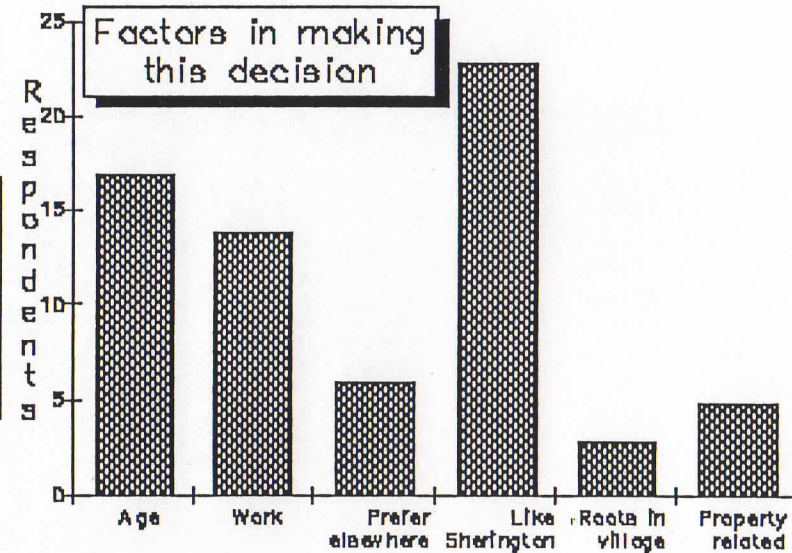
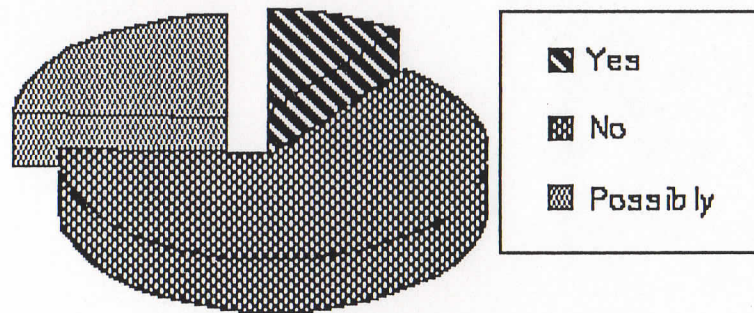
- Beds/Bucks Northants
- Greater London
- South/East
- Other



LENGTH OF RESIDENCE AND INTENTION TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE

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Intention to leave village



INTENTION TO MOVE AWAY FROM SHERINGTON

LIKELY TO LEAVE VILLAGE

Retirement

Going to live in Latvian House, Almelia

Retirement

To move nearer family in the Midlands

Job change

Promotion/Job

Job move

Job relocation

To buy a bungalow and be near life long friends

Smaller house on the coast

For better house and quieter surroundings

Personal reasons

Lack of semi-detached houses

No property available at the lower price range

REASONS FOR STAYING IN SHERINGTON

Age

Retirement

I am 84 years old

Will leave when we are carried out

Work situation and childrens education

Convenient for work/school

This is where we have settled

Position and family

No good reason to move

Lived here too long to move

We love the village

Very happy and settled in Sherington

Like the environment and am reasonably close to work

We are settled here

No plans to move at present

It would be hard to find a better place than Sherington

Completely settled

Nice neighbours, good school, peaceful, safety

Desire to stay

This is our retirement home

Been made very welcome and would be reluctant to leave

We enjoy village life and can think of nowhere nicer to live

Like the village

Very happy here

Enjoy living in Sherington

Permanent home, and I love Sherington and its people

We like this village

I like the village

Quite happy here

Happy where we are

Well settled

To obtain house with acreage

Children are settled at school in Bedford, village friends

Continuity of childrens education

No reason to move

No reason

POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING THE VILLAGE

No transport to the top of the village, too old to walk down

Might die

Job move

Age and health

Retirement

Age

To retire near the coast

Business

Old age and needing care

Job move

Change of jobs

Business move

Work move

Work requirements

Housing availability, work

Depending upon husbands employment

Dependent upon business

Depends on my employment situation

Family are in the area

Milton Keynes influence

Isolated from friends and relatives, limited facilities

Want to go back to Newport

Lack of transport

Possible but enjoy locality

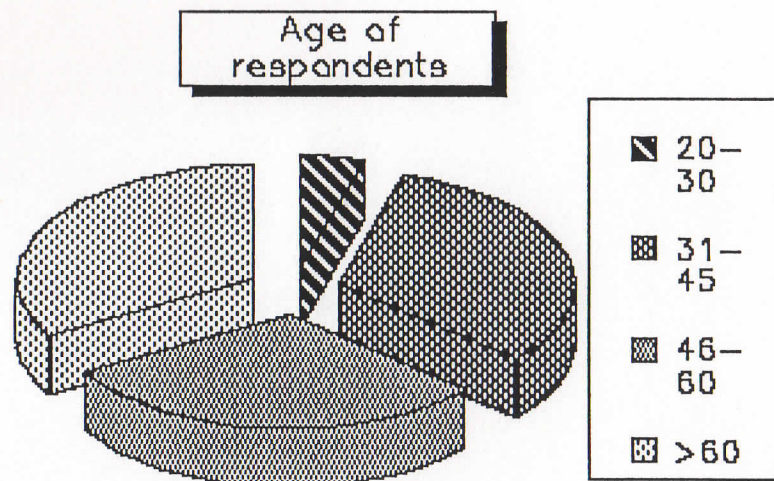
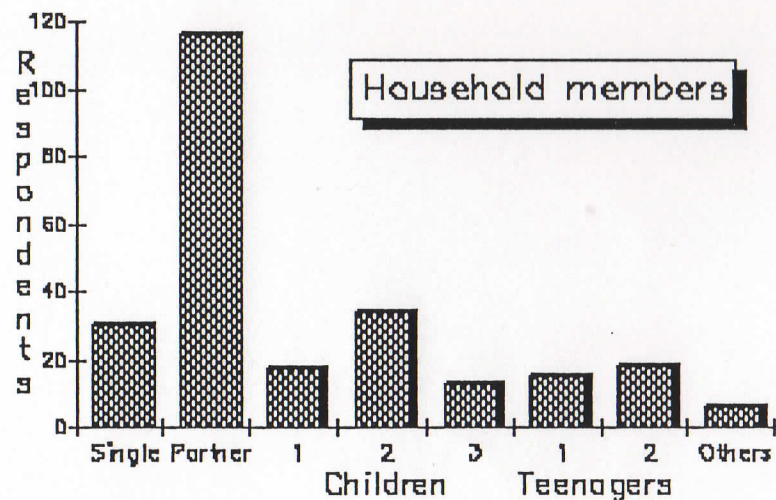
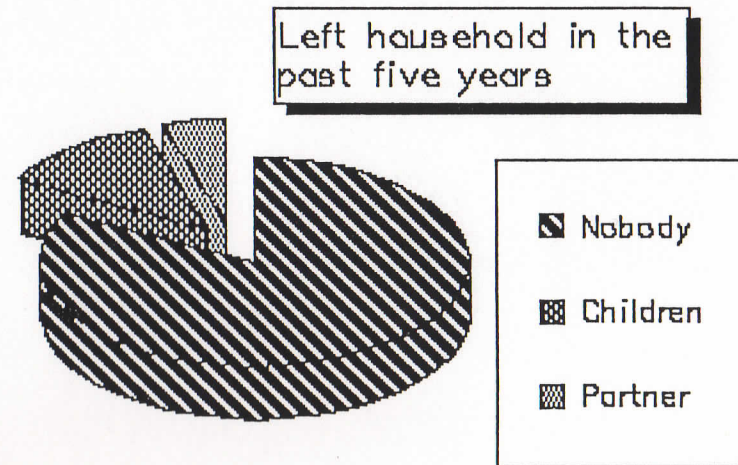
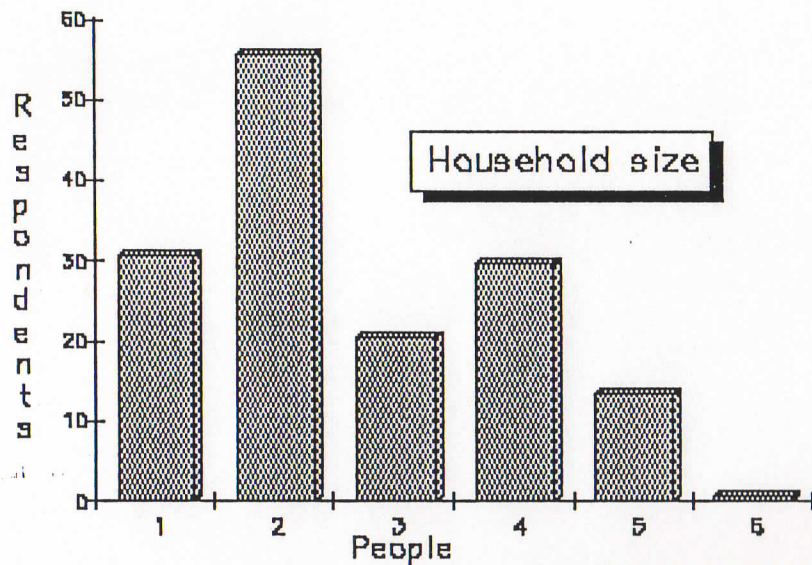
Very settled, it would take a lot to move us

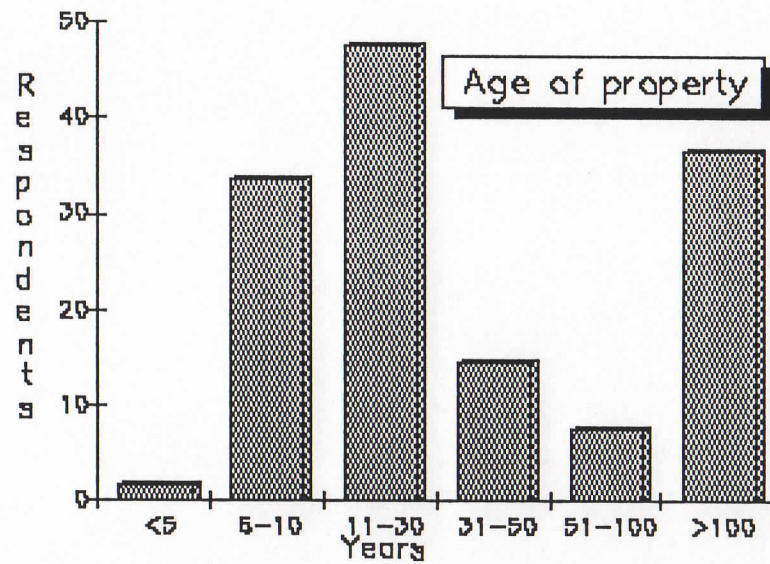
May need a bigger property than is available in Sherington

Need of a change

Family circumstances

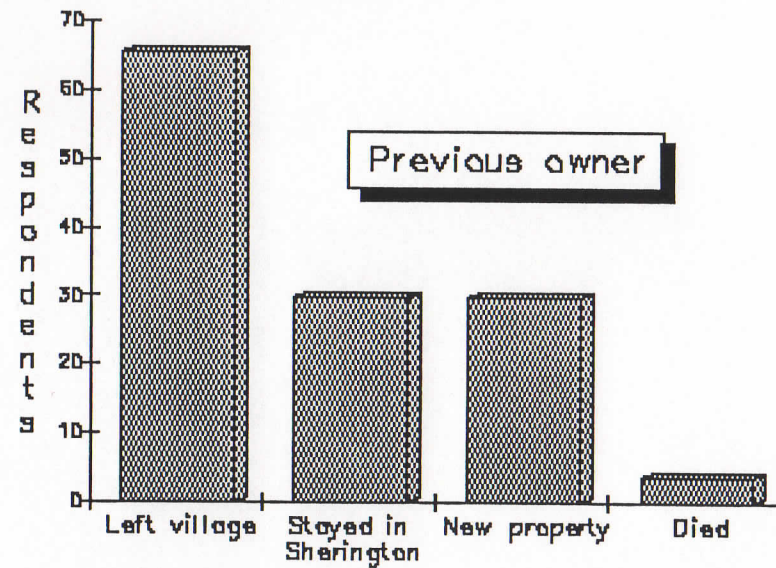
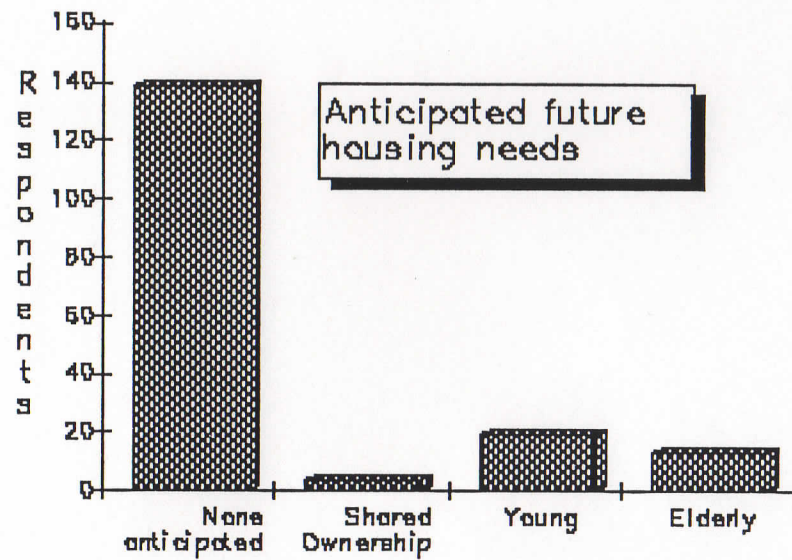
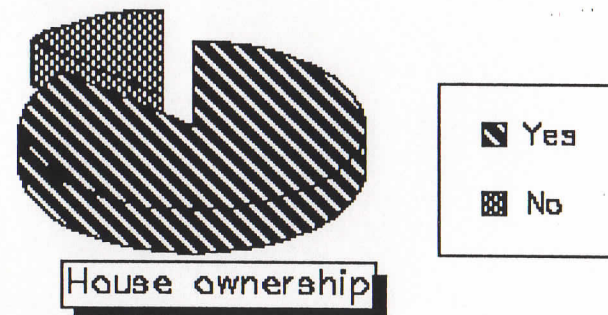
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Housing

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

(Elderly) Live in a granny annexe

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(Elderly) Only if ageing parents wish to move here

(Elderly) Smaller home for the retired, detached with a garage

(Elderly) Dependent upon our health five years from now

(Young) Houses for newlyweds unable to afford high mortgage

(Young) Possibility of requiring housing for young people

(Young) Sensibly priced housing for younger families

(Young) Starter homes for young people, biased to the upper income

(Young) Need for low income family housing, young married persons

(Young) Need for rented property, especially for the young

Cheaper housing for first time buyers

Good quality 2 - 3 bed developments required

Lack of homes for first time buyers

Need property in the 85-95 thousand bracket, semi/terrace

Need to balance housing needs, village will age and die

No over densification

No property in the lower price range

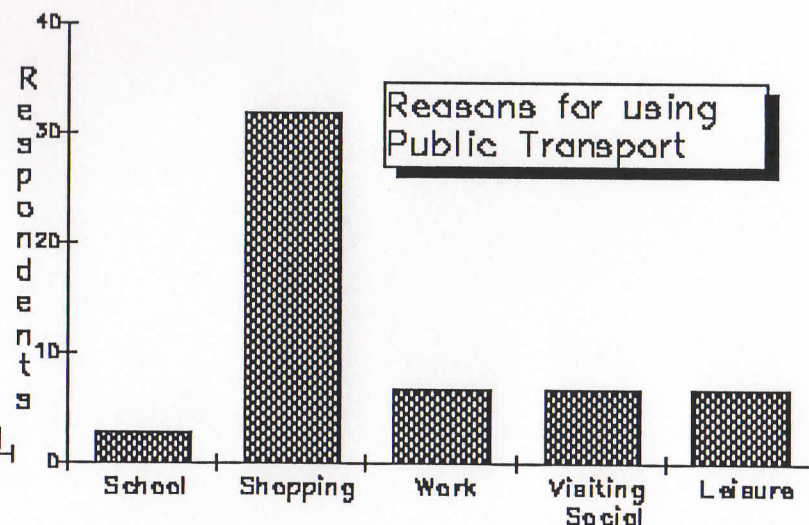
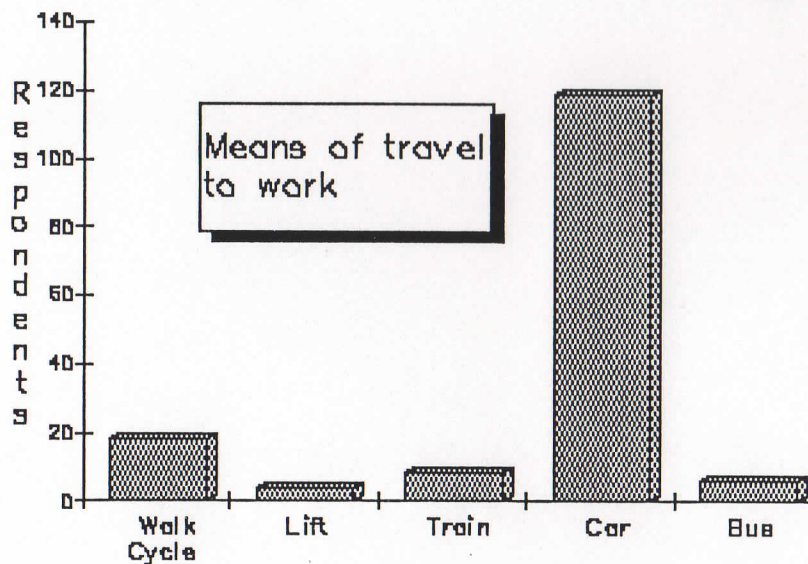
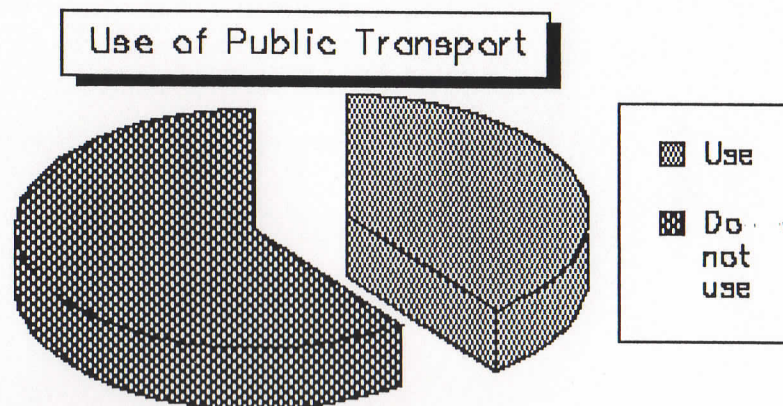
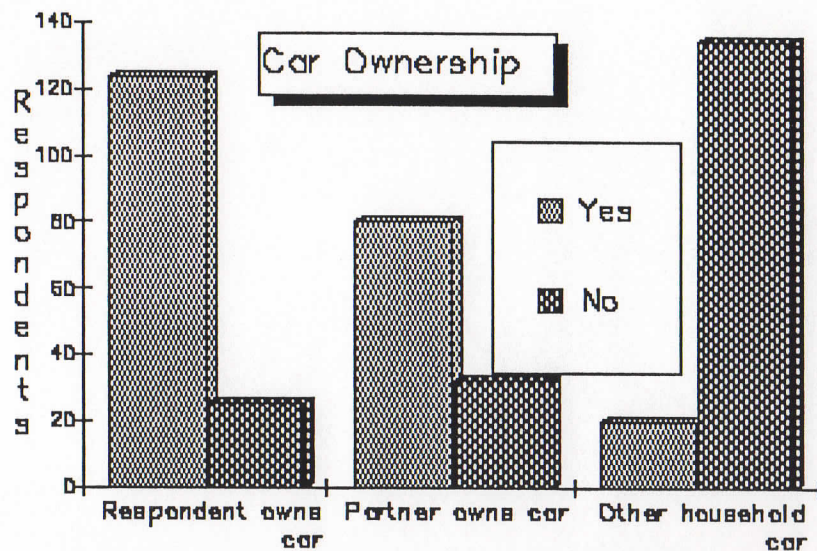
Smaller bungalows

Unsure of needs

Warden controlled flat

We don't need grotty modern boxes

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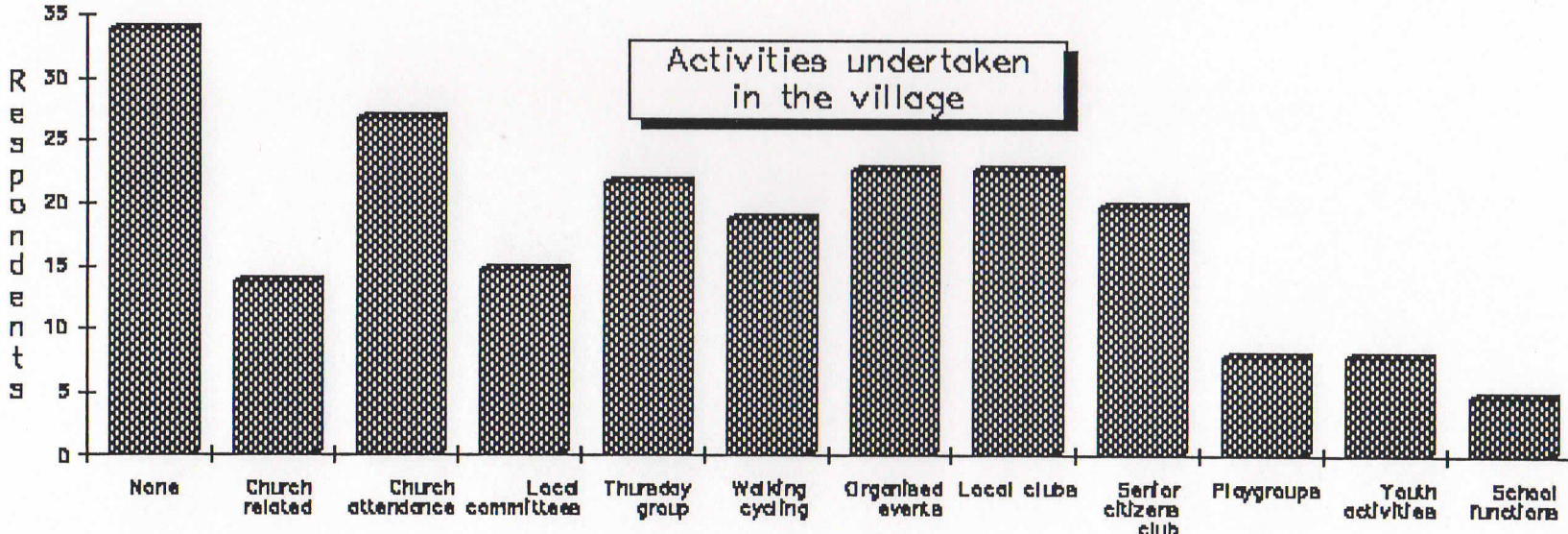
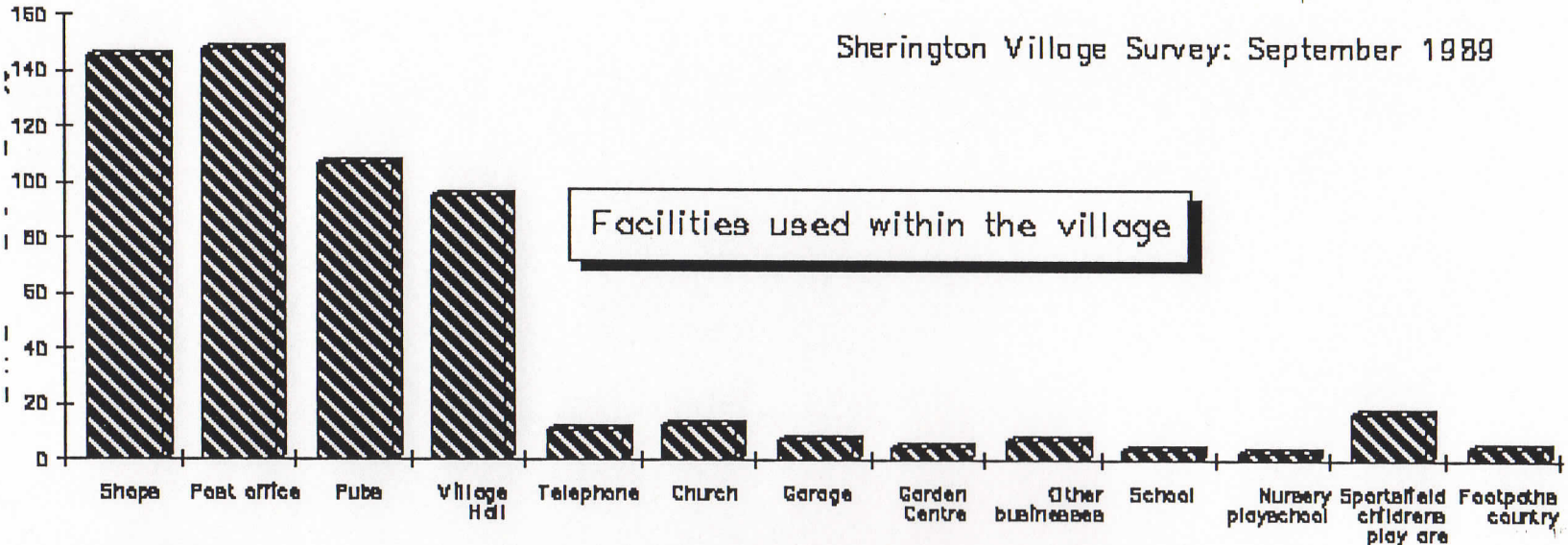


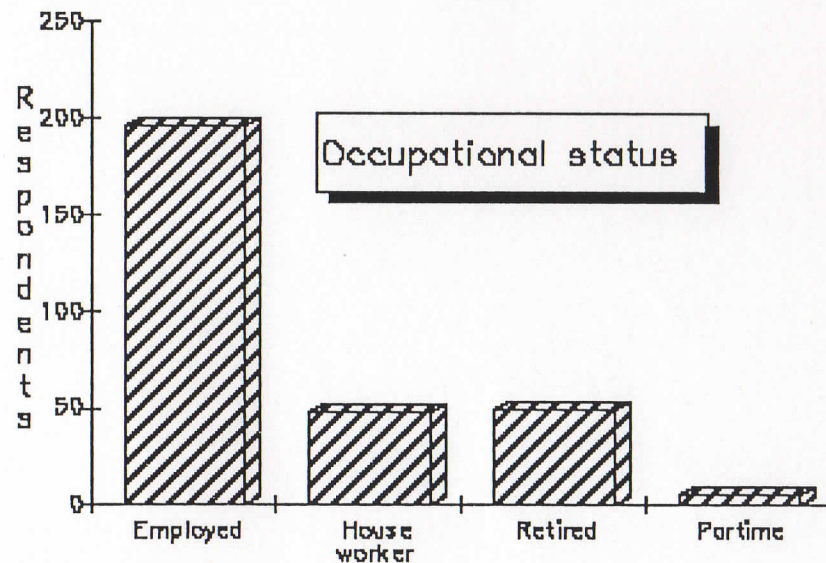
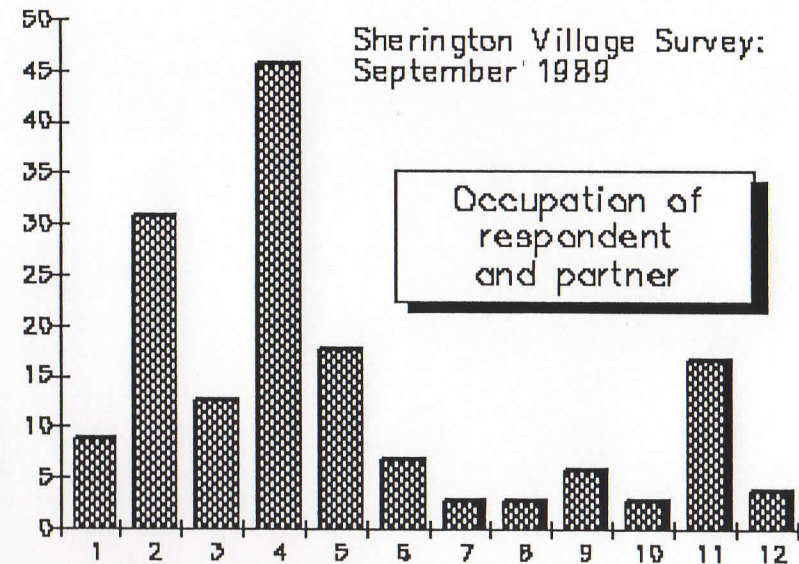
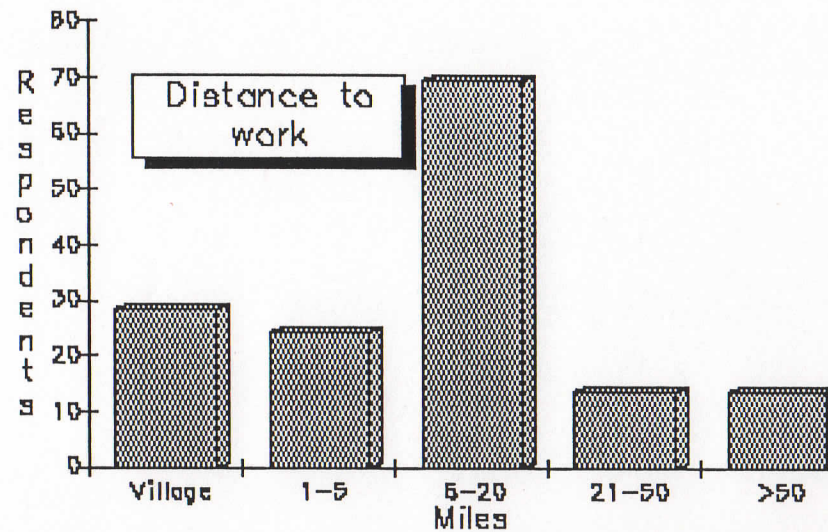
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT AND USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(School) Child goes to school on the bus
(School) School, work
(School) Take children to school, go to town
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping)
(Shopping) Hospital, No bus service to the top of the village
(Shopping) Occasionally
(Shopping) Occasionally local bus for shopping, London coach
(Shopping) Occasionally to London or for shopping
(Shopping) Rarely for shopping
(Shopping) Shopping
(Shopping) Shopping in Milton Keynes and Newport Pagnell
(Shopping) To N.P and M.K for shopping leisure and work
(Shopping) and visiting
(Shopping) and visiting
(Shopping) and visiting other towns
(Shopping) etc
(Shopping) in Newport Pagnell and Olney, visiting London
(Shopping) in Newport Pagnell or Milton Keynes
(Shopping), cinema etc
(Shopping), doctors
(Shopping), travel etc
(Shopping), visiting: Service is inadequate
(Shopping), work. Public transport is hopelessly infrequent
(Work) Daughter uses bus to work in college holidays
(Work) Daughter, to get to work
(Work) For work or to the city centre
(Work) Son travels to work and for pleasure
Bus
Children to friends and leisure activities
Coach trips on special occasions
General purposes
Improvement in public transport, adopt M.Ks mini-bus scheme
Not yet
Occasional use of public transport
Occasionally
Occasionally to London and Oxford
Occasionally travelling from work in Milton Keynes
Parents if no other transport is available
Pleasure
Public transport is inadequate, especially for the elderly
Seldom at the moment

Sometimes when car is not wanted
Son into Milton Keynes or Newport Pagnell for pub disco
There has been a decline in public transport
To London on the coach service
To city centre or London
To reach main line station
Visits to Bedford, Milton Keynes
Would use if it was regular

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1. Managers/Employers > 25 staff
2. Managers/Employers < 25 staff
3. Professional workers/self employed
4. Professional workers/employees
5. Intermediate non manual workers
6. Junior non manual workers
7. Personal service workers
8. Foreman and supervisors/manual
9. Skilled manual workers
10. Semi-skilled manual
11. Self employed
12. Others/farmers

(1980 Classification of occupations
Government Statistical Office)

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RESPONDENTS PLACE OF WORK

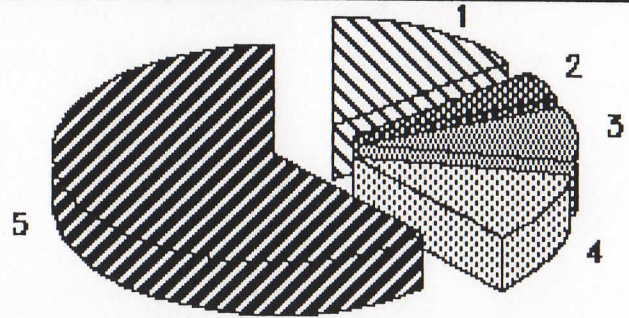
PARTNERS PLACE OF WORK

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Ampthill | Olney |
| Ampthill | n/a |
| Beclaywater | n/a |
| Bedford | Bedford |
| Bedford | Aylesbury |
| Bedford | Various |
| Bedford | n/a |
| Bedford | Cranfield |
| Bedford | Cambridge |
| Blakelands | n/a |
| Blakelands | Blakelands |
| Bletchley | Milton Keynes |
| Bletchley | Woburn Sands |
| City of London | Sherington |
| Cranfield | n/a |
| Cranfield | Ampthill |
| Cranfield | n/a |
| Cranfield | Bedford |
| Didcot Oxfordshire | n/a |
| Hanslope | Milton Keynes |
| Hanslope | Milton Keynes |
| Harrow Middlesex | n/a |
| Hatfield Herts | n/a |
| Hemel Hempstead | n/a |
| Hemel Hempstead | Home/freelance |
| Hertfordshire | Olney |
| Home | Local area |
| Home | Home |
| Hospital | Various temps |
| Local | n/a |
| Local villages | n/a |
| London | n/a |
| London/Scotland | n/a |
| Maidenhead | Leighton Buzzard |
| Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes |
| Milton Keynes | Cambridge |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | Dunstable |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | London |
| Milton Keynes | Dunstable |
| Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes |
| Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes |
| Milton Keynes | Fifty mile radius |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | Bedford |
| Milton Keynes | London |
| Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes |
| Milton Keynes | Newport Pagnell |

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Milton Keynes | n/a |
| Milton Keynes area | n/a |
| Neport Pagnell | Hammersmith |
| Neport Pagnell area | Sherington |
| Newport Pagnell | Newport Pagnell |
| Newport Pagnell | n/a |
| Newport Pagnell | n/a |
| Newport Pagnell | n/a |
| Newport Pagnell | Newport Pagnell |
| Newport Pagnell | n/a |
| Northampton | n/a |
| Northampton | n/a |
| Northampton area | n/a |
| O.U Milton Keynes | C.I.T Cranfield |
| Olney | n/a |
| Roads Northants | n/a |
| Sherington | Milton Keynes |
| Sherington | n/a |
| Sherington | Locally |
| Sherington | n/a |
| Sherington | Sherington |
| Sherington (Home) | Bedford |
| Sherington (Home) | n/a |
| Sherington (Home) | Sherington (Home) |
| Sherington (Home) | Milton Keynes |
| Sherington (Home) | Milton Keynes area |
| Sherington (Home) | n/a |
| Sherington (Home) | Sherington (Home) |
| Sherington (Home) | Sherington (Home) |
| Sherington (Home) | n/a |
| Sherington (home) | n/a |
| Sherington farms | n/a |
| Ten mile radius | Sherington school |
| Various | Newport Pagnell |
| Various | Milton Keynes |
| Various London | Milton Keynes |
| Various local | n/a |
| Watford | Milton Keynes |
| Watford Herts | Newport Pagnell |
| Wavendon M. Keynes | n/a |
| Welwyn Garden City | Sherington (Home) |
| Woburn Sands | n/a |
| Wolverton | Sherington |
| n/a | London |
| n/a | Cranfield |
| n/a | Bedford |
| n/a | PLYSU Plc |
| n/a | Luton |
| n/a | Sherington (Home) |
| n/a | London |
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| n/a | Milton Keynes |

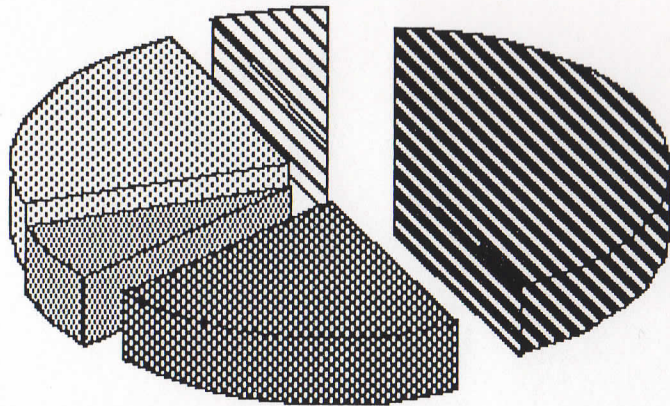
Attitudes to business in Sherington

Importance of local business



1=Not very – 5=Very

Local response to business



- Support working village
- Create local employment
- Improve local facilities
- Support but requires control
- Unecessary

ATTITUDES TO BUSINESS IN SHERINGTON.

They may enable local youngsters to find work within the village. They stop the village becoming a dormitory for Milton Keynes.

Support the concept of a working village, concerned about haulage business. Businesses are good in that they employ local people.

They provide employment and a sense of purpose to create a thriving community. Avoid the village becoming a residential enclave.

The village revolves around the businesses, must be made a focal point. The village must not be allowed to be purely a dormitory.

The village must stay as a working village, to maintain life within it. To maintain the essentials such as the shops, pubs etc. Dormitory won't do this.

Some businesses are to be expected in a "real", not dormer village. Businesses neither detract from, nor add to the village character or appearance.

Employment within a village is its life. No employment means a dormitory.

It is important to have a "working" village. Prefer a working village to a suburb of Milton Keynes or commuter base for London.

This is not a "show" village- living villages must have businesses even if they do provide noise and dust etc, providing they are not dangerous

They provide a focal point within the community and a service to those villagers who are unable to get into Newport Pagnell.

Helps to preserve the character of a working village. Prevent village becoming a mere dormitory complex.

There should be business in a village otherwise we end up with a dead village. Need to avoid all show and no do village.

People who live and work in the village form a nucleus to an integrated village. Integration of village work and social life.

Have no desire to live in a "chocolate box picture village". A village with no commerce is ghost like during the day.

Prevent the village becoming a dormitory and provide some residents with work. Local employment also reduces the number of commuters and traffic on the roads.

Business bring people into the village and provide work. Businesses keep the village alive.

These add a certain amount of interest and character. Haynes does sometimes look messy.

Some of the businesses i.e the garage have been and are an integral part of the village.

They prevent the village from becoming purely a "dormitory". There have always been local businesses to provide work for locals.

The Knoll, Water Lane not geared to some of the businesses, leads to congestion. Businesses are O.K but they must not spoil the peace of village life.

Truck business should not be in the village, but the nursery is good and the other businesses blend in well.

To make the village complete, do not need to see expansion. If the businesses are not concerned with the countryside they should leave and care taken over their replacements

Businesses on the Knoll look untidy and cause parking problems, they are important but could be located in Water Lane

Businesses are important to the life of the village. The transport business has outgrown its present premises and needs new ones.

If out of sight, O.K. Tend to be unsightly and to spoil the peace and character of village and property.

Businesses should melt into the village and not destroy its character. They are very important to village life.

Provide little employment and the young are more mobile and likely to travel. Small businesses help the life of the village as it becomes a dormitory.

Some badly affect the village environment, blocking roads and unsightly, others are well operated, the difference is obvious

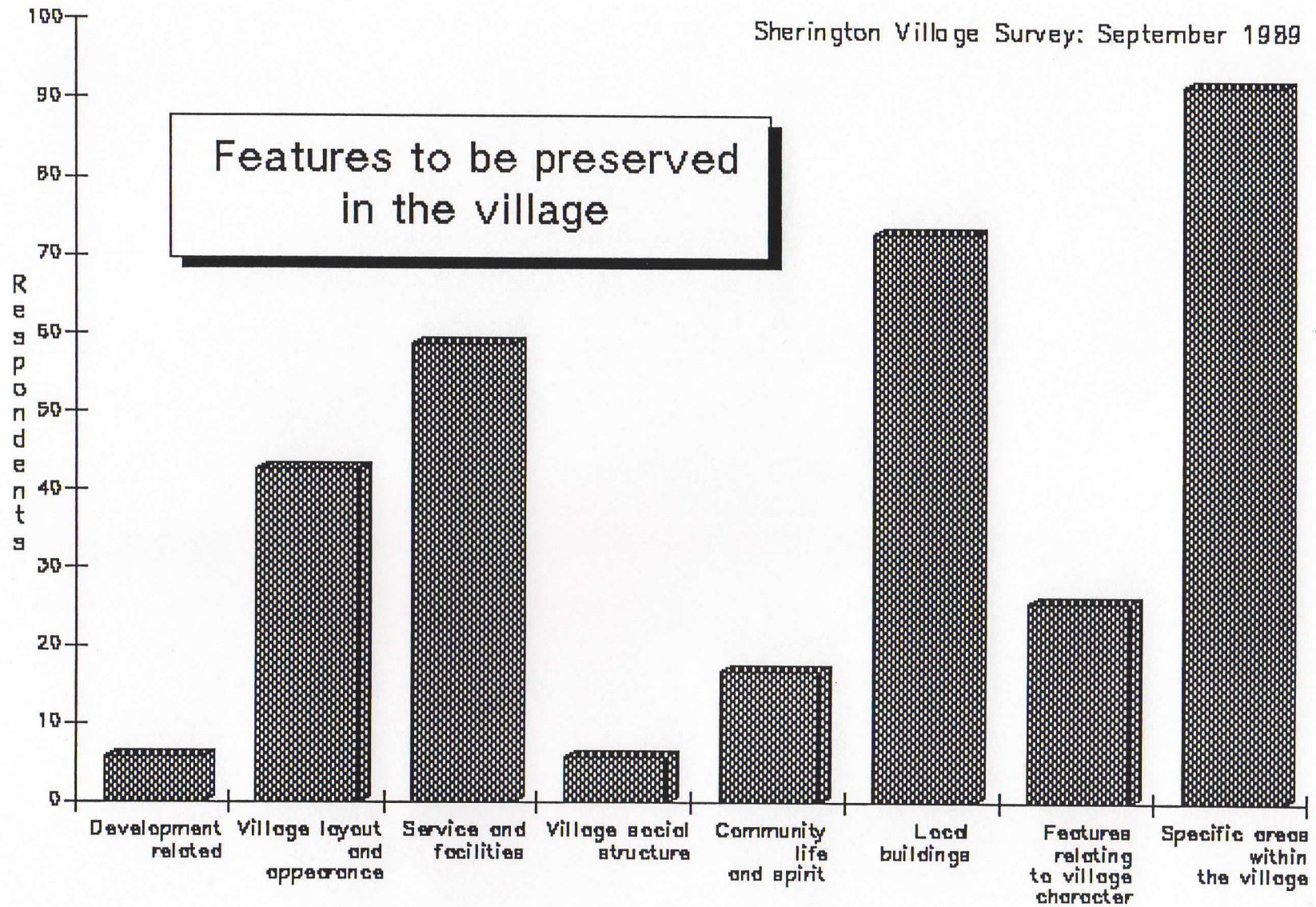
The businesses using heavy vehicles do nothing to enhance village character. Haynes haulage causes problems of congestion and damage to roads and buildings.

Eyesore and a nuisance, the garage trade blocks the road most of the time, having complained they usually do a good job

They have made no attempt to integrate into village "quaintness". Preserving work in the village is very important.

The HGV business by the Knoll is detrimental to the character of the village and should be moved to the outskirts

Haynes garage/haulage 1. Untidy with vehicles outside. Post office, clock shop 5. Water Lane garage2. Village shop 5, gives independence from Newport Pagnell



WHAT FEATURES SHOULD BE PRESERVED WITHIN THE VILLAGE

DEVELOPMENT RELATED

Should be no more than 20% growth
No more housing estates
NIMBY may be a dirty word, but no further development of a modern character
New building to be in the village style
No more infilling
Controlled development

VILLAGE LAYOUT AND APPEARANCE

Views of the church
Village building boundaries
Existing and new trees, stone walls
Rural setting and village envelope
Village street layout
Road maintenance but not widening
All spare land
When opportunities for public open space become available these should be taken
Trees and shrubs
Grass verges
Open spaces, trees, footpaths
The village is Oolitic limestone, further construction should be in sympathy
Current limits to the building area, infilling O.K providing building is in tune
General appearance of the village is very good
Any trees
The green belt around the village
The maintenance of well cared for gardens and property
Green factors, hedges, trees etc
The overall appearance of the village is green swards, trees and open spaces
Trees
Hedgerows, trees add charm to the village
Trees
All natural features, trees etc
Architecture of the buildings retained and improved where possible
The boundaries should not be extended
The views
Architectural appearance, particularly new housing, should blend in not stuck on
Green fields and livestock
The size of the village, should not spread too near to M.Keynes and N. Pagnell
Size should not increase materially
All the remaining open spaces
Preserve trees, and create a "green"village setting
Character of the older properties and areas
Hedges, walls and trees
Space within the heart of the village
All the trees
Trees
Buildings of architectural importance
All mature trees
Keep the Xmas tree on the green, it makes the village look inviting
Church floodlighting at Christmas time

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

School
Post office, shop, pub
Shop, post office, pubs
Post office
Bus service
SCAN
Post office, shops, pubs
Community facilities
Village store and post office
Village school and shops
Shopping facilities
The two public houses
Post office
The nice play area
Shops
Walkways and bridleways
School
Shops
Bus service, all the above are essential requirements
S.C.A.N
The shop and post office
Retain public transport links
Library service
All existing facilities should be maintained and upgraded when necessary
Play school and first school
Shops, post office, pubs
School
Shops, post office
School, shops, church, pubs, post office
Work places and public factors, e.g pub, shop, post office, school
Shop, Post office and Pubs
Village shop and post office
Pubs
Pubs
Clock Shop
SCAN Magazine, only way of knowing what is going on in village activities
Post office
The school is very important
School, perhaps most important as a focal point of activity
Principally a residential village but local amenities need to be maintained
The existing public footpaths maintained and improved
Village pubs
Shop
Shops, pubs, school, village hall, recreation grounds
School
School, shops and pubs
Post office
Village store
School
School
Post Office
School
School
Shops
School
School
School
SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Need enough children to maintain the school
Retain mix of ages and backgrounds
Current good mix of housing and population balance
The mix of population, occupation types, age groups
COMMUNITY LIFE AND SPIRIT

Village social activities
Community related - the vigorous network of clubs and O.A.P targetted activities
Village activities
Local clubs
Small village organisations
Community spirit
Existing clubs and groups
May Day Celebrations
Community spirit
Traditions: Boxing Day Walk, May Day Celebrations
Small local events that bring the population together
Small local events that bring the population together
Several clubs and institutes
Sense of community
Sense of community
Keep the small local industries
The current mix of features seems to be good
LOCAL BUILDINGS

Village hall
Village hall
The church
Church and village hall
The church
Village Hall
Village hall
Preserve all old buildings
Old buildings
Village hall
Church
Village hall
Church
Village hall
Old houses
Church
Village school
The red telephone box
Church, Village Hall
Various old buildings
Village hall
The Chapel
Church
Old buildings
St Laud's church and churchyards
Church
Village hall
Older houses
Church
Village hall and the surrounding area
Old property
Village hall

Village Hall
Church
Old buildings
Village hall
Listed buildings
Village hall
Old houses
Village Hall
Old houses, try to maintain for future generations
Any listed buildings
Old Church
Church
Village hall
Church
Church
Buildings of historical interest
Church
Red telephone kiosk
Church
Church
Church and churchyard
All housing over 60 years old
Older historic buildings
Church
Old rectory and any old buildings
Church
Church
Church
The church and churchyard
Church
Church
Church
Church
Chapel frontage
Church and accessory buildings
The church
Any old properties should be preserved for future generations
Listed buildings
Listed buildings are preserved to a high standard
Milestones
COMMENTS RELATING TO VILLAGE CHARACTER

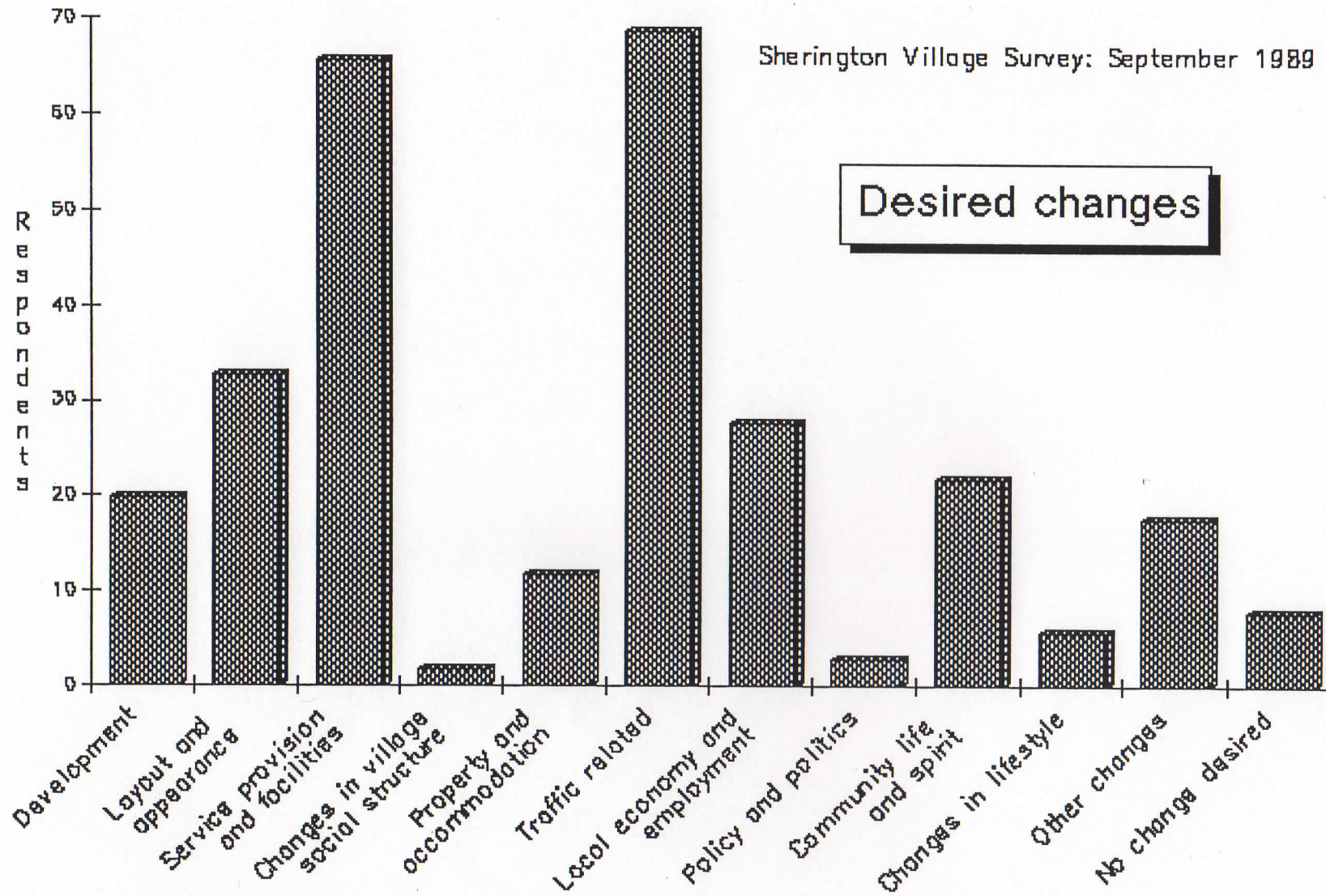
Rural atmosphere
Keep the old village lifestyle
The village should be preserved as such and not an overspill for Milton Keynes
Village to be kept for all to enjoy
Its quintessential nature
Village identity
Maintenance of village identity, knowledge of its history
Its character as a village, not too big
Its character and customs
That it should remain an independent rural village, independent from M.K and N.P
Its character as a working village
All things concerning its original character
All the usual village features should be protected
The general character of the village
The general peacefulness of the village
Like to see Sherington maintain its character and not become a satellite town

The attractive village ambience of Sherington needs to be maintained
The agricultural atmosphere
The general character
Rural atmosphere
As many of the old features as possible
Rural atmosphere
Consider the present atmosphere of the village to be ideal, to be maintained
SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Play area
No features left, the open space which was the greatest asset has been built on
The footpaths
Village street scenes and areas e.g the Knoll
The footpaths
The Knoll
Playarea
Green areas
The Knoll, Village green
Sports ground and pavilion
Existing open spaces
Bancroft field, the field behind Church Rd - Souls Masons
The Green
The Knoll to be kept as it is, with less dangerous parking on the corner
The Knoll
Open Spaces
Green areas not over developed
The Knoll
Open areas existing in the village at present
Footpaths, access to fields
Open land, the Knoll, top of school lane, in front of Jack Cooks house
Sports ground, play areas
Footpaths, bridleways
The Knoll
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Village hall and play area
Childrens play area
Football/Cricket pitch
Play area in Church road
Footpaths
The Knoll
The Knoll
Knoll
Play areas and the sports ground
Area around the village green
The Knoll
The Knoll
The Knoll
The greens
Sympathetic modernising of older buildings
The Knoll
The Knoll
The verges
The Knoll
The Knoll
The Green

Playing fields, play area
Open fields beneath church, off the nurseries
The Knoll
Local walks
The Knoll
The Knoll
Playground
The Knoll
Village green
Church grounds
The Knoll
Village Green/the Knoll
Surrounding farmlands
Play parks
The Knoll
The Knoll should be preserved as a central feature of the village
The remaining open spaces
The Knoll
Cricket field
The Knoll
The Knoll
Physical - The Knoll and the open spaces
The environs of the church
The Knoll area
The Knoll as a village green, not a garden
Play area
Bancroft field and the land each side of Bedford Rd
Any open spaces which may still be left
The Knoll (telephone box, water pump)
Playing field

Pockets of green that remain
Village Green
The Knoll
Open spaces
The Knoll
Any fields or open spaces
Playing field
The surrounding farm land and fields
The Knoll
The village streams



CHANGES DESIRED IN SHERINGTON

DEVELOPMENT

- Sincerely hope that no further development takes place
- Starter homes so that local young could stay in the village
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- Stricter planning regulations on housing styles
- Old buildings renovated
- No more development
- Renovation and repair old buildings rather than build new houses
- More land made available for building, Gun Lane?
- No further housing development, retain village character
- No more building, will destroy the lovely walks in this beautiful village
- No more infilling
- Development into the greenbelt should be avoided at all costs
- A ban on the building of new houses
- No more building
- Building of middle range property
- No more building
- Little new development permitted
- Guarantee of no further expansion
- Prevent the village becoming small town, 1000 people, possible to know everyone
- Restriction of further development
- No more in fill housing
- For all building to stop and Sherington to remain a village

LAYOUT AND APPEARANCE OF THE VILLAGE

- Maintenance of a green belt in and around Sherington

Improvements around the Knoll

Village garage could be tidied up

Further development of the Knoll with greater landscaping

Carters Close green should be kept in better condition

More trees planting on approach to the village

Plant more trees each year

Village green made more attractive

More trees for the future, protected from vandalism possibly by full caging

More "green factors" hedges and trees etc

More trees planted

Clear the Knoll of parked vehicles, should be seen as the centre of the village

A few more wild flowers growing along the hedgerows, grass verges etc

Better attention paid to grass verges and the green in Carters Close

Attempt to make lanes and roads in and around the village more green

Electric and telephone wires underground

Remove overhead cables as depicted in the 1982 draft plan para 7.28a

Continuing use of stone, or stone coloured materials throughout the village

Electric and telephone wires underground

Power lines to be put underground

Underground electrical supply

More could be made of the triangle between Croft and High St, would M.K pay?

Overhead power supplies replaced by underground lines, more reliable, attractive

Cleaner village

Telephone wires to go underground

Demolish useless and unsightly rusty drain vent from Gun Lane

No more trees to be cut down

Removal of telegraph poles and overhead wires

Would not like to see the village grow any more

Removal of overhead electricity cables

Underground electricity and telephone wires

Electricity and telephone wires underground

Planting schemes, trees etc

SERVICE PROVISION AND FACILITIES

A tarmaced area, for tennis volleyball badminton etc

Mobile services covering the top end of the village e.g fish seller

A safer exit from Sherington to Olney, roundabout or similar

Sport/leisure facilities e.g tennis courts

More frequent bus service

More effective cutting of verges on access roads for safety reasons

Footpath at the Knoll-Church Rd

Better street lighting

Sleeping policemen in Carters Close

The grass verges and hedges along footpaths should be cut more often

More waste paper bins to encourage people to dispose of litter correctly

Better lighting between Mercers cottage and the High St

More frequent verge cutting

More use of the village school by village people

Better/more signposted walks throughout the area

Better street lighting, especially in Church Rd and Crofts End

Improved street lighting

Transport service covering the higher end of the village

Footpaths need repairing

Great need for a club building

Village hall should be used more

Better street lighting

Building of tennis courts

Different sports catered for, tennis, netball, swimming- not just for the men

No home can take more than 15 people, need a meeting place to think and discuss

New sewage system is very important

Improvement in street lighting in older parts of Church Rd

Safety improvements to the blind bend on Bedford Rd outside Cranbrook house

Tidying or total alteration of the bus shelter

More buses

Improved bus service, afternoons, Saturdays

Better public transport

Considerable improvement in the public transport link with M.K, mini-bus scheme

An improvement in the lighting of the streets in the village

Better/Level pavements

Better street lighting

Shuttle bus service

Improvement of road surfaces

Transport provided to the top end of the village

Return of the village policeman

Shop at the top of the village

Bridleways clearly marked, extended with animal crossing signs at village entry

Better bus service, often buses are in convoys followed by a two hour gap

Small public swimming pool

A decent bus service

Footpath to link the High St and Gun Lane, and along Gun Lane

Tennis courts

A decent bus shelter worthy of the name

Regular bus service to Milton Keynes

More lighting in the village, particularly Church Rd, Gun and School Lanes

More transport for the elderly, mini-buses

More buses, improved bus shelter

Badminton club in hall, or similar

Larger shop

Doctor/Nurse in the village

More buses

Use of the village shop increased

Chemist or a chemist facility within the shops

More nursery facilities

Butchers shop or roundsman

Security of village school

Five day, whole day nursery

Improvements to local footpaths

Pathways improved, unsuitable for elderly in places

Bring back the village policeman

Better street lighting

CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE VILLAGE

Limit to the population increase, need to stay as a village not an M.K suburb

More families with children living here, all taking part in village life

PROPERTY AND ACCOMMODATION

More starter homes for younger people

More housing suitable for young couples and the elderly

Lower cost/rented housing

Provision of low cost housing

Small number of low cost housing for young/old buyers

Erection of 30 bedroomed sheltered housing for the elderly with resident warden

Future housing to be aimed at low income families who will look to village life

Additional housing for young people so existing families can stay in the village

More cheap housing, with preference for locally employed people

Vacated bungalows should be used as starter homes for young village couples

Housing provided for the young people, low cost

Development of good sized and quality retirement bungalows

TRAFFIC RELATED CHANGE

High St traffic decreased and slowed down: Sleeping policemen, narrowing roads

Parking on the roads banned

Lorries away from pretty centre of the village, should be near the by-pass

Less parking on roads

Restriction on very large lorries in the centre of the village

Restricted access through high Street

More garage facilities for the cars parked on the roadside

Speed restrictions enforced

Speed breakers, cattle grids (Stagsden) or single track gates (Whadden Way)

Restriction on the use of Bedford Road, i.e make it one-way

Lower speed limits through the village

Ban through traffic from the High St

Sleeping policemen should be placed on the High Street

More done to discourage through traffic and reduce speeding

Ban on through traffic

Traffic restrictions enforced, speeding and parking on the verges

Traffic using the bypass

Sleeping policemen through the village to slow the traffic down

Sleeping policemen, two, in Crofts End

Some method of traffic speed control

Less congestion of traffic in the village centre

The High St to be more restricted to certain types of traffic

Make the High Street a no through road

Slow down the traffic, especially in Carters Close. Road humps?

Speed limits enforced

No vehicles parking on the footpaths, footpaths on the high street
Speed restriction through the village
Restriction on speeding traffic
Enforcement of speed limits throughout village
Ban on cars parked on pavements and grass verges
Control of H.G.Vs around the Knoll and Water Lane
The slowing down of traffic in the village, it is often used as a short cut
Slower traffic
Sleeping policemen put into the roads around the village
Reduce non-local traffic moving through the village and the old Bedford Road
Less traffic, particularly heavy vehicles
Less through traffic and increased safety throughout the village
Enforcement of ban on heavy goods
Less cars parked on the road, it is dangerous at dark
Stop traffic jams, 8-9 in the mornings and 4-6 in the evenings
Restrictions on speeding through traffic
Parking facilities at the approach to corner into Bedford Rd, safer access
Enforce the speed limit on the High St
Restriction of through traffic
Should be a speed limit and less heavy traffic in Water Lane
Education of car users not to park on pavements
Water Lane carries too much traffic to be safe
Lessening of through traffic
Big lorries diverted away from the village
Speed limit enforced through the village
Cars not allowed on the verges
Removal of heavy goods vehicles from the Knoll area
Enforcement of 30 mile speed limit
Removal of parked vehicles around the village green

Reduction of congestion at the Knoll end of Church Road

Traffic through the village slowed down

Ease transport congestion at Church Rd/Knoll

Reduce the speed of traffic through the village: Roundabout by the Knoll

Fewer H.G.V vehicles at the Knoll

Observance of speed limits

More off the road parking

Reduction in the speed of traffic going through the village

Slow down the traffic coming from Olney through the village

No fast traffic on the High Street

Speed limit or sleeping policemen in Water Lane

Restrictions to slow traffic passing through the High St

School transport, buses should be given priority at pick up and drop off points

Provision of more parking spaces for private cars and small vehicles

Speed limit through Church Rd enforced

Off road parking in Crofts End and Carters Close

Traffic at entry to the high street needs to be slowed before a fatality occurs

LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Haulage, garage moved outside the village and the space used for village centre

Area around the transport firm in the High St should be better regulated

Less industry and transport down Water Lane

Transport contractors would be better situated outside the village envelope

Relocate some local businesses in M.K industrial units

Heavier industry moved to industrial area in Milton Keynes

Another food shop, restaurant/tea shop or similar

Small development of specialist shops

Light industry/workshops

Regulation of lorries unloading by the Knoll

Haulage business moved somewhere safe and clean
Move haulage business out of the village
Haynes garage removed from its extremely dangerous position
More local village employment
No increase in gravel extraction to the south of the village
More control over industries causing a nuisance
Resisting of the inappropriately placed businesses
Removal of existing business to the outskirts
Removal of certain unattractive business, more appropriate elsewhere
Removal of haulage company
Remove transport business from the vicinity of the Knoll, to village perimeter
Garage and transport/waerhousing business is an eyesore and should be moved
More small industry
Controlled growth of soft industry limit dormitory effect
Clean up Haynes garage, it is an eyesore
More employment/workshops on the outskirts
The elimination of heavy goods and their garaging facilities
Relocation of the haulage company away from the Knoll, out of the village

POLICY AND POLITICS

Improvements carried out that were proposed by the Borough in the village plan
More authority delegated to Parish Council
Parish Council to pay equal attention to those living on the village periphery

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SPIRIT

Old and new residents to mix more
Would like Sheringtonians to welcome newcomers more and join in the activities
More events at the village hall
Encourage more local sport: squash, tennis courts

Greater integration of social activities

Anything that would keep the village as a village

Reasonable reversal of the trend towards suburbanisation and impersonality

More for the teenagers to do

Would not welcome any change which threatened the local community i.e building

More local activity, i.e twinning with a European village

More residents taking part in village activities

Encourage more village social initiatives, e.g. feast, bike rides etc

Introduction of mens - get togethers

More village events - annual, activities for the young

A Gymkhana to involve local and area youngsters who ride

More support for community activities

People to take a more positive attitude to the village upkeep

More activities for the elderly

More for the older children to do

Would like to see an annual feast day

More village events involving the whole village

An increased "community spirit"

CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE

By law to prevent neighbours lighting bonfires on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Youngsters allowed to stay if they wish to, are being forced out

More people using the shops, village hall and playground

Youngsters 7-14 years old taught at home about litter, drink cans etc everywhere

More people using the church

More people using the school

OTHER CHANGES

I would like the dog mess stopped-prosecute those who allow dogs to run loose

People to be held responsible for their dogs messing all over the village

Local council could liaise with M.K council about introduction of dog licences

Harder line taken with owners who let dogs foul the footpath and playing fields

Suitable housing, work and transport are essential for the future

Curb the menace of dog muck, would favour fines

Stop dogs and horses fouling the footpaths

Less horses exercising on lanes

People who allow dogs to run unattended should be prosecuted

"Latch Key" dogs roaming, fouling and scavenging are a problem

A cleaner village free from litter and dog fouling

Removal of electricity wires

Less dog fouling on the pavements and open plan gardens

No dog mess

Object strongly to the dog droppings everywhere including garden

Dogs kept on leads and not allowed to foul public places and footpaths

More control over dogs

Dogs banned from the play area

Burning of horse manure on Sundays is a nuisance

NO CHANGE DESIRED

Village to be left alone otherwise it will cease to be a village

Few desired changes

None

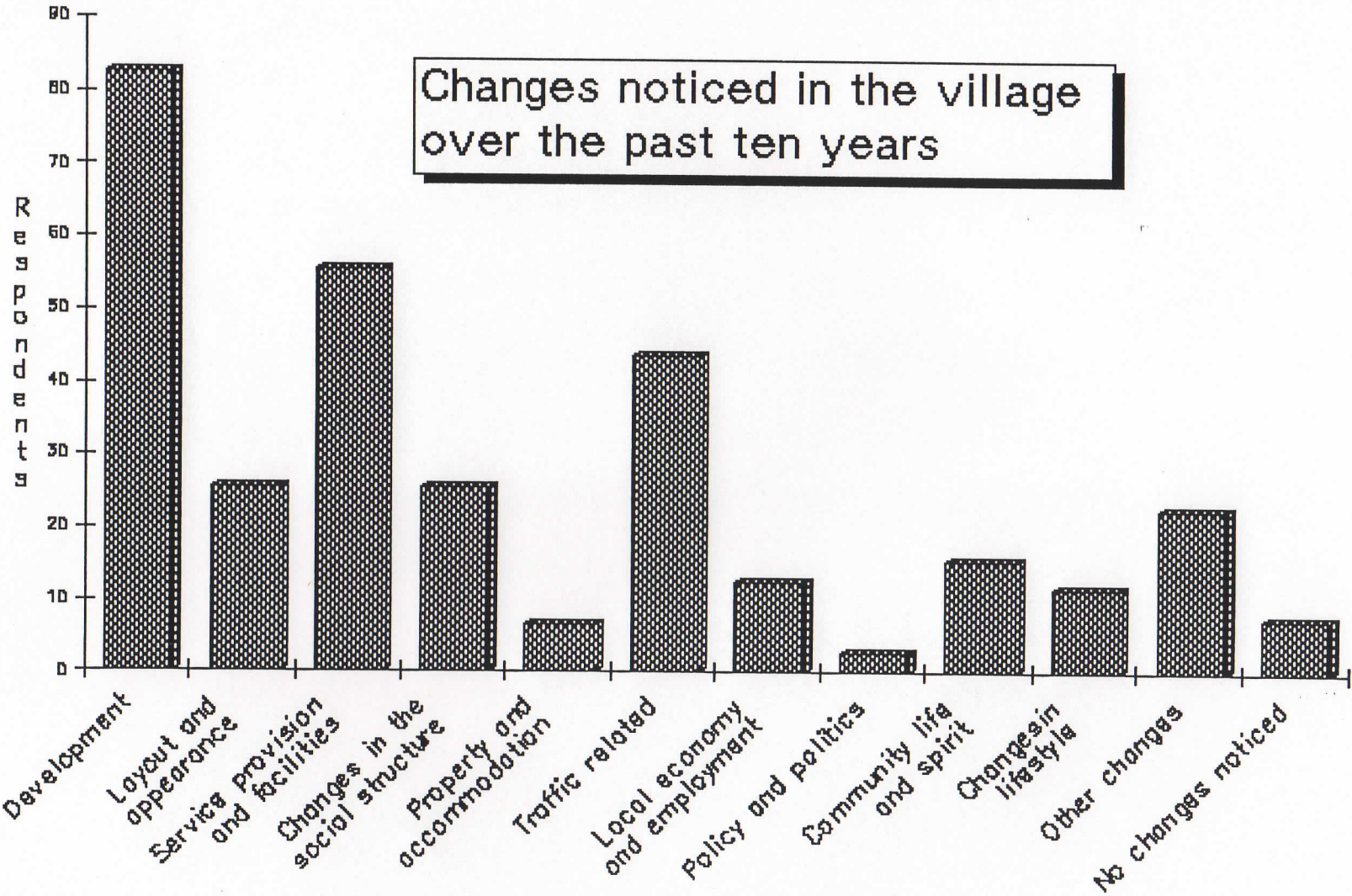
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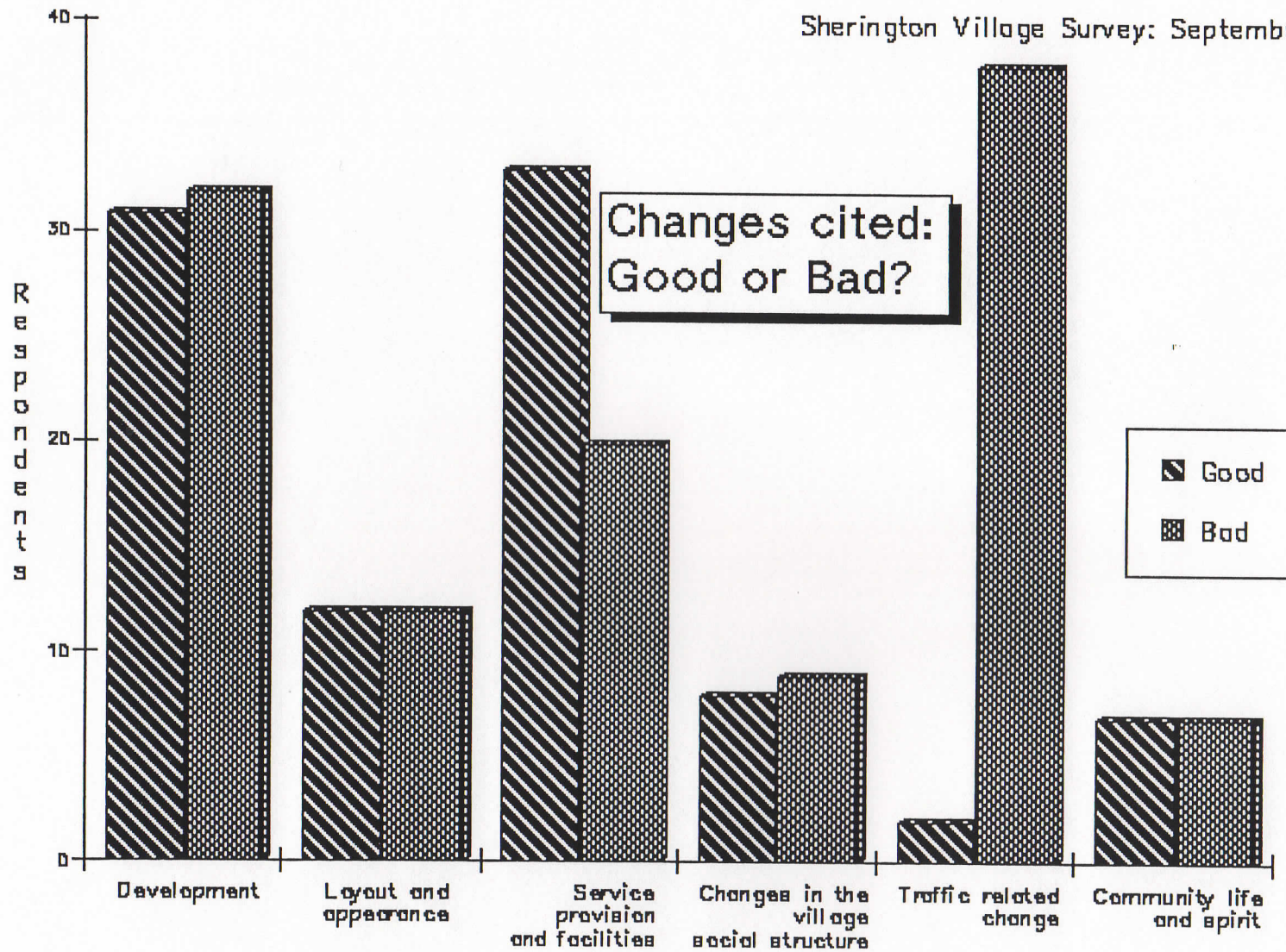
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None

Am happy with the village the way it is, why I moved here



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CHANGES SEEN IN THE VILLAGE OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

DEVELOPMENT

Completion of housing development

Too much house building

House building

House renovation

Field Close

More houses

New buildings, infill

New property development

Increase in building

Property refurbishment

Home extensions

Increase in private dwellings and population

Construction of the Play area

Village becoming more built up

Additional houses near the Knoll

A lot of house extensions, people staying in the village

Other infill development

More housing

Carters Close, too large a development in one go

Carters Close and other infill

Construction of Carters Close was bad planning

Building

New development, Carters Close

Building of close near Village farm

Infilling of building

Infilling

Recent developments more sympathetic to the village, stone or stone coloured

More building and conversions

Stone barns turned into dwellings

House extension

Greatly increased development

More housing

Barn conversions

Extension to the village hall

Building of the Sports Pavilion

House building/conversions, overmuch of it

Some houses built far to close to existing ones

Infilling

Housing development

More houses built

Increase in new housing

Carters Close

Change of use of farm building to housing

Style and size of new housing often not in keeping with the village

Carters Close

Small amount of building work, extension to houses

Infill Building

Much infill with new housing

New house and barn developments in keeping with the village

New houses built, village may get too large

Additional housing

Doubling in the number of houses

More houses being built

Carters Close

More buildings

More houses

New Houses Built

Increased development

Few new houses

Carters Close built on field in centre of the village

Redevelopment of old property

Refurbishment of old houses

Building of Field Close

Cricket pavilion has been built

More buildings

Building of Carters Close

General domestic property renovation

Many new houses

Infill building

Extension to the village hall, not really necessary

A lot of infilling

Older properties improved and extended

New buildings

Too many small developments

Too much building of houses

House building

More housing

More housing but high standard

Inbuilding of more houses in less space

New housing development

More houses

VILLAGE LAYOUT AND APPEARANCE

Streets are less clean and the grass banks cut less frequently

Building of Carters Close took the centre from the village

Improvement in the appearance of the High Street

Tree planting

New doors on the garage in village centre

Roads are very dirty since the village road sweeper retired

The environment has become more suburban than rural

Development of village green

Improvement in the fabric of the buildings

Tree planting

Filth everywhere

Dirtier, lack of care of verges, dog excreta

Knoll area has improved

Planting of trees along roads

The Knoll

Continual roadworks on the shop corner

Character of Water Lane spoiled by the new buildings in the Water Lane farm area

Growing together of the old and the new

Landscaping of the Knoll

The fields and hedgerows are full of rubbish

Village is much dirtier

Improvements to the Knoll

Loss of pasture for building

Trees planted ten years ago are a big improvement, play area and playing fields

SERVICE AND FACILITIES

Decline in public transport

Improvement in the standard of shops and pubs

The pathways have been damaged and are dangerous to the elderly

New sports pavilion
Sports field
United Reform Chapel closed
Park for children
Sports Pavilion
No shop at the top end of the village, especially difficult for the elderly
New cricket pavilion
Change in the management of the shop, new ideas
Establishment of play area
More play facilities for young children
Decline of Virginia House Store
Less convenient bus facilities, no direct bus to Bedford
United Reform church closed
Play area titivation
Play area
Opening of Meadowview nursery
More private schooling outside of the area
More children leaving Sherington to go to private schools
Newsagent
New road name signs
Closure of both non-conformist churches
Play area
Provision of childrens play area
Village shop stocked and serviced much better
Population increase has helped to sustain the village shop and post office
Improvement of village hall
Diminution of deliveries to the doors
Meadow view nursery
Sports pavilion

Loss of village policeman

Ridiculous bus service

Dog mess the paths and the verges are not cut

New water main in Church Rd

New Sports Pavilion

Provision of sports field

The improvement of the village shops and service

Opening of the Meadowview nursery

Bus service has got worse

Continual breakdown in the water supply

Shop is better equipped

Reduced public transport

Gritting of roads

Improvement in amenities, play area, village hall, shops

Street lighting in the play area

Less buses

Better roads

Improved village shop

Loss of regular "post lady" and milkman

Water main leaks at the top of Crofts End

Village shop has a licence to sell wine

Village shop has changed hands

CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Village is now less mixed, more bland

More frequent change over of residents

Many newcomers

Population increase

Instability of the population

Population

Increase in population and reduction in numbers per household

New people moving in

The frequency with which people move in and out of the village

Large increase in the population

Ageing population

New housing brings in new families and ideas, people share a lovely village

Have become an imbalanced population, people brought up in the village have left

Increase in commuter population

Half the village are newcomers

Increase in population

Has become too much of a commuter village

Increase in the density of population

Strangers in the village

More people live here

Many new and younger families

More younger families with children

Increased number of young families

More outsiders in the village, Carters Close, seem to integrate fairly well

PROPERTY AND ACCOMMODATION

Houses changing hands regularly

No more council houses built

No housing for local people

Always seem to be a considerable number of properties for sale

Increase in the cost of housing

TRAFFIC RELATED RESPONSES

More traffic

Traffic increase on the main road
Increase in traffic
More and bigger lorries parked outside Haynes garage
More cars parked on the road or pavement
More traffic
More and larger lorries parked in the vicinity of the Knoll
More cars parked on the roadways
Traffic speeding
New road signs erected
Increase in congestion on the Knoll, waggons, school buses, general traffic
More traffic
More commercial traffic through and into the village
More traffic
Speed of the traffic in the High Street and Crofts End
Traffic density increased
Large increase in cars parked on roads and pathways
Volume of traffic much greater
Bad access near the garage because of more lorries
Too much traffic into/from Water lane
More cars
Increase in traffic
Large increase in traffic
More traffic
Increased traffic
Increase in the number of heavy lorries
Drivers travelling too fast
Increased lorry usage
Speed of traffic on the High street
Severe and potentially dangerous traffic congestion around the Knoll

Noisy drivers through the village

More traffic and congestion

A deterioration in the overall standard of driving

Cars parked on the roads

Increased volume of traffic

More traffic down Water Lane

Increase in traffic

More cars

Increase in heavy traffic coming into the village

More cars

Speeding

Larger transport vehicles

LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Village is becoming a dormitory, but there are signs of work becoming available

Knights European foods moving out

Haulage contracting business has changed to a warehousing and storage business

Growth of heavy transport industries

Haynes new doors but increased hazard and visual nuisance

Growth of Haynes transport

Heavy businesses

Expansion of inappropriately placed business

More light industry

The haulage firm has expanded, ruined the Knoll, dirty and dangerous

Improvement of Sherington nurseries

POLITICS AND POLICY

Poor representation

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SPIRIT

Development of the New Thursday Group

Tendency to become more impersonal, know less people

Regeneration of valued local institutions, school, cricket, community activities

Neighbourhood watch

Neighbourhood Watch

Additional members of organisations

Less village activities, were a good way of meeting people, private schooling

Village is full of strangers, many of whom commute

Decrease of community spirit

An attempt to retain the "village" atmosphere and all that this implies

Neighbourhood watch scheme

Less community activity

Many newcomers not interested in community affairs

Majority of newcomers from towns, unfamiliar with village life, splits community

CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE

Increased affluence of residents

A greater number who view the village as a sleeping place

Movement of people in and out of the village, new life in the village

Children driven to school, not walked, also a traffic hazard

Change in attitudes

More use of cars, instead of bikes or walking

Increased pace of life, and influx of commuters

Teenage and pre-teenage children skateboarding and other activities in close

Young have no respect for anybody over fifty

More people travelling out of the immediate neighbourhood

OTHER RECOGNISED CHANGES

Increase in the number of dogs

By-pass

By-pass

By-pass

Less flooding, used to be bad

By-pass

Drainage

Sherington by-pass

Increase in diesel fuel on road from garage

By-pass

By-pass

By-pass

By-Pass

The village is more under the influence of Milton Keynes

By-Pass

Knock on effect of Milton Keynes

Non-wearing of school uniform

Loose dogs

By-pass

Village is much noisier

By-pass

NO RECOGNISED CHANGES

None

None

None

Few changes

Very little, have only been here one and a half years

None

Not applicable, length of residency

Too new too comment, very happy with what we have found

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON VILLAGE LIFE

DEVELOPMENT

Village is large enough already. If it increases in size it will lose its identity as have Roade, Deanshanger, Olney etc

12-15 years and Olney will be saturated and infilling will occur with Sherington

Too many new properties, preservation areas should be adhered to

The village would suffer from any increase in housing development

Against over development, but in favour of quality homes

Development must carefully done so as not to spoil the village

Tougher control over development, often purely for short term speculation

LAYOUT AND APPEARANCE OF THE VILLAGE

Let's keep Sherington as a village surrounded by farm land without ghastly warehouses etc that are quite out of keeping

Sherington is a prime example of its kind and should be preserved as such

Village on the whole is a pleasure to live in, must not become just a showplace

Aim should be to improve the village setting year by year, houses like mine are very ordinary and better hidden by trees

Milton Keynes will swallow the village as has happened in Simpson, Willen etc

Leave some wild places, parts of church yard verges etc, for plants and insects

Stone houses and fine trees have been knocked down, this must not be repeated

Let us keep Sherington as lovely as it is now

Sherington is attractive and accessible with the newer properties well blended with the old

Hedges in Carters Close hardly ever see any attention

Plans for a Newport Pagnell 2 must be vigorously opposed

Quiet village of character and history, do not need increase in size or trade

Village is close to Newport Pagnell and should not sprawl further towards it

SERVICE PROVISION AND FACILITIES

Pavements need better maintenance

Great help if there was a group in the village to phone for help, advice etc, not just for the elderly. Lifts, DIY tips

Local road surfaces are absolutely appalling

With a small child, a footpath around the village would be appreciated

At present I am a regular user of a motor car but will become increasingly dependent upon public transport

Local parents should be encouraged to send their children to our local schools. Important in keeping villages alive

Water company should turf the area they have dug up on the Knoll

May have to leave the village due to lack of transport

We must encourage what shops we have as they tend to act as a focal point for gossip, news etc

Need to improve the bus shelter

Need improved public transport rather than use friends/neighbors as taxi drivers

CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE VILLAGE

Need to have locals who can pass on the local customs and history

Village has a fair balance of young, old, new and traditional residents

What is the % of professionals moving into the village over the last 10 years?

PROPERTY AND ACCOMMODATION

Problem of housing young and old must be solved

Impossible for working people to buy property, they are the village's future

Retirement bungalows are needed

Sherington needs middle bracket affordable housing

People like us are having to leave to find suitable housing elsewhere

Housing applications for low cost property have not materialised for young/old

TRAFFIC RELATED COMMENTS

Maybe small developments would be better than the large one that we live in

Vehicles do tend to move quickly through the village at all times

Off road parking, i.e the verge at the junction of Park Rd and Gun Lane

One has to worry about the danger to children, with the speed of local traffic

This is the major problem relating to the health and well being of Sherington

Danger for children and other pedestrians around the Knoll must be addressed before a serious accident occurs

Larger and larger lorries unloading by the Knoll, this should be regulated

Smooth flow of traffic is prevented by vehicles parked either side of the road

Force traffic to use the by-pass

Traffic speeding is a major hazard to the elderly and children, some restriction is needed, "for access only"?

Why were the roads not widened to take lorries, delivery lorries often hold up all the other traffic

A parking place near the church would be a good idea

Mr Samm's plan to reroute the High St traffic down Gun Lane and through the rest of the village must not be implemented

If further housing is planned more thought should be given to traffic problems, parking, drainage etc

The principle of two way traffic should be maintained, i.e bus routes, keeps the bulk of traffic away from the centre

Need to look at Church Rd, High St, Water Lane junction to find a safe solution

Traffic comes through the village too fast

The large vehicles present a serious problem and a safety hazard

High street should be made a no through road where everyone can cross in safety

Any consideration of road widening in the village would not be welcomed

Parking of heavy vehicles on the Knoll is dangerous, unsightly and unnecessary

New gravel extraction is proposed to the south of the village, increased traffic

People speeding down Water Lane are not village residents

The traffic MUST be slowed in the high street

LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Transport business distracts from the charm of thwe village green which should be a centre and not a transport yard

Businesses should be situated where traffic and roads are compatible

Haynes put a lot in and try to contain the nuisance, they are good village people, the business however is not suitable

Further commercial or domestic housing in Water Lane should receive close examination

Increase in gravel extraction must be vigorously opposed by the Parish Council

Haulage business, dirty and dangerous eyesore that belongs in an industrial area

Farmers help to maintain the "green belt"

See comments on garage/haulage, with the best will in the world proprietors cannot avoid congestion and damage to roads

This used to be a farming community, agricultural practices should be encouraged

Businesses at the centre of the village are a hazard to pedestrians and other traffic

Should like to see the heavier industries move out to an industrial area in Milton Keynes

If the haulage firm was moved the Knoll would be enhanced, traffic problems relieved, and would be safer for pedestrians

Businesses that are a danger to the public could be relocated within the village

Need to relocate the transport firm and reduce safety and environmental concerns

If a major accident is to be avoided at the Knoll steps should be taken to relocate the haulage company

Heavy business needs industrial estate facilities in Milton Keynes

Limit the times and numbers of lorries unloading

POLITICS AND POLICY

All the users should be taken into consideration

Need negotiation with M.K planning department

This means that others with personal gain will get the wrong changes made

Firm plans are needed for further housing development in 1992, better to plan now than have them thrust upon one

Concerned about the use of power for personal benefit rather than the village

Planning permissions seem to have gone haywire. What of the building line?

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SPIRIT

Developing village ties would take pressure off defensive schemes like neighbourhood watch, would become automatic

The village will lose a lot of the "community togetherness" if it grows further

We like Sherington but wish there was perhaps more for the older children in the village

Like the village - it is dear to our heart. Still a feeling of them and us that would take a lifetime to overcome

Community spirit is good and needs development without regimentation or pressure

Friends always remark on the friendly and rural nature of the village

Why else would our village be regarded as a fine place to live

A community or village is only as strong as the residents, speed/size of growth

Initially showed an interest in village activities, but give all or keep out attitude led to the later choice

Have returned after eight years away and are pleased to see the community spirit remains

The play area is great for the little ones, it can be spoilt by the bigger ones

Need a club: pubs are expensive and many are not interested in church activities. Self determining, drinks events etc

Many incomers contribute, need to balance to avoid becoming a commuter village

Lovely village with nice people, need to keep it that way

Sherington has a fantastic community spirit when it works

COMMENTS ON LIFESTYLE

Horses ridden by youngsters who have no control, danger to themselves and others

Very happy to be living in Sherington

Teenagers and others while in the Close tend to shout, swear argue and litter

Both I and my partner are active outside the village, use home as a base

Love living in village, people are friendly and not pushy

We like living in Sherington

A lot of value in traditional outlooks and these must be maintained

Would be very reluctant to leave

Need housing, work and transport

I count it as a privilege to live in Sherington

OTHER COMMENTS

Don't think you'll get much from a questionnaire such as this.

There is a need to oppose the burgeoning aspirations of Milton Keynes

The worst thing about the village is that dogs are allowed to roam and mess everywhere, health hazard to our children

Form of no use, people who have lived here all their lives will not fill it in

I fail to see how this form can be totally anonymous with regard to some of the questions asked

Dog owners should be tolerated more, we live in the country, part of country life

Dog droppings the responsibility of the owners

People allowing dogs to mess the grass and pavements even while on the lead contribute to their disgraceful state

Less litter, paths have been ruined by skateboards and the loose tarmac is then used in stone fights by the children

Latch key dogs roaming the village fouling gardens and scavenging the dustbins is a problem

Rubbish can only be disposed of in Newport Pagnell, must tax those without transport - skip and notice of times valuable

Could use other techniques to get to root of the village network

Unable to comment after only one year

Unable to comment due to limited time in the village

Do not feel able to make any comment as we have only lived here for nine months

We enjoy living in Sherington, and like it the way it is. Keep up the good work

