

3 AMENITIES

VILLAGE SHOP

- A clear majority, 89%, would be in favour of the re-instatement of a shop.
- 32% would be prepared to help (in some form) with running a community shop.
- Any further suggestions? Where? How run?

POST BOX

- 32% think there should be more postboxes in the parish.
- Birchwood (where there used to be one) is the most popular choice.

PHONE BOX: SITE FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR?

(In Little Hill, by Telephone Exchange)

- *Now discontinued by BT, and taken over by the Community Heartbeat Trust.*
- *The parish could, through the CHT, install a defibrillator, costing us about £1600.*
- *Bar an annual service charge of about £126, maintenance costs would be underwritten by the CHT.*
- *We could also use the box as a noticeboard, a book exchange, for tourist info and maps, etc. (See examples in Blagdon Hill & Ford Street.)*
- *Defibrillator installation is CHT's preferred option, but we could opt for no defibrillator, and run it as a parish facility, as above. Moving it would cost £2000, so isn't a possibility.*
- **What are your views on this? A worthwhile expenditure? Medically justified?**

VILLAGE HALL

- **Suggestions made for further events/courses (now often pursued elsewhere). Run by whom?**
- **Some suggested publicity about events in Village Hall could be improved. By event organisers? By the Village Hall itself?**
- **Communication, as we've noted, is again a problem.**
- **Do we need a Notice Board outside the Village Hall? This was suggested by some.**
- **Some suggested more whole-village events, summer picnics, BBQs.**
- **Solar panels: idea rejected. *Needs re-visiting?***
- **Is parking adequate? Does it need extending?**

- **Some thought Hall facilities (such as the kitchens) could be improved.**
- **Suggestions have been passed to Village Hall Committee – see accompanying analysis.**

MOBILE LIBRARY

- **Answers suggest that for many it has become an irrelevance – visits too infrequent, use of e-books or town libraries preferred. Used by 2.78% only – but still important for those people.**
- **Could stopping places be improved? Frequency of visits cut already – no chance of change here.**

Currently stops at Birchwood cottages, Buckland St Mary Church, Dingford & Channings, every 4 weeks over the lunch hour. Next visit Sept 22.

- **Importance of making sure those who are housebound or have no transport are still catered for.**
- **Provide links to complementary services – eg Home Library Service. (see leaflets)**
- **Book exchange/pop-up library - in phone box, in Village Hall, in Church?**