

# Pluckley Parish Plan

## Individual Question Counts

### Household Section

(total number of households = 431)

**Question Number : 1**                      **Number of Households Answering : 266**

How many people including children normally live in your household?  
632

**Question Number : 2**                      **Number of Households Answering: 266**

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

	Male	Female
0-4	21	16
5-10	15	11
11-15	18	27
16-17	6	9
18-24	13	14
25-44	57	66
45-59	80	79
60-64	29	33
65-74	43	36
75-84	27	23
85+	4	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>319 = 632</b>

**Question Number : 3**                      **Number of Households Answering: 266**

Where does your household live? (Tick one box only)

Village Centre & Westfields .....	94	(35.3 %)
Thorne to Fir Toll .....	73	(27.4 %)
Station .....	43	(16.2 %)
Other .....	56	(21.1 %)

**Question Number : 4**                      **Number of Households Answering: 266**

Is this dwelling? (Tick one box only)

Private rented .....	16	(6.0 %)
Local authority rented .....	23	(8.6 %)
Housing Association rented .....	19	(7.1 %)
Owner occupied .....	197	(74.1 %)
Shared ownership (part owned/part rented) .....	1	(0.4 %)
Other .....	10	(3.8 %)

**Question Number : 5**                      **Number of Households Answering: 266**

What type of dwelling is this? (Tick one box only)

Detached house .....	109	(41.0 %)
Semi-detached house .....	81	(30.5 %)
Terraced house .....	29	(10.9 %)
Bungalow .....	37	(13.9 %)
Flat/maisonette .....	7	(2.6 %)
Specially adapted housing .....	0	(0.0 %)
Mobile home/caravan .....	0	(0.0 %)
Other .....	3	(1.1 %)

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### Personal Section

(total number residents 11 years and over as reported in Q 2 = 569)

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**Question Number : 6** **Number of Respondents: 567**

Sex

Male .....	271 (47.8%)
Female .....	296 (52.2%)

**Question Number : 7** **Number of Respondents: 568**

What age group do you belong to?

11-15 .....	46 (8.1%)
16-17 .....	12 (2.1%)
18-24 .....	29 (5.1%)
25-44 .....	121 (21.3%)
45-59 .....	164 (28.9%)
60-64 .....	61 (10.7%)
65-74 .....	76 (13.4%)
75-84 .....	49 (8.6%)
85+ .....	10 (1.8%)
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>568</b>

**Question Number : 8** **Number of Respondents: 569**

How long have you lived in Pluckley ?

Less than a year .....	19 (3.3%)
1-5 years .....	23 (21.6%)
6-15 years .....	181 (31.8%)
16-25 years .....	105 (18.5%)
26-50 years .....	88 (15.5%)
51 + years .....	30 (5.3%)
Whole life .....	23 (4.0%)

**Question Number : 9** **Number of Respondents: 460**

What kind of accommodation do you think Pluckley needs? (Tick more than one box if applicable)

Homes for young people .....	259 (56.3%)
Large family homes .....	104 (22.6%)
Small family homes .....	259 (56.3%)
Executive homes .....	36 (7.8%)
Homes for people with disabilities .....	83 (18.0%)
Homes for single people .....	133 (28.9%)
Other .....	35 (7.6%)
All (1)	Cheap (1)
None (23)	But very limited (1)
Need more information (1)	More B&Bs (1)
OAPs/Elderly (7)	One large mansion like Surrenden Dering was (1)
There is enough in the country (1)	

**Question Number : 10** **Number of Respondents: 421**

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Pluckley ?

(Tick more than one box if applicable)

Local authority/housing association rented .....	151 (35.9%)
Shared ownership .....	131 (31.1%)
Housing only for local people (Local Needs) .....	229 (54.4%)
Private rented .....	52 (12.4%)
Owner occupied .....	111 (26.4%)
Sheltered housing .....	79 (18.8%)
Adapted housing .....	51 (12.1%)
Other .....	12 (2.9%)
No/none (13)	No opinion (1)
	Don't know (1)
	very limited need (1)
	All (1)

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#### Question Number : 11

**Number of Respondents: 443**

What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Pluckley e.g. Station, Thorne, etc. ?  
(Tick more than one box if applicable)

Single dwellings in controlled locations .....	204	(46.0%)
Small group(s) of less than 10.....	225	(50.8%)
Carefully designed larger group(s) .....	36	(8.1%)
Expansion of the edge of Pluckley .....	105	(23.7%)
Expansion near the Street .....	68	(15.3%)
Other .....	21	(4.7%)
None (14)		
Small groups of less than 4		
Not near the Street (2)		
Brickworks (2)		
	Station Road	
	Thorne	
	Other	
	Only to develop existing hall site (2)	

#### Question Number : 12

**Number of Respondents: 569**

Would you accept a housing development that would include any or all of the following...

	yes	no	no opinion
A new adult-sized football pitch ..	90 (15.8%)	157 (27.6%)	321 (56.4%)
Car park for village events .....	219 (38.5%)	118 (20.7%)	231 (40.6%)
New village hall on new site ....	166 (29.2%)	152 (26.7%)	250 (43.9%)
New village hall on current site	215 (37.8%)	114 (20.0%)	239 (42.0%)
We have it all (1)			

#### Question Number : 13

**Number of Respondents: 569**

Where do you take part in the following activities?

	Pluckley	Ashford	Elsewhere	Do not participate
Football	6 (1.1%)	2 (0.4%)	17 (3.0%)	543 (95.4%)
Junior football	3 (0.5%)	2 (0.4%)	9 (1.6%)	554 (97.4%)
Cricket	7 (1.2%)	2 (0.4%)	21 (3.7%)	538 (94.6%)
Rugby	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.4%)	12 (2.1%)	553 (97.2%)
Tennis	63 (11.1%)	4 (0.7%)	16 (2.8%)	485 (85.2%)
Swimming	12 (2.1%)	62 (10.9%)	121 (21.3%)	373 (65.6%)
Netball	6 (1.1%)	4 (0.7%)	9 (1.6%)	549 (96.5%)
Bowls	2 (0.4%)	7 (1.2%)	5 (0.9%)	554 (97.4%)
Table tennis	11 (1.9%)	1 (0.2%)	11 (1.9%)	545 (95.8%)
Skateboarding/BMX	2 (0.4%)	2 (0.4%)	1 (0.2%)	563 (98.9%)
Boule/Petanque	5 (0.9%)	0 (0.0%)	9 (1.6%)	554 (97.4%)
Under 10s play area	35 (6.2%)	7 (1.2%)	5 (0.9%)	521 (91.6%)

#### Question Number : 14

**Number of Respondents: 569**

How often do you use the following facilities?

	weekly	monthly	occasionally	never
Ashford Leisure Centre .....	18 (3.2%)	9 (1.6%)	97 (17.0%)	443 (77.9%)
Tenterden Leisure Centre .....	23 (4.0%)	14 (2.5%)	125 (22.0%)	406 (71.4%)
Green Health Club .....	35 (6.2%)	1 (0.2%)	42 (7.4%)	490 (86.1%)
Other private clubs .....	54 (9.5%)	15 (2.6%)	19 (3.3%)	480 (84.4%)

#### Question Number : 15

**Number of Respondents: 565**

If available, would you take part in keep fit classes in the village hall

Yes.....	156 (27.6%)
No .....	409 (72.4%)

Would be interested in alternatives e.g. Tai Chi, Yoga, etc.

#### Question Number : 16

**Number of Respondents: 567**

If available would you take part in a gentle walking group along the local footpaths?

Yes.....	224 (39.5%)
No .....	343 (60.5%)

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**Question Number : 17** **Number of Respondents: 353**

Do you walk regularly/occasionally in the following places?

Dering Wood (the Woodland Trust) .....	259 (73.4%)
Hothfield Common .....	114 (32.3%)
Greensand Way: Pluckley to Little Chart .....	231 (65.4%)

**Question Number : 18** **Number of Respondents: 569**

In which of these clubs/activities do you take part?

	in Pluckley	elsewhere	no interest
Senior Citizens/Over 60s .....	11 (1.9%)	3 (0.5%)	547 (96.1%)
Choir .....	9 (1.6%)	7 (1.2%)	545 (95.8%)
Pluckley Panto .....	22 (3.9%)	3 (0.5%)	536 (94.2%)
After School Clubs .....	11 (1.9%)	21 (3.7%)	529 (93.0%)
Mother & Toddlers group .....	15 (2.6%)	11 (1.9%)	534 (93.8%)
Brownies .....	0 (0.0%)	7 (1.2%)	554 (97.4%)
Cubs .....	1 (0.2%)	3 (0.5%)	557 (97.9%)
Gardening .....	68 (12.0%)	3 (0.5%)	493 (86.6%)
Scouts/Air-Army-Sea Cadets/ Youth Club .....	3 (0.5%)	5 (0.9%)	551 (96.8%)
Other .....	32 (5.6%)	25 (4.4%)	504 (88.6%)
Harvest Supper		Motocross everywhere	
Horse riding – TROT (3)		Drama	
Only church special services		Meeting Place	
Re-enactment 1815 Napoleonic period		Bell ringing (2)	
Church & associated activities (4)		Swimming – Tenterden	
Music club for toddlers – Tenterden		Yoga	
Golf (4) Ashford/Kingsnorth		Art classes (2) – Ashford/Ham Street/Folkestone	
Music – Egerton (2)		Jazz Orchestra	
Many other activities outside Pluckley		RDA	
Luncheon Club		Friends of St Nicholas' (3)	
Music Classes		Twins Club	
Pilates (Ashford)		Royal British Legion (4)	
Football – Smarden		Clay pigeon shooting	
Guides – Bethersden		Dance Classes/ Line Dancing/ dancing (4)	
Camping Club – local Kent		After school clubs – football, cookery & guitar	
Piano lessons		East Kent Strokes Support Group (2)	
Fairs/Fetes (3)		NADFAS	
U3A		WKPS	
Egerton Film Club		RAOB – Lenham	
Church club		Quiz	
Squash		RAFA	
Racing historic cars			

**Question Number : 19** **Number of Respondents: 568**

Do you think the Special Landscape Areas in Pluckley should be extended?

Yes .....	220 (38.7%)
No .....	49 (8.6%)
No opinion .....	299 (52.6%)
Where are they? (7)	Where (1)
Unaware (2)	What are they (3)

**Question Number : 20** **Number of Respondents: 567**

How often do you use the weekly mobile library service?

Weekly .....	4 (0.7%)
Fortnightly .....	9 (1.6%)
Monthly .....	7 (1.2%)
Occasionally .....	23 (4.1%)
Never .....	460 (81.1%)
Unaware of it .....	64 (11.3%)

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**Question Number : 21** **Number of Respondents: 566**

Would you support a Farmers Market if held in Pluckley Village Hall?

- Yes - weekly on a Wednesday ..... 157 (27.7%)
- Yes - monthly on a Wednesday ..... 74 (13.1%)
- Yes - weekly on another day of the week ..... 88 (15.5%)
- Yes - monthly on another day of the week ..... 95 (16.8%)
- No ..... 152 (26.9%)
- Weekly if new location of village hall otherwise need transport
- Good idea

**Question Number : 22** **Number of Respondents: 569**

Have you ever attended a meeting of the monthly parish council surgery (on the 4<sup>th</sup> or last Saturday (9:30 to 10:30am) ?

- Yes ..... 46 (8.1%)
- No ..... 523 (91.9%)
- Unaware of it (1)

**Question Number : 23** **Number of Respondents: 568**

How often do you read parish council notices found at the following locations: Main notice board outside the school; village hall notice board; Thorne bus shelter, station bus shelter (opposite Dering Arms); parish website: www.pluckley.net?

- Weekly ..... 69 (12.1%)
- Fortnightly ..... 25 (4.4%)
- Monthly ..... 44 (7.7%)
- Occasionally ..... 244 (43.0%)
- Never ..... 138 (24.3%)
- Unaware of them ..... 48 (8.5%)

**Question Number : 24** **Number of Respondents: 569**

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

- |  | Yes       | No   |
|--|-----------|--|
| William Harvey Hospital .....                | 31 (5.4%) | 517 (90.9%)                                      |
| Charing Surgery .....                        | 19 (3.3%) | 530 (93.1%)                                      |
| Headcorn Surgery .....                       | 15 (2.6%) | 534 (93.8%)                                      |
| Lenham Surgery .....                         | 4 (0.7%)  | 544 (95.6%)                                      |
| Chiropodist .....                            | 6 (1.1%)  | 542 (95.3%)                                      |
| Optician .....                               | 16 (2.8%) | 532 (93.5%)                                      |
| Dentist .....                                | 24 (4.2%) | 526 (92.4%)                                      |
| Other medical facility .....                 | 4 (0.7%)  | 542 (95.3%)                                      |
| Yes – no vehicle (2)                         |           | Canterbury Hosp – have to use hospital transport |
| No because we still drive a car (1)          |           | no/not applicable (44)                           |
| Difficult but not impossible at my age – 85+ |           | I would if unwell & unable to drive (1)          |
| Not at present (1)                           |           | OK getting to WHH – but parking there?           |
| Have a car – but no buses though             |           |  |

**Question Number : 25** **Number of Respondents: 568**

Do you use the voluntary car service to Charing surgery or the William Harvey Hospital?

- Yes ..... 8 (1.4%)
- Yes - occasionally ..... 7 (1.2%)
- Not applicable ..... 553 (97.4%)
- No (5) Haven't got to that stage yet age 85 +
- Use wheel bus to surgery (1) Didn't know (1)

**Question Number : 26** **Number of Respondents: 566**

Do you know that Charing surgery delivers prescription drugs free of charge?

- Yes ..... 336 (59.4%)
- No ..... 230 (40.6%)

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**Question Number : 27** **Number of Respondents: 260**

Would you use a clinic in the village hall, run by a practice nurse, once a month for...

(Tick more than one box if applicable)

Flu vaccinations .....	173	(66.5%)
Blood pressure monitoring .....	195	(75.0%)
Blood test .....	181	(69.6%)
Chiropody .....	118	(45.4%)
Good for OAP (1)	No	(1)

**Question Number : 28** **Number of Respondents: 566**

Have you used the 'out of hours' doctor at SEADOC held in a clinic in the William Harvey Hospital and open all night?

Yes .....	100	(17.7%)
No .....	279	(49.3%)
Unaware of it .....	187	(33.0%)

**Question Number : 29** **Number of Respondents: 569**

Would you like to see 30mph speed limits replacing the current 40mph limits

Yes .....	361	(63.4%)
No .....	208	(36.6%)

But not all drivers keep to the limit anyway

But that still would not stop people from speeding down the hill at 60mph

No speed bumps please

20mph by the school

Be ok if people stuck to 40mph

**Question Number : 30** **Number of Respondents: 338**

Would you like to see the 30mph speed limit extended

Down Station Road as far at Stanford Bridge	276	(81.7%)
From Blacksmiths Arms to Pinnock Bridge ....	220	(65.1%)
Other: please state below .....	66	(19.5%)
Everywhere	1	
Approaching Tollgate crossroads from Charing	2	
40mph from Village Hall over Station Bridge	1	
30mph to council houses past village hall	1	
20mph in The Street	1	
Thorne Estate area	1	
All parish boundaries/All areas	3	
No	10	
It is useless – installation was a waste of money	2	
Smarden Road to Chambers Green Road	5	
Hedge needs trimming down the Pinnock Road	1	
Lambden Road	8	
Shiplands	1	
Egerton Road to Prebbles Hill/Pivington	9	
Dowle Street	1	
Charing Road – Jennings Farm	2	
Side Roads	2	
Other traffic speed control methods such as narrowing/right of way, speed cameras, etc.		
Try stopping the “older than boy racers” leaving the Black Horse	1	
20mph would be preferable to 30mph	1	
Swan Lane	1	

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**Question Number : 31** **Number of Respondents: 415**

Do you feel in danger from speeding traffic in these areas of Pluckley ?

(Tick more than one box if applicable)

Forge Hill/Upper Smarden Road .....	260	(62.7%)
Lambden Road .....	89	(21.4%)
The Street .....	155	(37.3%)
Station Road: upper part .....	198	(47.7%)
Station Road: Fir Toll/Malmains Rd junction ...	202	(48.7%)
Station Road: Railway Bridge .....	241	(58.1%)
Other: please state below .....	44	(10.6%)
Everywhere (1)		Nowhere (3)
Sometimes (1)		The Street junction (1)
Smarden Road/Thorne Estate (1)		Smarden Road to Pluckley Thorne area(1)
Smarden Road/Forge Hill footway width & vegetation maintenance required (1)		
Lambden Road especially on the bend halfway along opposite the pond (1)		
Shiplands (1)		Whole of Station Road (1)
Station Road due to terrible parking (1)		Station Road/Chambers Green Road(2)
Fir Toll to Dering Arms (1)		Chambers Green to railway bridge (1)
Stanford Bridge (1)		Egerton Road to Prebbles Hill/Pivington (8)
Egerton Road near Westfields (1)		Junction of Charing Rd/Egerton Rd/Forge Hill (5)
The Pinnock (Smarden Bell Road) (7)		Thorne Estate/Pinnock junction (2)
Thorne (1)		Bethersden Road (1)
Charing Road – no footpath (2)		Charing Road – horses crossing toll ride (1)
Dowle Street (rat run for commuters am & pm) (2)		All back roads (2)
Swan Hill/Lane (2)		No I drive so makes no difference (1)
No try not to walk most places (1)		Some cars object to walking kids to school (1)
Speeding cars is a big issue & danger in the village (1)		
Mirror from the Street turning towards Charing would be helpful (1)		
Cars crossing chevrons and entering the Street – put up bollards (1)		

**Question Number : 32** **Number of Respondents: 569**

Would you like to see some form of parking control introduced in the Station area ?

Yes .....	352	(61.9%)
No .....	71	(12.5%)
No opinion .....	146	(25.7%)
Only with a large car park available (1)		Give them all a fine (1)
Should not park just over the railway bridge (1)		Lobby railways to increase car parking provision (1)
The Street at School start and end times (1)		Definitely (1)
Not until more parking space is found (5)		New big car park (1)
Why can't you use the other side of the track as a car park. You'd need traffic lights at the road bridge (1)		
Better parking but no controls – if there was sufficient parking we would not need controls (1)		

**Question Number : 33** **Number of Respondents: 567**

Would you help with Speedwatch if a reminder letter, without any penalties, was sent to each driver exceeding 35mph in the 30mph limit?

Yes .....	154	(27.2%)
No .....	413	(72.8%)
Job for the police not residents job. Too open to error (1)		
This won't stop them (1)		
Bad idea – usually very distracting and therefore potentially dangerous (1)		
Stronger penalty with photographic evidence given to police (1)		
Not needed you'll become a Hitler (1)		

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## Back page comments

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#### Crime

- How is crime being dealt with?
- Police should visit Dering Woods on a Friday or Saturday night and discourage the ghost hunters and boy racers

#### Youth

- Older kids would like a lighted area to play in like on Hothfield Common as they have nowhere to go.
- Teenage activities
- Used to go to youth club, but it is not running any more.
- Football field
- Clubs in school holidays and evening in the village hall to give children something to do

#### Elderly

- Some provision for local elderly residents. Some find their family home too large and would like to downsize and stay in Pluckley, but have to move to Charing/

#### Pavements, footpaths

- Path needs improving: Forge Hill – overgrown and cannot be used in places
- Stop lorries mounting the pavement on Forge Hill
- Sometime ago the question of a pavement from Fir Toll to the Street was raised, but the road is not wide enough for two-way traffic and a footpath.
- Walking to and from the station and to the village is perilous. These routes are well-used by pedestrians. There is a national speed limit (60mph) and no footpath. Both a footpath and speed restrictions in the station towards the main village is urgently needed

#### Highways & Speed

- Could consideration be given (in order to accommodate a footpath from Fir Toll to the Street) to making that part of Station Road one-way, then Lambden Road and part of Forge Hill. This would also alleviate the difficulty where cars are parked in the Street and obstruct the view of traffic from the Square.
- Speed limit to be enforced on Smarden Road
- Pluckley is dangerous road wise, especially the hill and the Street
- 20mph speed limit from where the 30mph sign is on Pluckley Road (by Tollhouse) to the Lodge, past the school.
- Pelican crossing between Westfields side and Street side
- Chevrons bollarded off – safer for all crossing by the pub/shop
- Convex mirrors at Egerton Road junction and also for coming out of the Street.
- Overhanging hedges and trees
- Potholes and road edges should have regular monitoring. Some are dangerous when encountering large vehicles
- Sat Nav means a large increase in HGV traffic along narrow roads – lorries should be banned from using such roads.
- Stop traffic cutting off corner when turning into the Street at speed.
- Volume of vehicles too wide, too heavy, and too long to navigate junctions is partly to blame for the breakdown of roads and verges.
- Roundabout or traffic calming at Egerton Road/Charing Road junction
- Roundabout at the Street/Forge Hill junction
- Excessive speeding by cars, HGV and “farm” vehicles
- Slow down sign that lights up when going faster than 30mph
- Too many lorries going to and from Pivington

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- Limit size of lorries using Egerton Road
- The vast majority of drivers observe speed limits if sensibly applied, so don't alienate those drivers by extending/lowering limits unnecessarily – the minority will not obey them anyway.
- Widen and improve Egerton Road
- Monitor HGVs and speeding traffic
- Reduce HGV traffic
- Roads in bad condition, many are cambered and the edge of the road is broken or the verges have been squashed where cars, etc. have pulled over to pass each other – this makes walking on the roads difficult
- 40mph limit extended to Stanford Bridge on Station Road and Chambers Green Road on Smerden Road
- Close Station Road to HGVs

### Recreation Ground

- Please ask cricketers not to shout so loud as new pavilion is closer to houses. This noise sometimes goes on late Saturdays and Sundays.
- Football field

### Transport

- More public transport
- Train service to and from Cannon Street will be cut next year. this could eventually mean the closure of the station.
- A bus – Kent Karrier not very serviceable: does not come on a Monday because they say they are full up. Friday, by the time they have picked everyone up and got to Ashford there is little time to do anything – you could not have time to arrange an appointment of any kind.
- Minibus to and from station and more buses during week and weekends.

### Parking

- Disables parking in Square
- Station parking: no regard for residents at all. Cars park right up to the bridge and at the junctions making it impossible to see southwards.
- Make station parking free like Charing then problems would be largely solved
- Prosecute driver who park without lights on Station Road when dark then they would use car park
- Make station car park bigger by using woodland or old south coal yard and make an access onto station
- Parking around the school is terrible and dangerous making the village unusable
- Too many single occupant cars that would benefit from mum's picking up other kids or even better a minibus or school bus
- 20 or 30 minutes parking restriction signs outside the butchers and village shop.
- Six places marked out on the area in front of the Black Horse with an access point for those parked by the wall.
- School pick-up is a major problem – the unsocial parking prevents people using the shops.
- 11 spaces in station car park 10am on a Monday – approx 30 cars outside, why not use the south side coal yard for parking.
- Perhaps the rail season ticket should include a free parking permit
- Sort out the parking at station – someone will be killed.
- Parking at station is inadequate – it should be enlarged by acquiring more land
- Don't allow cars to park and block square – put no parking on school side of road except outside butchers.

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### Environment

- Station area is a mess: tidy the area up instead of spoiling it
- Thorne Estate field should be preserved
- Dog fouling – Station Garage section of Station Road
- Too much litter
- Better waste disposal facilities
- Maintain open areas in and around the village
- Why not tidy up the verges further down from the village hall.
- People walking their dogs up Forge Hill should not allow their dogs to foul the footpath. Children need to use the paths as do parents with prams. Put up dog fouling signs.
- Nature reserve on brickworks site, parking – picnic area
- Graveyard needs attention
- Street lighting from Forge Hill and along Smarden Road
- Light along station bridge area

### Community

- Bring villagers together by holding forums – getting to know, etc.
- Village Hall is too far away from the top of the village for people without cars to use
- Discourage rather than encourage ghost hunters: congregational point is usually outside the Black Horse – loud radios, silly girls screaming and silly boys shouting.
- Renovate the village hall and extend it. A new one could not be sustained as running it would be too expensive, meaning increased hire charges and the few societies using it would be lost.
- What about the future of the Black Horse if the sports pavilion takes away too many customers. If it has to close and houses are built on it the parking space could be used as front gardens. This would cause problems for the shops and parents bringing children to and from school.
- Regular tidying and grass cutting in the churchyard is needed.
- Repair phone box or remove it
- Entry into the Kent Village of the Year might encourage a working group.
- What makes a community? Helping and being helped by others and the mix of generations. How about a 'vetted' baby sitting rota – i.e. grannies helping young families who in turn could occasionally help them
- New village hall
- Public toilet
- Get the Church and school more involved in the village
- More 'horse aware' signs

### Housing & development

- Proposed development of 8 – 10 houses should be shelved in favour of 3 – 4 developments of 2 – 3 houses only if the need is real
- Pluckley needs more wealth not more social housing
- Station garage. Put small, affordable houses on the site
- No more development of homes are needed
- No more development of light industry or industry
- What will happen to the brickworks site?
- People move to Pluckley for the village & rural aspects don't use Q9 to justify development in areas in Pluckley leading to 100s more cars on already busy and deteriorating roads.
- More housing for locals – perhaps behind Shipland Houses.
- Building on the edge of Pluckley – even though there is no extreme need for housing here would not only ruin the community but would increase traffic, etc. The new housing area in

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Charing has made a well-sought out area reduced to somewhere little better than a Stanhope area with a community warden and a drug problem.

- Development issues for Pluckley are crucial. Large scale expansion would be to the detriment of village life and should be avoided, but limited, single or small scale (less than 5 dwellings) development of homes for small families is needed. This should be carefully planned into the existing village framework.
- All village life has been in decline for many years. Even to suggest that any village could possible need more 'executive' homes says it all.
- New homes for people born and bred in Pluckley
- We moved to Pluckley specifically because it is a small, rural village with all the attendant drawbacks (i.e. small village hall, lack of amenities) and have no desire for any housing development of any kind in the village.
- Football field, new village hall and possibly bakery – but all without further development
- Closer control of planning applications including retrospective on industrial and so called agricultural sites. Spot checks to confirm use.
- Why not put housing on the recreation ground
- Retain station, post office and school
- Old people bungalows