

# HEADLEY PARISH PLAN 2006

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TAKING HEADLEY FORWARD TOGETHER

# *The Parish Plan*

It is my pleasure to present to you the Headley Parish Plan. This is YOUR PLAN, the Headley Community, as it is drawn from your answers to the village questionnaire and your input to two Open Days.

Headley is a small village with only 463 on the electoral roll, of which 84 are at Headley Court. We distributed 240 questionnaires of which 144 or 60% were returned completed. We understand this to be a good response for this type of exercise.

From comments made by many on the questionnaires and at the Open Days it is clear that the community does not want much change to take place. Residents value the small village, rural environment, so rare this close to London. The Mole Valley District Council local plan provides a high level of protection against unwanted development. Most of the recommended actions in this Parish Plan are aimed at improvements to services and to the environment and also to foster a greater community spirit, rather than to encourage any major change.

In this document we have shown graphically those questionnaire results that are relevant to the action points. The full questionnaire results were displayed at the Open Day on 30<sup>th</sup> September and can be viewed on the Headley website [www.headleysurrey.org.uk](http://www.headleysurrey.org.uk) where a link is provided on the home page.

I would like to thank those that provided the funds to enable this exercise to take place. They are Headley Parish Council, Mole Valley District Council, Surrey County Council and several local private donors. Also many thanks to my colleagues on the Headley Parish Plan Committee for their dedication in seeing this exercise through, to Surrey Community Action for their support and advice, to Chris and Jill at The Cock Inn for donating raffle prizes for the Open Days, to Headley Village Hall Committee and Headley Court for providing meeting facilities, to all those that have helped in distribution and collection, and to everyone that completed the questionnaires and attended the Open Days.

What happens next? In the Plan we have identified those with responsibility to take the various actions forward. The Headley Parish Plan Committee has, with the publication of this document, fulfilled its brief and will now be disbanded. Any surplus funds will be passed to Headley Parish Council. We recommend that Headley Parish Council initiate a review in 12 months to check on progress.

Sarah Connolly  
Chairman  
Headley Parish Plan Committee  
December 2006

# *PARISH PLAN - THE PROCESS*

The Rural White Paper 2000 put forward the idea that parishes should create their own Parish Plans. The objective is for village communities to have the opportunity to say what they want to happen in their villages and for them to have a plan, supported locally, with which to engage District and County Councils and other organisations to get their wishes implemented.

In Surrey the creating of Parish Plans has been promoted by Surrey Community Action, by District Councils and the County Council and by the Countryside Agency.

Headley Parish Council decided to put the subject to the village and at the Annual Village Meeting in May 2004, following a presentation by Surrey Community Action, the meeting voted to go ahead with the production of a Parish Plan for Headley. Volunteers were called for and those that responded plus two members of Headley Parish Council formed the Headley Parish Plan Committee.

An Open Day was held to gather ideas about the subjects to be included in a village questionnaire. A questionnaire was then produced and distributed to all households. Completed questionnaires were then collected, analysed and the results collated.

A second Open Day was held to show the results and also the proposed actions to be included in the Parish Plan and to receive comments.

This Parish Plan was then drafted and, following discussion with Headley Parish Council, has now been completed and is being distributed to all households.

The various actions will now be taken forward by those designated in the Plan.

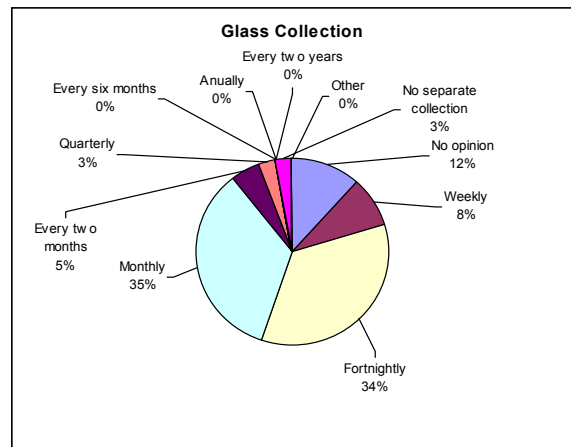
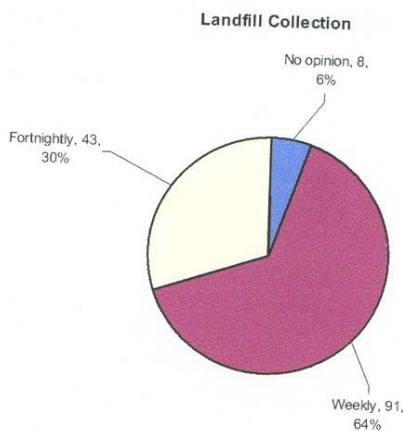
# Services Section

## Plan Point 1 *Action Headley Parish Council*

Put pressure on Mole Valley District Council to revert to weekly collection of black bins and support the Advertiser newspaper's campaign on this issue.

## Plan Point 2 *Action Headley Parish Council*

Lobby Mole Valley District Council to provide fortnightly or monthly kerbside collections of glass

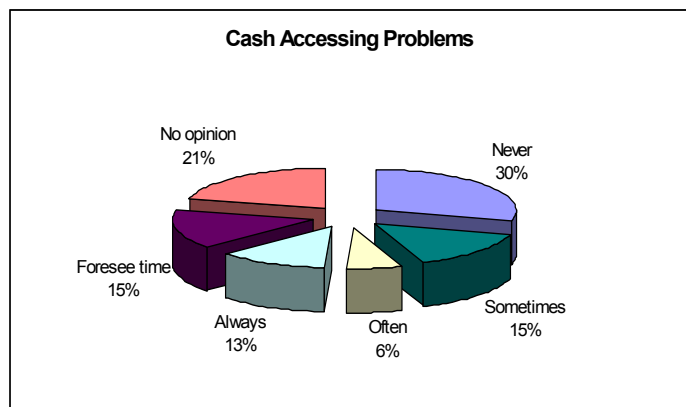
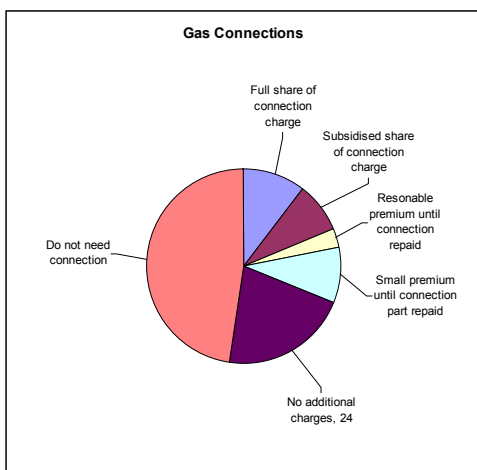


## Plan Point 3 *Action Headley Parish Council Appointee*

Approach Transco with regard to making mains gas available in the village.

## Plan Point 4 *Action Headley Parish Council Appointee*

Investigate the possibility of having a cash machine or cash back facility in Headley



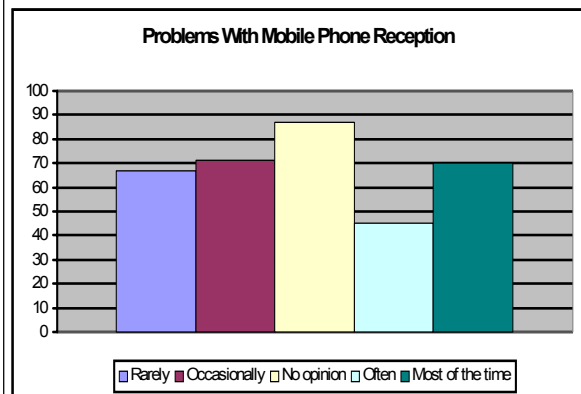
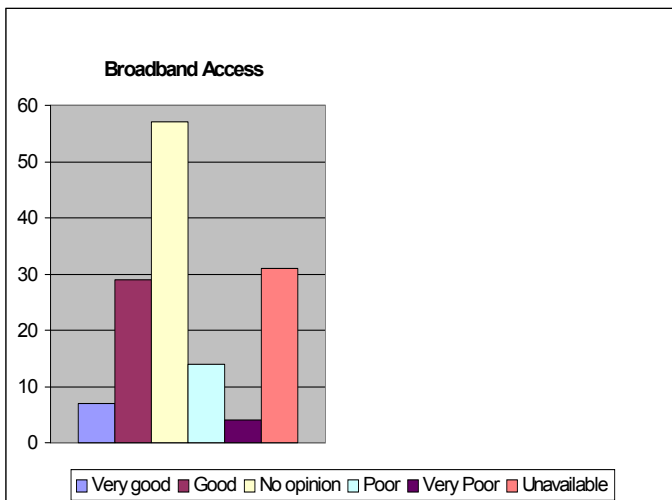
**Plan Point 5** *Action Headley Parish Council Appointee  
Nick Mackworth Praed*

Try to improve broadband availability in the village.

**Plan Point 6** *Action as above Nick Mackworth Praed*

Many people in the village have a problem with mobile phone reception but generally people do not want intrusive masts.

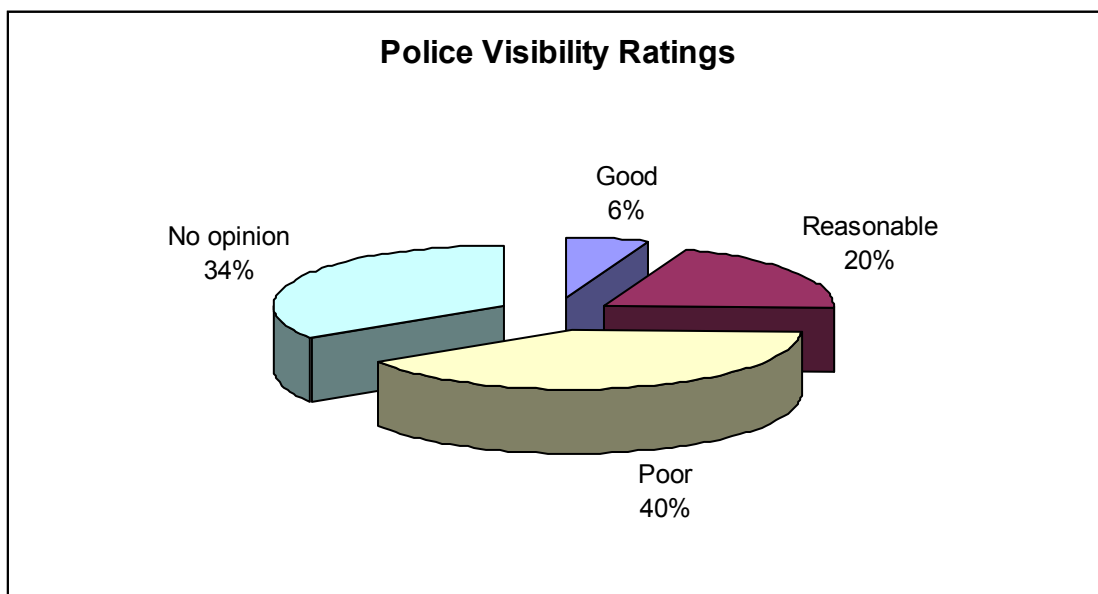
Investigate and publicise the availability and quality of the various networks in different parts of the village.



**Plan Point 7** *Action Headley Parish Council*

**Police**

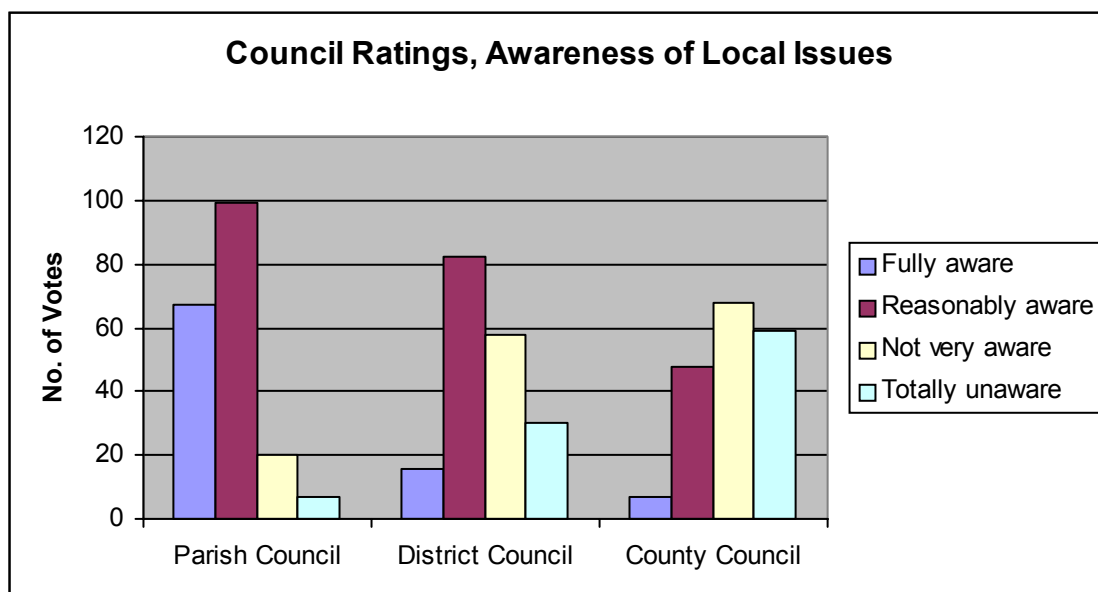
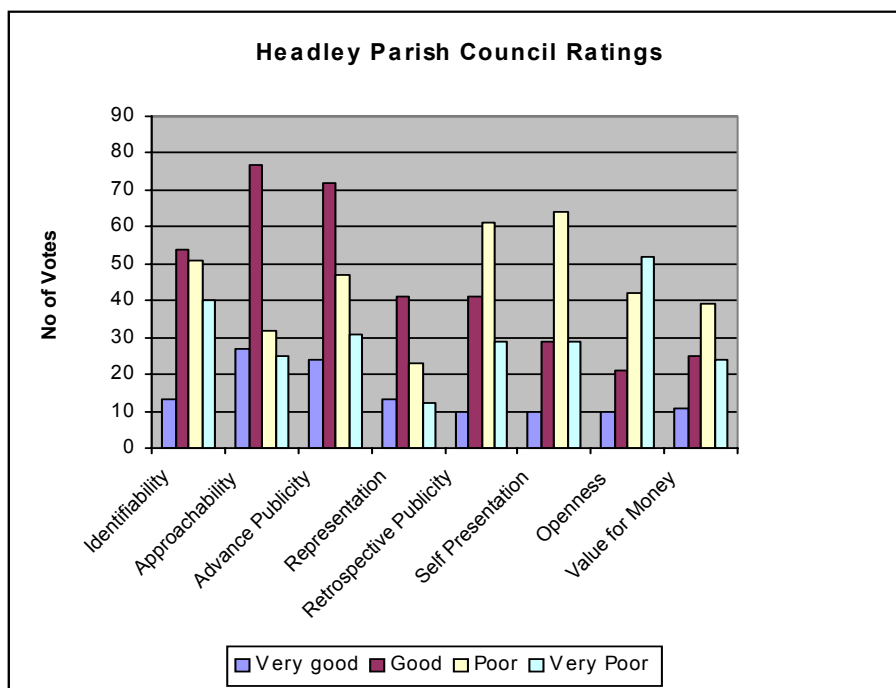
Discuss with Surrey Police the provision of a more visible police presence



## Plan Point 8 *Action Headley Parish Council Councils*

Headley Parish Council to improve its visibility, availability and publicity.

Advise District and County Councils of their results.



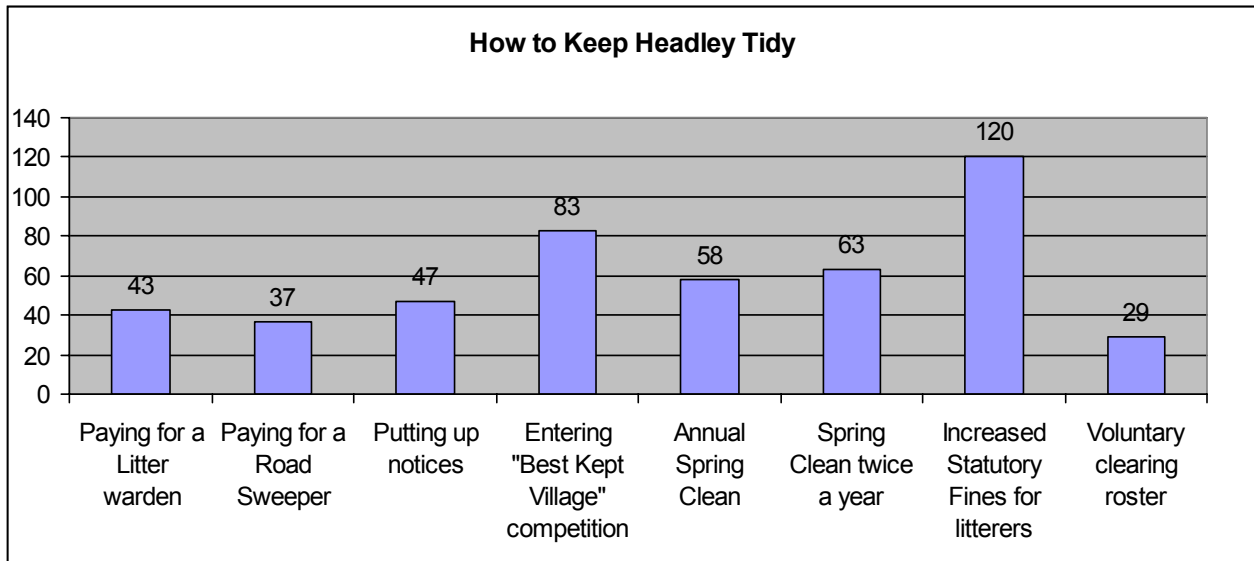
# The Environment

## Plan Point 9 *Action A) Headley Parish Council Appointee. B) Headley Parish Council*

### Litter

A) Introduce a twice yearly clean up day in the village and provide a skip on those days

B) The Village to enter the Best Kept Village Competition

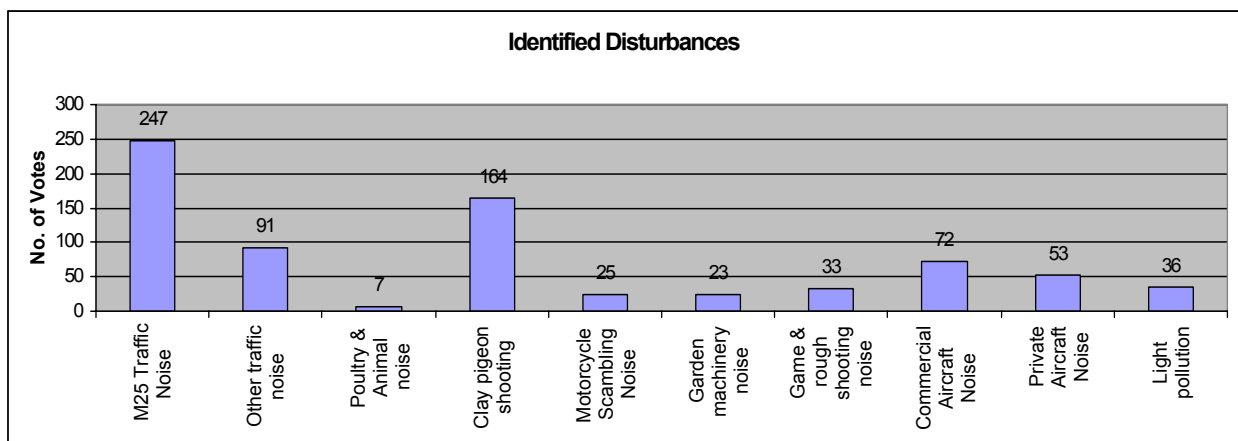


## Plan Point 10 *Action Headley Parish Council*

### Noise

Lobby for resurfacing of our section of the M25 to quiet asphalt.

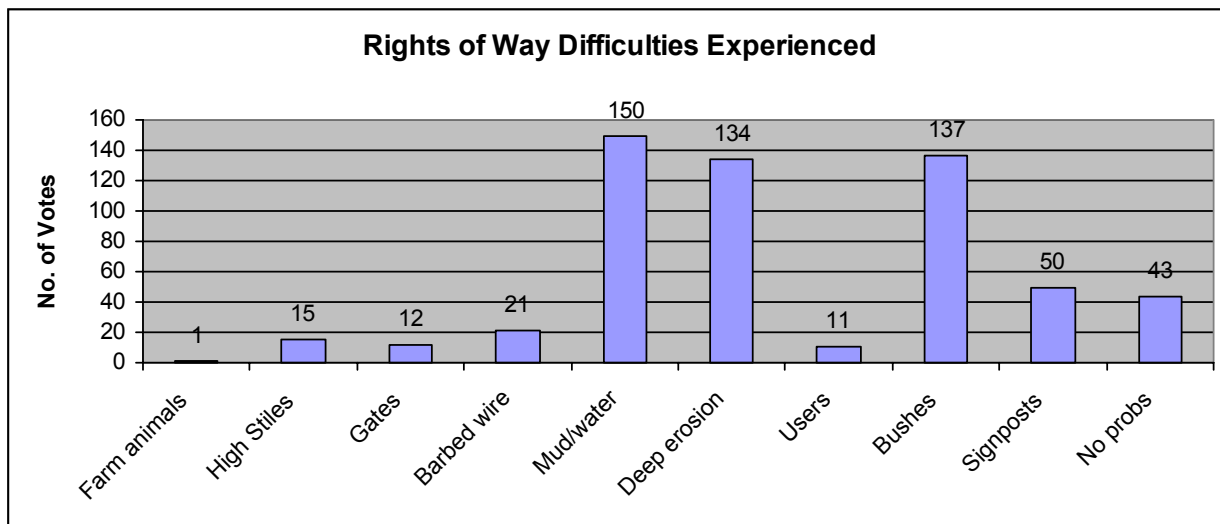
Request Mole Valley District Council noise control to investigate the noise levels and duration of the Headley Clay Pigeon shoot in Costal Wood and examine the legal position.



**Plan Point 11** *Action Headley Parish Council Appointee*  
*Peter Denyer*

**Footpaths**

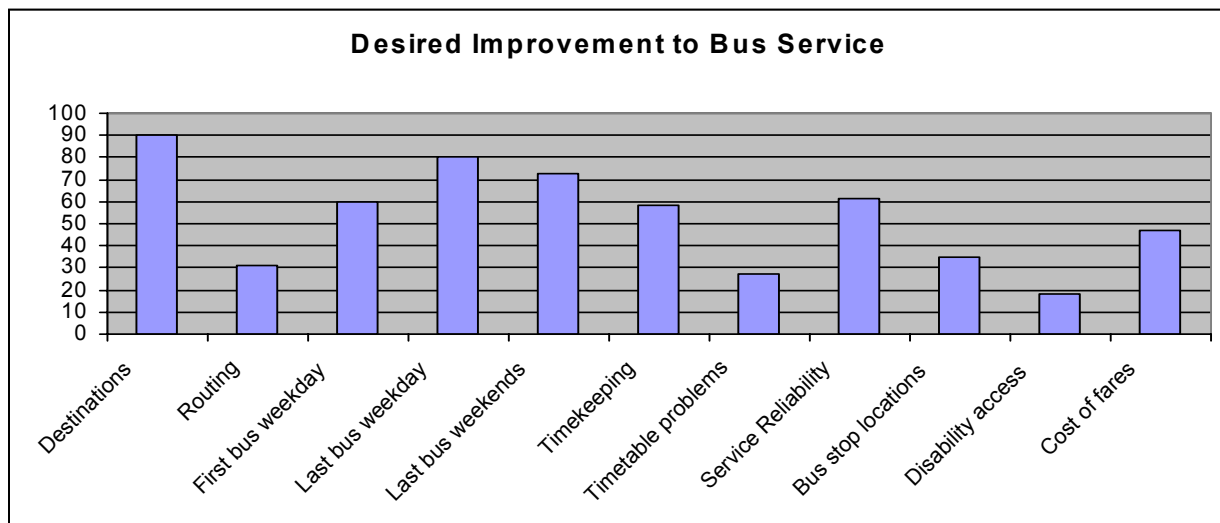
Liase with Surrey County Council on footpath and bridleway maintenance. Investigate creating additional footpaths.



**Plan Point 12** *Action Headley Parish Council*

**Bus Services**

Discuss with Surrey County Council possible improvements to the bus services. Routes, last bus timings and reduce the length and width of the buses.





# Transport

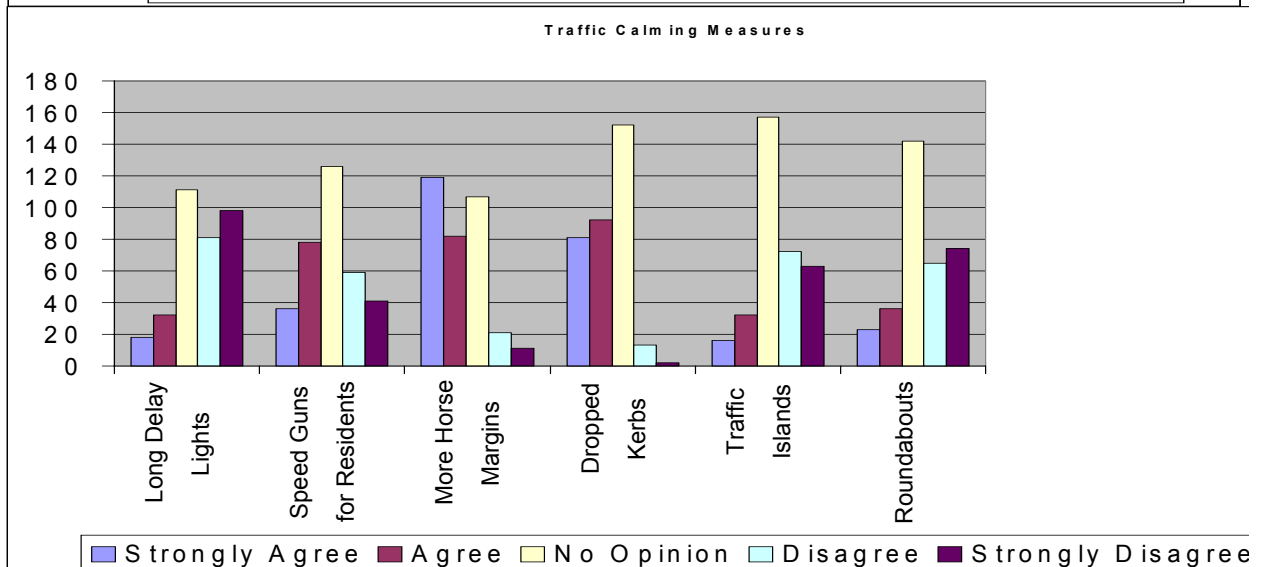
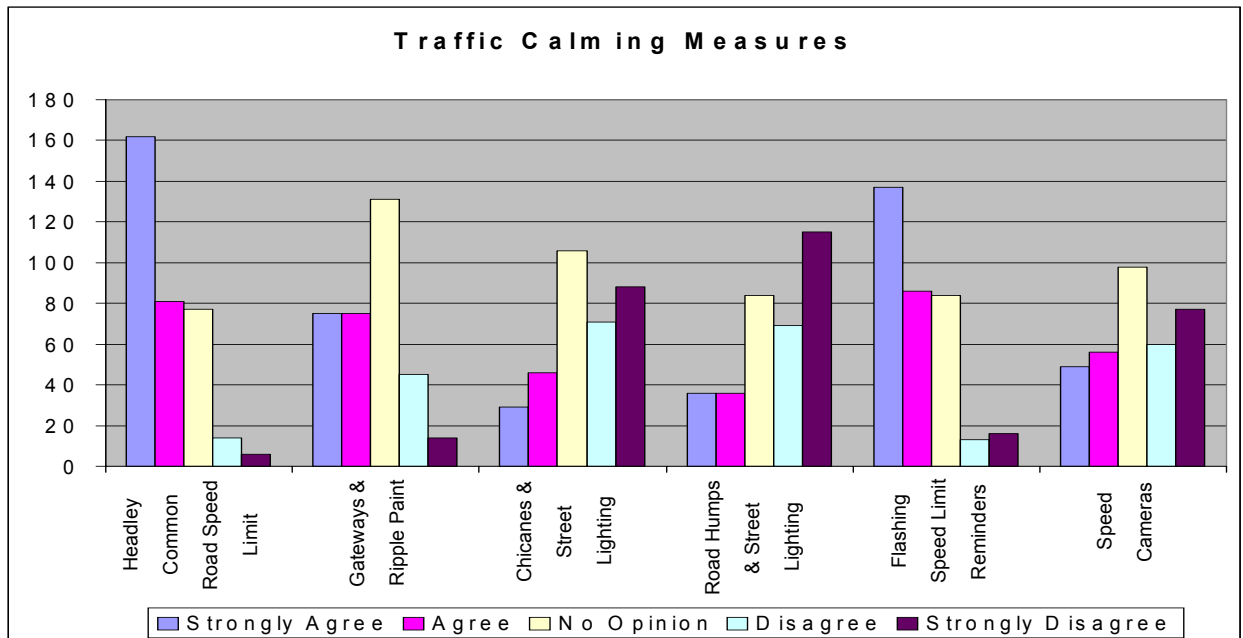
## Plan Point 13 *Action Headley Parish Council*

### Traffic Calming

Headley Parish Council to proceed with its proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on Headley Common Road.

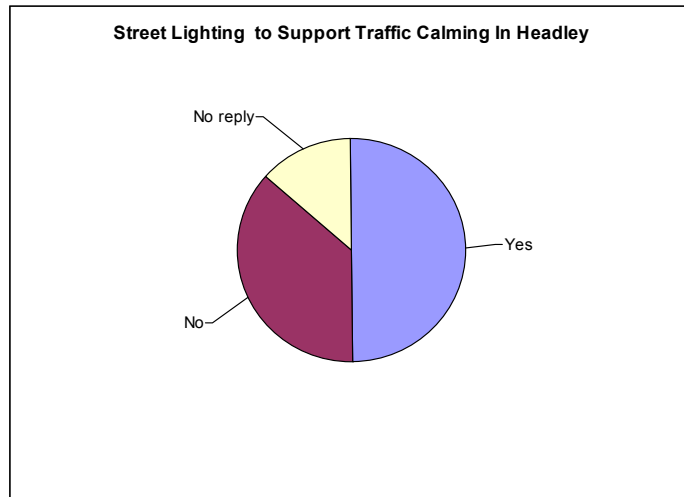
Headley Parish Council to proceed with the introduction of Vehicle Activated Signs.

Headley Heath Riders Association to consider where additional horse margins would be beneficial.



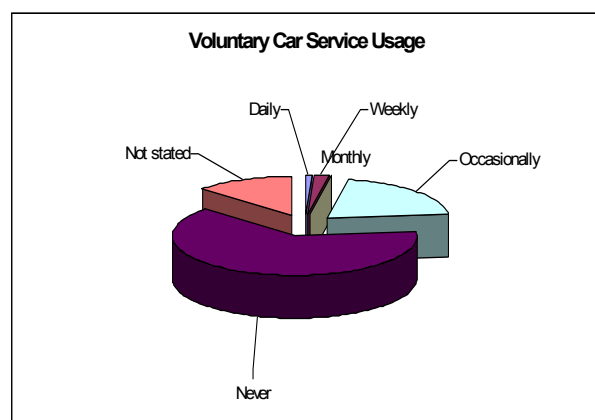
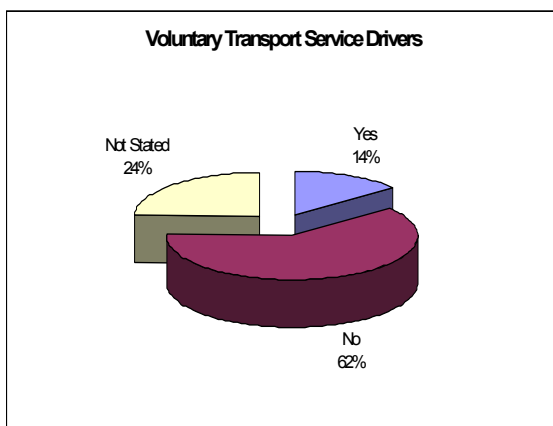
## Street Lighting

The issue of street lighting is contentious. A small majority would support it if it helped the introduction of measures to calm traffic, but there is a large minority strongly opposed. However the issue goes away because few people would support the type of traffic calming measures that would necessitate street lighting, e.g. road humps, chicanes.



## Plan Point 14 *Action Headley Voluntary Car Service Committee* **Voluntary Car Service.**

Introduce this service if there are sufficient volunteer drivers.

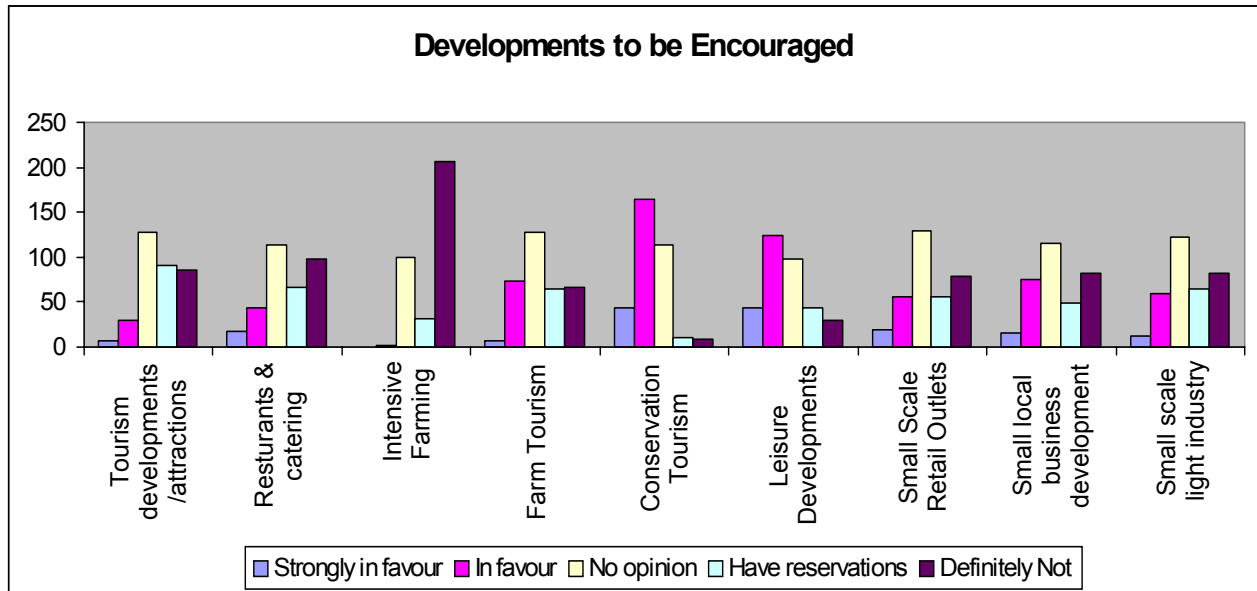


# Village Development

## Plan Point 15 *Action Local Businesses*

### Conservation Tourism

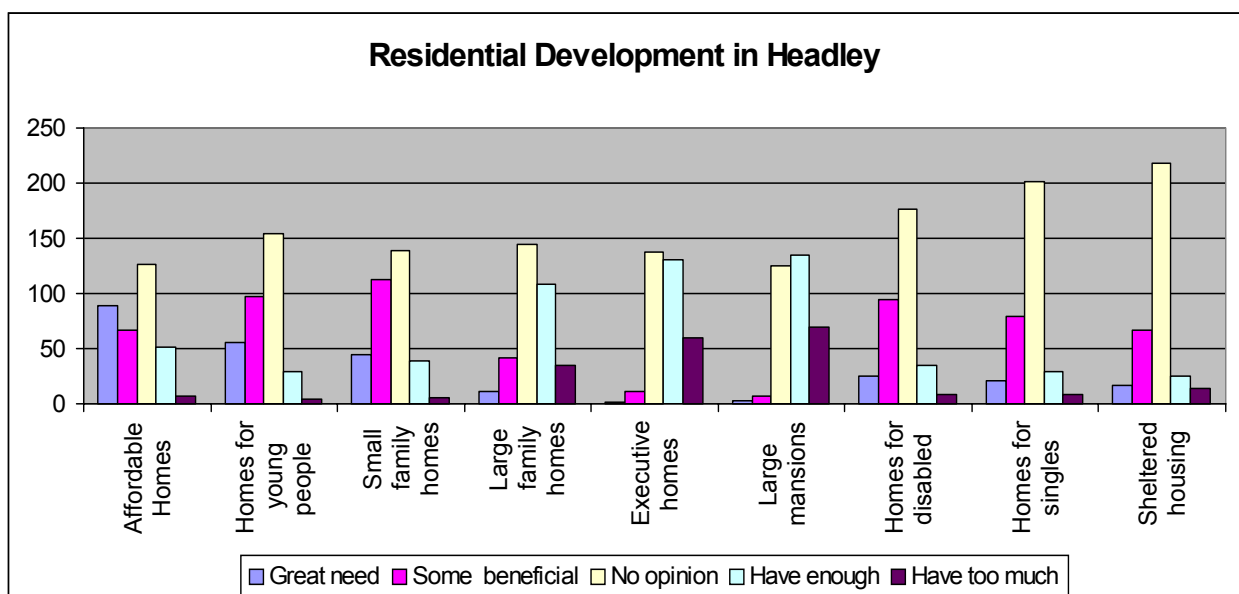
There is support for conservation tourism



## Plan Point 16 *Action Headley Parish Council*

### Affordable Housing

Parish Council to carry a needs survey to determine the need for more local affordable housing and small family homes, and carry forward if a need exists.



# Social Section

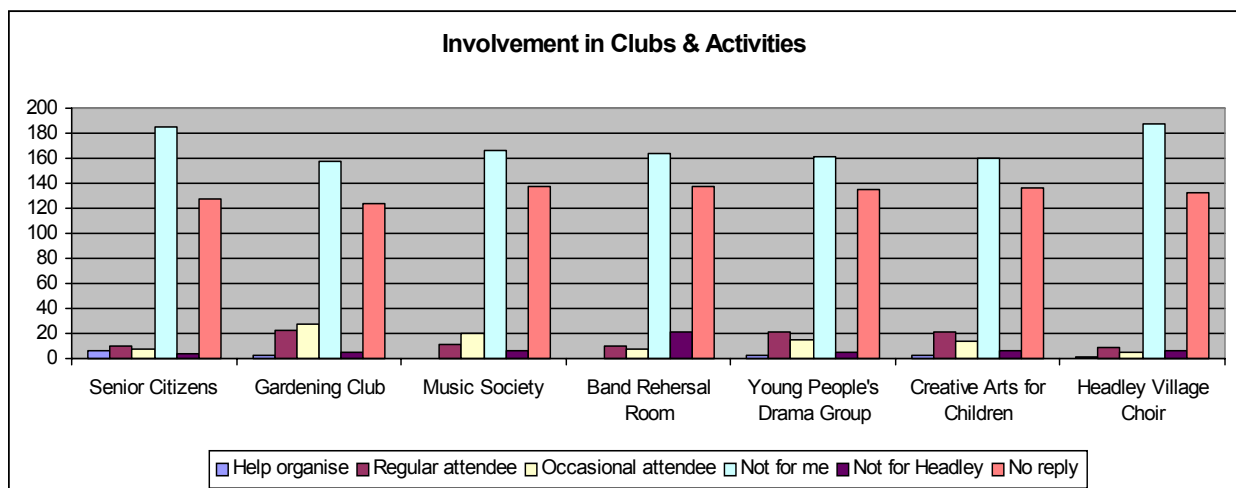
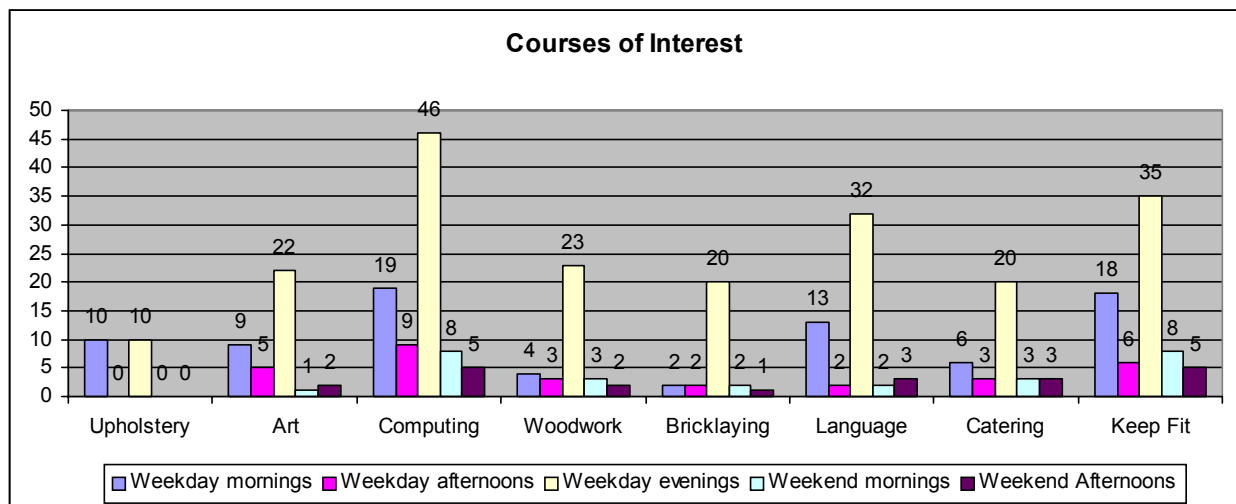
## Plan Point 17 *Action Headley Parish Plan Committee* *Appointee—Volunteer*

### Education/Clubs

Identify the most popular type of Adult Education and organise classes.

Identify the demand for a playgroup and for an after school club, and organise

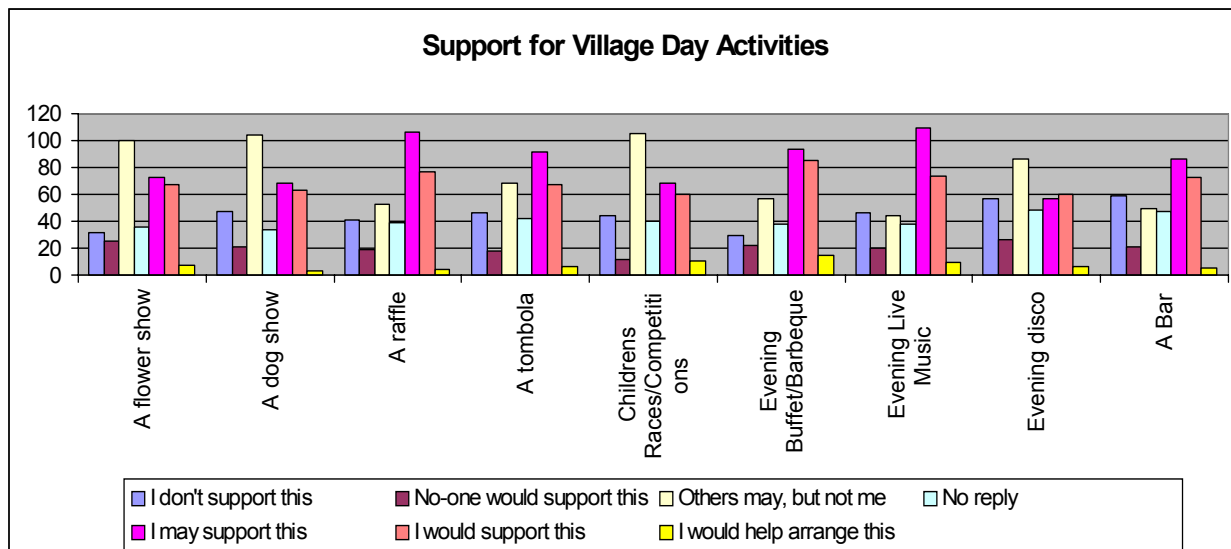
Form a gardening club



## Plan Point 18 *Action Headley Social Events Committee*

### Annual Village Day

Create a new Social Committee to organise an annual Village Day and other events



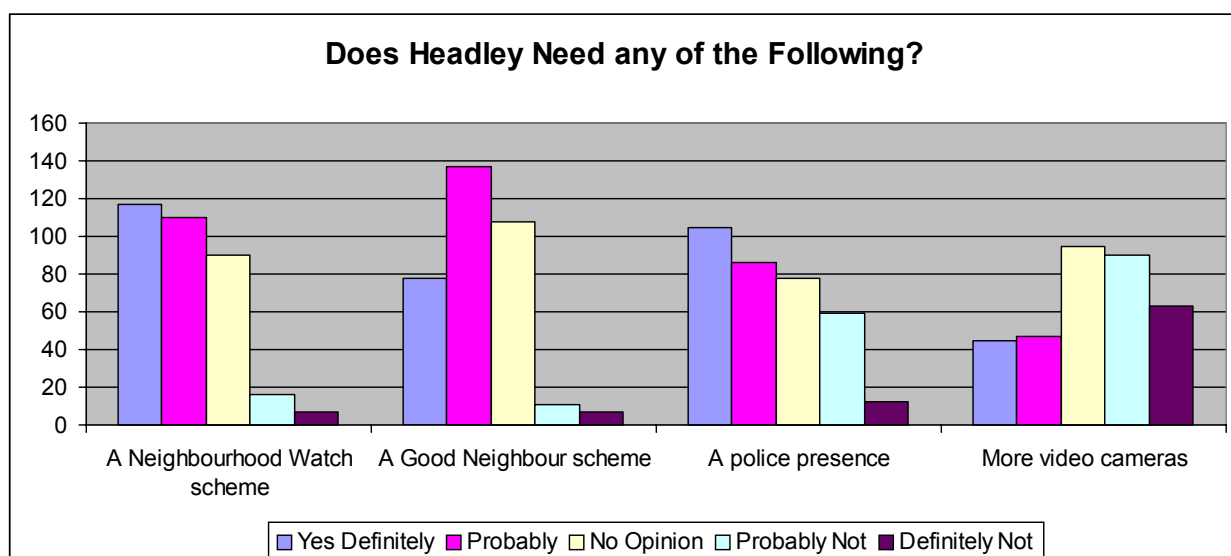
## Plan Point 19 *Action A-B) Headley Parish Plan Committee Volunteers. C) Headley Parish Council*

### General

A) Establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

B) Establish a Good Neighbour Scheme

C) Headley Parish Council to review the facilities in the children's playground



# *A BRIEF HISTORY OF HEADLEY*

Headley is a small village high on the North Downs and the name comes from Hallega meaning a clearing in the heath. People have been in this area for probably 10,000 years or more with traces of Stone and Bronze Age occupation having been recorded just outside the Western Boundary on Mickleham Downs by The Surrey Archaeological Society. Part of the North western Boundary of the Parish is formed by the Roman Stane Street, this along with the documented remains in Walton mean that the Romans used this area extensively.

Headley is mentioned in The Domesday Survey of 1086 and the Manor was owned by Ralph de Felgeres. Previously the Manor had been held by Countess Goda the mother of King Harold. Over the following years the Lordship of the Manor changed many times and a full and definitive list of the owners is not yet available. Around 1700 the Manor was owned by the Stydolf family and this continued through various branches of the family until 1780 when it was sold to Henry Bolton of Thorncroft in Leatherhead. In 1804 the estate was bought by Robert Ladbroke who kept the Manor House (Headley Park) and sold the estate to Richard Howard of Ashted and the Howard family retained the Lordship until 1877 when it was sold to Henry Dudley Ryder of High Ashurst. He sold it on to the Crookendens, who in 1947 gave the remains of the estate and the title to the National Trust who remain the Lord of the Manor of Headley to this day.

The first records of a church are around 1270 but a simple structure may well have existed before this. The West Tower was added much later. In the mid 1800's the church became too small for the congregation and it was decided to commission the building of a new church just to the North of the old building and this was completed in 1858 and consecrated in 1860 by the Bishop of Winchester. Some of the remains of the old church were formed into a memorial to The Reverend Ferdinand Faithfull who was Rector at the time of the rebuilding near where the South Porch of the old building would have been. The New Church with its fine tall spire has become a landmark in the area and is often associated with Ranmore church on the other side of the Mole Gap as the churches of the North Downs.

In more modern times Headley had several large houses and estates particularly Headley Park (then called Headley House) owned by the Ladbroke family who had an involvement in the development of Ladbroke Grove in London. In 1895 it was sold to the Mappins of Mappin and Webb the London Jewellers who commissioned additional building work but before the family could move in it was destroyed by fire in 1896 killing the Housekeeper.

The house was rebuilt and lived in until World War 2 when it was requisitioned and lived in for some time by the Kennedy family, he was the American Ambassador to Britain. After the war it was split into 5 houses and remains like that today. Headley Court was an Elizabethan farm house bought by the Cunliffe family from Tyrells Wood and built into an imposing mansion. Lord Cunliffe was Chairman of the Bank of England. During World War 2 it was used as the Headquarters for the Canadian Forces in Europe and since the war it has been used as an RAF and Joint Services rehabilitation centre. Headley Grove has been owned by many famous people including Sir John Bridge the Metropolitan Chief Magistrate, Sir Malcolm Campbell of Bluebird fame, The Maharaja of Baroda, and Terry Thomas. In the early part of the 20th century several smaller estates were built with large houses including Tumber, Great Hayes

and The Manor House. Today Headley is a commuter village with the farmland being mainly given over to horse pastures with many riding establishments occupying the old farm buildings. Headley is within the Metropolitan Green Belt and partly within the Surrey Hills AONB. This gives a great deal of protection to Headley and there has been little recent development. Headley Heath and the Manorial Waste plus Oyster Hill Wood is owned and managed by the National Trust. Nower Wood is owned by the Surrey Wildlife Trust and the land to the West of Mill Way is managed as a private nature reserve this ensures that the beautiful landscape is very unlikely to be spoilt by development.

With Thanks to the Walton on the Hill and District Local History Society.

## *The Committee*

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