

# **The Community Report**

**of**

**Congresbury  
Parish Plan  
Steering Group**

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### Introduction

At the request of the Parish Council a Steering Group was formally established to produce a Parish Plan and it held its first working meeting in September 2005. One of the initial tasks was to review the 1998 Village Character Statement and to see what progress had been made against its original recommendations.

Funding was sought and obtained from outside sources, Community Action and Quartet. This meant that less than 30% of the total funding came from the Parish Council, i.e. the community, itself.

A 'Drop in event' was held at the beginning of 2006 to both awaken public awareness and identify their area of concerns. The information obtained from this and other sources was used to create surveys of the complete village population together with local businesses. These surveys were analysed and the results have been used to provide a report to the Parish Council for their review. The report was adopted by the Parish Council and the document will be used by them to complete the Parish Plan for Congresbury. This will be in the form of an Action Plan for the village based on the Steering Group report.

The Steering Group believes that the issues to be addressed in the Congresbury Parish Plan fall into 5 distinct 'themes'. These themes should be used to provide the Action Plan structure, and as a basis for future thought and action on the future of Congresbury.

The themes are:

- Governance. Power and Influence
- Individuals, Community and Society
- A Balanced Community
- Facilities and Amenities
- Our Environment

Although this report identifies many areas of concern for the future of Congresbury it should be noted that most people see these as ways in which something which is fundamentally good can be made even better. Quite a lot of people, particularly the more elderly, were in fact happy to leave things as they are. In particular the relatively peaceful and unspoilt rural situation of Congresbury was highly prized by many and cited as their reason for living here.

This report could not have been produced without the tremendous level of village engagement in the whole process, i.e. membership of Steering and Working Groups, distribution and collection of questionnaires and support from village clubs, organisations and businesses.

Special efforts have been made throughout the process to keep the community as a whole, and the Parish Council in particular, fully aware of the progress of the activities of the Steering Group.

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The report draws on 18 months of research and analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing Congresbury today. It is based on a number of sources of information as follows:

### The Adult Survey

A questionnaire was delivered to all adult residents of the village. Over 50% responded either in writing or online. A summary of the findings is at Annex B. A list of 'Good Ideas' not included in other reference materials, is at Annex G. The elder members of the community were much more active in responding to the questionnaire than the younger ones. The 50% of the adult population who are aged 50 and over contributed 65% of the completed questionnaires.

### The Facilities Survey

A questionnaire was completed by local clubs organisations, and facility owners. The findings are summarised at Annex C.

### The Business Survey

A questionnaire was delivered to 68 local businesses. 71 % responded. The findings are summarised at Annex D.

### The Youth Survey

About 200 young people, about 30% of the youth population, completed a questionnaire. The findings are summarised at Annex E.

### Open Consultations

Two 'drop in' events were held, before and after the surveys. These allowed residents of the village to state their views on village issues that they thought required attention.

### Review of Current Issues

Members of the Steering Group conducted their own brainstorming of the issues facing the village and this is summarized at Annex F.

### Parish Council Initiatives

The Parish Council has, of course, been engaged in a whole range of activities and initiatives. Their current initiatives are summarised at Annex H.

### 1998 Character Statement

This essential document was reviewed. It remains an excellent source of information and contains a number of recommendations. Whilst there has been much progress it is noted that not all of the recommendations have yet been carried out. Annex I sets the current state of progress against recommendations.

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When preparing the final Action plan for Congresbury the following major sources of information will also need to be taken into account:

- a) North Somerset Local Plan
- b) Greater Bristol Strategic Transport Study
- c) Bristol International Airport Master Plan
- d) Joint Local transport Plan

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### The Main Themes

We, the Steering Group members, now describe the key issues within each theme, and list the actions we feel should be taken to address those issues.

#### Theme 1 - Governance, Power and Influence.

We found a general view that Congresbury, as a village, lacks the power it needs to define its own future. There was a sense that the Parish Council did an adequate job, but that the real decisions were taken elsewhere, and that communication within the village was not as good as people would wish.

It seems clear, therefore, that there is a need for stronger, more transparent, trusted mechanisms for making decisions and for taking actions on behalf of the village as a whole. At the same time, the village requires a stronger ability to influence decision makers in external bodies, when their decisions affect what happens in Congresbury. In short, we need to increase the leverage of Congresbury to the point where we are seen as a force to be reckoned with.

#### Key Actions:

- Improve the coordination of decision making on major issues within the village.
- Enhance the quality and quantity of communication within the village.
- Develop stronger and more active links with key external bodies and individuals.

#### Theme 2 - Individuals, Community and Society

While we know that many people do tremendous things for the village, we did find that less people were actively involved in the life of Congresbury - organising, helping, taking a lead with village life and events - than in the past. In addition, standards of public behaviour were seen to be in decline - which made a perceived lack of police presence especially regrettable. And there are pressures on some, especially the young, which lead to behaviour that harms both the individuals themselves and the village at large.

We see a need to develop strategies that will help people to act 'socially', rather than 'anti-socially' - to engage positively in things that make the village work as a community. These strategies need to be sufficiently broad to apply to all the different groups of people that live in the village.

#### Key Actions:

- Create a process for engaging and informing newcomers to the village.
- Develop more active ways of putting individuals in touch with village organisations.
- Develop a sense of pride in the village environment.
- Support youth activities and organisations and ensure young people are more involved in the life of the village.
- Aim to work with the police and related agencies and involve villagers in countering anti social behaviour.

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### **Theme 3 - A Balanced Community.**

There was an understanding that we needed to retain a good demographic mix in the village, avoiding a bias towards any one group. Equally, people recognised that the village benefited from having successful local businesses. However, we found a strong view that the village was already very full: there was a fear that any increase in the number of buildings would place the environment (built and natural) at risk.

The planning challenge, therefore, is to ensure that Congresbury remains a balanced community in which pensioners, families, young couples, students, teenagers and children are all present, provided for and recognised, and in which commercial activity can also thrive. And we need to do this in a way that preserves the things we prize about the environment.

#### **Key Actions:**

- Prepare a Congresbury housing and development strategy for agreement with North Somerset District Council with particular reference to affordable housing.
- Review principles against which development applications are judged.

### **Theme 4 - Facilities and Amenities.**

We found much disquiet over the threats to key services in the village, schools, health centre, library, post office, etc. There was also much debate over the future of the main facilities, Memorial Hall, Recreation Club, Old School Rooms, etc. Bus and train services were seen as expensive, and unsuited to the needs of commuters.

We see a clear need to work to keep and enhance the facilities that provide local solutions to local needs, help to define us as a community, and link us to the wider area of North Somerset and Greater Bristol. We need to develop a plan for village amenities that reflect the needs of the village as a whole, in all its diversity, over the long term.

#### **Key Actions:**

- Aim to maintain Congresbury as an independent community.
- Identify the requirements for future educational and health facilities in the village, and communicate these to the appropriate bodies.
- Ensure that the threats to the post office and library are understood and countered.
- Foster a collaborative approach to the development of village clubs and facilities, so that projects can be given the best possible access to funding.
- Develop a strategy for enhancing transport links for Congresbury.

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### Theme 5 - Our Environment

The green spaces around the village were widely appreciated, however we found that most people felt under siege from traffic. The speed and size of vehicles using the smaller roads leading to the A370 were seen as a real danger and a disincentive to people to walk or cycle. Congestion at peak times and lack of parking space affected general quality of life and discouraged use of local businesses. Finally, many saw the planned expansion of Bristol International Airport in a negative light.

We see a pressing need to solve the problem of road traffic in our village. At the same time, we must continue to protect our green spaces, and to improve the look and feel of the village as a whole. Noise and atmospheric pollution from the airport is a growing source of concern. Looking ahead, we should start to identify the actions we should take now to cope with future environmental changes, so that we, as a village, are ready for change and do not add to the world's environmental problems.

#### Key actions:

- Traffic (short term). Develop a strategy for 'calming' the traffic through the village, making walking and cycling safe, and permitting sufficient parking.
- Traffic (medium term). Engage with the Greater Bristol Transport Plan to seek ways of reducing the quantity and weight of traffic through the village.
- Airport. In concert with other parish councils, establish the true impact of the airport expansion plan and respond appropriately.
- Climate Change. Develop a long term plan for reducing our contribution to global warming, sustainability, and for responding to its effects.

#### Recommendations

1. The Parish Council should accept the framework proposed under the 5 'Main Themes' as the basis for a Parish Plan for Congresbury. They should set up Groups to deal with the specific issues identified in the surveys, discussion documents and other documents referenced in this report.
2. The Parish Council should set itself targets to achieve the objectives identified, report annually on progress, and engage the Village by regular press statements and through the Village newsletter.
3. The Parish Council should make budgetary provision to meet the cost of implementing the plan.
4. The process requires coordination and planning. The Parish Council should put a 'Project' Management process in place to oversee, facilitate and report each month on the progress being made.



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## Annex A - Steering Group

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### Terms of Reference

- To review the recommendations in the Congresbury Character Statement 1998 and validate any recommendations which have not been met
- To consider the economic, environmental and social factors which impact the village and its surrounds
- To identify high level requirements of the village and the population in order to produce a Parish Plan that will provide a vision for the village over a short medium and long term timeframe
- To prioritise the high level requirements/specific recommendations against a short, medium and long term timeframe
- To present a report of the findings and conclusions of the Steering Group to the Community

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## Annex B - Village Survey – Summary of Findings

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### Introduction

In September 2006, the adult residents of Congresbury were invited to complete a survey of their views on a wide range of aspects of village life. Over 50% responded - well above the average for a survey of this type. In this document, we summarise the findings from the survey and attempt to do justice to the many words of both support and criticism that appeared throughout the responses.

The survey showed a clear desire to retain the identity of Congresbury as a separate village with its own character and amenities. People saw the village as having strengths which they wished to retain: schools, surgery, post office, library, the essential shops, the many clubs and recreational organisations. They valued the wider environment, including the Millennium Green. They saw opportunities for better provision in some areas, especially for the young. And the theme of 'better communication' ran through many of the answers.

There was much agreement on current weaknesses, and potential threats. Particular criticism was levelled at road traffic that made it difficult to move about the village in safety. The vast majority wanted any growth in housing to be tightly controlled: the current settlement boundary, the 'village fence', was seen as an important control measure, which also allowed access to green spaces. Many thought that public services, transport, rubbish and recycling etc, could be better coordinated. A low police presence was seen as an inadequate response to antisocial behaviour. There was concern over the airport's expansion plan.

Most people saw a need for housing that would allow families to make a start in life, and allow those with local roots to remain in the village. However there was a tendency to regard the more affordable options such as social housing or high density housing, as a threat. Many people recognised that the current apparent trends of a rise in average age, and growing occupancy by students, could create demands on housing, and services that were not in the interests of 'ordinary' families. Additionally people wanted opportunities for local employment, but did not want more large scale enterprises in the village.

Underlying many of the answers was a sense that the village lacked the power to define its own future. Whilst many felt that the Parish Council did an 'adequate' job, there was in the written responses a feeling that the real power, regarding key issues such as housing, traffic, schooling, or health, lay elsewhere. Some expressed doubt that anyone would act on the views they expressed. However the high level of response does show that people are prepared to take trouble over matters affecting Congresbury. It also gives a clear mandate to the Parish Council to pursue the issues identified in the survey.

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### Community Issues

#### Public Safety

Whilst most people feel safe in the village, many are dissatisfied with vandalism and strongly regret a low police presence.

#### Amenities

A large majority want to retain and enhance the library. Regarding the main facilities / venues, Recreation Club, Memorial Hall, Old School Rooms, Methodist Hall, there was a general sense that all were in good use, and that they served different and complementary purposes. However all these buildings required either enhancement or refurbishment: there were many suggestions on priorities and methods. There was also a general call for better coordination of plans and priorities. Some people supported the creation of an all-encompassing "Congresbury Club".

#### Millennium Green

Many people were happy with the Green as it is. Those who wanted improvements focussed on a play area, safety, more flowers and the need for a dog-free area. An annual music event was also sought by some.

#### Parish Council

Many thought that the parish council did an adequate job: some thought they did a good job. However almost a third of respondents had "no opinion". Some said that the precept part of the council tax in Congresbury was the highest in the area. Others commented that a council containing no elected members had a special duty to communicate with the village.

#### Village Communications

Whilst many were satisfied with the level of communication in the village, a third of respondents thought there could be improvements and supported a range of ideas, A newsletter, an annual meeting, enhancements to the web site, better notice boards.

#### Population Balance

Many people voiced concern that the average age of the village was rising. They recognised that this would lead to greater need for accessible medical facilities, transport and other services which could pull resources away from the young. In addition, the joint effect of more housing for the elderly and the current high level of occupancy by students put further pressure on housing for families.

#### Airport

Half of those surveyed thought that the expansion plan for the airport was a bad thing, bringing unwanted noise, air pollution and road traffic. Of the other half, most saw expansion as having no impact, or had no view: 14% welcomed it.

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### Transport Issues

#### Public Transport

Only a third of respondents said that they used public transport: the remainder cited cost or inconvenient timings / location as their reason for using private means of transport. Some suggested setting up a car sharing scheme.

A370 Bus / Yatton Rail link. There were many comments on these two main transport links. The most frequent were:

Poor capacity at peak commuting times, trains are reducing in size and there are infrequent buses during the morning commute.

Poor links to the A370 bus route and to Yatton station, several called for a linking bus / minibus service.

The unfairness of both the bus ticket pricing system, same cost from Congresbury to Bristol as from Weston, and the cost of parking at Yatton station.

Whilst there were a number of calls for improved bus services to Langford / Churchill, several cited the needs of pupils at Churchill school, and to Clevedon. Only 10% of respondents said they would use such services weekly or more frequently. Some called for a more flexible 'on call' service.

#### Traffic

There was universal distaste for the high volume and speed of traffic on the 2 main routes through the village, A370 and High Street / Brinsea Rd. This was backed by further disquiet on the use of the smaller roads, Wrington Lane/Kent Road, Wrington Road, Smallway and Wood Hill. There was wide concern about the weight and size of lorries, which some pointed out was in breach of legal restrictions. Many regretted the peak hour congestion around Smallway and the Yeo bridge.

#### Safety

Many people said they feared for their safety when on foot, citing the absence of pavements in some places, and misplaced pedestrian crossings. There were calls for dedicated cycle routes, again quoting the needs of pupils going to Churchill school.

#### Parking

Many people pointed to the nuisance of parked cars. In some residential areas there was insufficient off-road parking to support multiple occupancy housing. In the village centre drivers made insufficient use of the village car park.

#### Maintenance

Many people commented on the poor state of repair of the roads, and pavements, around the village.

#### Community Bus

Whilst those who had used it were very satisfied with the community bus, 'bluey', several people commented that they did not know what it was for or how to book it.

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### Recreation Issues

#### Provision for the Young

There was strong support for a new children's play area on the Southlands side of the river, although we should note that 10% opposed this. There was even more support for additional facilities and organised activities, including sports coaching, for young people of school age.

#### Access to Green Spaces

There was strong support for 'a better network of footpaths', three quarters of people rated this as of medium or high importance, and almost as much support for 'dedicated cycle routes', 70% gave a medium or high rating. Over 50% of people wanted better access to the river and open air picnic facilities. There was less support for 'Improved bridleways': 50% rated this as a low priority, medium: 25%; high: 12%.

#### Clubs and Facilities

Responses were quite mixed and no clear trends emerged. Whilst a few would like additional facilities, others felt that the village was quite well served. There were a number of helpful suggestions regarding possible additional activities. A small number felt that the village should replace the various current amenities with a single multi-use facility.

### Housing and Development Issues

#### Housing

There was strong concern over the building of new housing, either within or outside the settlement boundary. A third of those surveyed opposed any new building, while half said that any additional housing should be subject to tight scrutiny.

There was overwhelming support for affordable housing for young families, as opposed to other social groups. However half of respondents did not like the ideas of additional flats, or of high density housing. People commented adversely on the large amount of student accommodation in the village.

There were strong reservations about the visual impact of additional housing, and the effect on traffic / infrastructure.

#### Provision for the Elderly

People recognise the need for specific provision for those who are need some help to look after themselves. A majority of respondents favoured the more independent option of assisted care at home over residential or nursing care.

#### Businesses

Small retail businesses were welcomed by most people, provided their presence made a positive contribution to the village. There was very little support for more large scale business in the village.

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### Health Issues

#### Medical Services

Nearly everyone felt the service offered by the village surgery was up to the standard they expected: 70% said it was “good” or “very good”. However there were many calls for specific enhancements to the efficiency and range of services offered. There was a strong desire to retain a surgery in the village.

#### Care for the Elderly

Overwhelmingly, people would prefer to receive care at home, as opposed to moving to a residential nursing facility, if they became unable to look after themselves.

#### Dentistry

Almost half of respondents were registered with an NHS dentist. An NHS dental practice in Congresbury would be welcomed.

#### Blood Donors

Many people would like to be able to donate blood, provided they could do this in the village.

### Environmental Issues

#### The Village's Character

Most respondents felt that the conservation area in the village centre should be more widely recognised, and supported the need to maintain its appearance by minimising the impact of modern signage, cabling and the like. More generally, people felt that buildings, hedges and walls were all important elements of the village's character. Floral displays also mattered. Just about everyone felt that 'keeping the village tidy' was important – many of the written answers gave examples of individuals' neglect or lack of tidiness, including cluttered pavements, poor hedge trimming, fly-tipping and fouling by dogs. The scrap yards on the A370 were frequently mentioned. However the Village Orderly received much praise.

#### Recycling

Over 80% of respondents use recycling facilities “often” or “always”. Many people wanted more frequent collections of green boxes and bags. Almost everyone wanted to be able to recycle plastics.

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### **Education and Skills**

#### **Children's Centre**

There was a general sense that a Children's Centre in Congresbury would be greatly valued, with most people feeling that it should offer a very full range of services.

#### **Extended hours at the schools**

Three quarters of people with children of school age said their children would make use of extended hours facilities at Churchill School. (Of the group who said they would not use such facilities, many thought this would be too costly or that there would be transport problems). And there was strong support for breakfast / after-school clubs in Congresbury.

#### **Adult Education**

About one fifth of respondents had had some experience of adult education at some point in the past 5 years. A majority said this had met their needs, but a significantly sized minority were unhappy with their experience. There was a general demand for more adult education to be delivered locally, with computing at the top of the list.

#### **Schooling**

There was overwhelming support for the maintenance of schools in Congresbury for local children. There was however anxiety over the availability of places for all children in Congresbury, over class sizes, and over the viability of the two schools.



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## Annex C - Facilities Survey – Summary of Findings

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### Background

Two surveys, prior to the main Community Surveys, were undertaken during June 2006. The questions in the first survey were targeted towards the providers of facilities within the village and the second towards users of those facilities.

Based on these results a conclusion was reached that there needed to be greater co-operation amongst the providers so that their aspirations could result in the best benefit for the village as a whole.

The survey also highlighted a number of issues regarding ongoing maintenance, income versus expenditure and the fact that there were new initiatives being discussed that would have a potential impact on existing facility providers.

There is no obvious lack of capacity and in fact over-capacity might contribute to the income versus expenditure problem.

It was highlighted that some specific revenue earners are not well catered for e.g. private functions

In September the Parish Council decided to undertake a project to co-ordinate the drive towards a strategic view of the provision of facilities using the survey data as one of their inputs.

The following statements have been extracted from a subsequent Parish Council report, Buildings/Facilities Analysis – Version 3 with the permission of the author, Paul Jarvis. In order to get a complete overview of the situation the complete report must be read.

### Vision

- To have modern facilities in the village buildings that promote multiple use by organisations, villagers both young and old, local businesses and service providers throughout every day and reduce the need for villagers to go outside the village for their recreation.
- The buildings generate sufficient income to cover their ongoing and long term maintenance.
- No activities take place in buildings that are not fit for purpose.

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Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mix of buildings enables most users' social and sporting requirements to be met.</li> <li>• A variety of size of venue is available</li> <li>• There is a willingness to work together for the benefit of the village</li> <li>• Most facilities are either in or close to the village centre</li> <li>• The facilities lend themselves to being organized into user group categories and therefore a degree of specialization is possible.</li> <li>• There are potentially empty buildings becoming available which would enable the short term shuffling of facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many of the buildings are in need of substantial injections of cash in order to complete their maintenance programmes.</li> <li>• Cash for building enhancements cannot be funded from present revenue streams</li> <li>• Insufficient revenue is available to build up funds for future maintenance</li> <li>• There is no obvious source of funding for a new community building</li> <li>• No building has the attributes that would attract revenue by hosting private functions</li> <li>• Overall there is a lack of car parking space available to users of facilities</li> <li>• Some key facilities are housed in unsuitable buildings</li> <li>• There appears to be an over-capacity in the provision of facilities</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential funding available for a new Youth Club</li> <li>• Potential funding available for a Children's Centre</li> <li>• The Pre-School Playgroup does have some reserves which could used to help re-house them.</li> <li>• The BIG Lottery Fund provides grants for community buildings</li> <li>• The Glebe School has spare capacity</li> <li>• The Parish Council own assets in the form of the Old School Rooms</li> <li>• The Recreation Club have ambitions to build a new facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning objections to any new proposals</li> <li>• The fabric of some buildings will breakdown to an extent where they become unrepairable before funds are available</li> <li>• NSC will not allow the alternative use of school capacity</li> <li>• Plans cannot be drawn up in time to meet the deadlines of the BIG Lottery Fund (04/07)</li> <li>• There is no buy-in to a strategic plan</li> </ul>

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### Recommendations

- The Parish Council take the lead in the creation of a strategic plan for the provision of facilities in Congresbury.
- A Steering Committee consisting of key facility providers and users is created under the auspices of the Parish Council to refine the strategy and to oversee its delivery.
- A short term action plan is drawn up with a view to obtaining realistic metrics and the achievability of the strategy is tested against these measures.
- The Parish Council set up new channels of communication so that facility providers are able to share ideas and discuss common issues.

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### Business Type and Numbers

No of businesses surveyed	68
No of responses	46
Percentage response	67%

Business types of those who answered the survey were as follows:

Limited companies	21	
Partnerships	10	
Limited partnerships	2	
Sole traders/Self employed	14	
Family	5	(some are also Limited Companies etc)

We were surprised by the large number of businesses that we found in the village. There are likely to be even more that we did not know about, e.g. sole traders who trade from home etc.

We have a good range of business activity in Congresbury ranging from manufacturing to retail shops.

### Business markets

Local	33
Regional	24
Nationwide	8
Worldwide	5

23 of the businesses surveyed expected to expand in the next year and of these the vast majority, 21, felt their needs could be met within the village.

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### Business employment information

	Staff Employed	No. of Businesses
Full Time	1-5	28
	6-10	5
	10-20	6
	21-50	2
	Over 50	2
Part Time	1-5	18
	6-10	5
	10-20	2
	Over 20	4
Seasonal	1-5	8
	6-10	1
	Over 10	1

### Issues raised

- Parking is a problem, especially in the Broad Street area of the village.
- Problems due to the traffic lights and the excessive traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles, using the village roads.
- Lack of signage allowed on business premises or by roadway.
- Insufficient waste bins
- Lighting in car parks inadequate
- Vandalism/crime/waste dumping
- Road markings inadequate

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## Annex E – Youth Survey – Summary of Findings

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Almost 200 young people, in the age range from 7 to 16, completed the survey. There was a fairly even split of ages and gender, The majority attended either Congresbury or Churchill schools , whilst a few , about 12%, were getting their education elsewhere.

Additional bus routes Churchill, Sandford, Winscombe, Banwell and Wrington are high priority with the young people. This is because all these villages feed into Churchill school and therefore friendships are made but public transport is currently unavailable to allow meeting up on a social basis outside of school time.

The following areas of the village were considered to be unsafe

Area	Reason
Brinsea Road & A370	Too much traffic & heavy lorries
Southland estate	Bullying and intimidation
King George playing field	Older youths, drink and drugs
Kent road	No pavement and fast cars
Millenium Green	No lighting at night

The leisure and recreational activities having most interest and importance are the summer activity week and other summer holiday activities, local after school activities, cybercafe, sports coaching and youth club. The improvement of facilities at King George playing field was also considered important. The long awaited skateboard area is still wanted by many.

In a new youth club/cafe the young people would like to have a cafe, internet access, music, game stations and tv.

Dedicated cycle routes are the most important facilities needed in the village. Better footpaths and picnic areas in open spaces are also considered important..

A much needed place wanted in the village is a meeting/chill out area for older teenagers. Improved local sports facilities are wanted by many.

Disinterest was identified as the biggest reason that many people did not attend any of the clubs available in the village.

If available a lot of people would go to a young persons gym ,a drama club, and basketball .

Many said that they would use extended school facilities, and a high proportion of young people consider the local library as an important asset.

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ISSUE	IMPACT	ACTION
<b>Loss of Village Identity</b> <i>Congresbury absorbed into Yatton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of village pride</li> <li>• Domination by neighbouring Village and centralisation of services in Yatton</li> <li>• Loss of library, post office (Including banking facilities) chemist and surgery to Yatton</li> <li>• Police presence reduced</li> <li>• Reduction of investment from NSC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain separation and green belt</li> <li>• Maintain community facilities in Village</li> <li>• Promote benefits and unique character of Congresbury</li> <li>• Art work, sculpture and street furniture</li> </ul>
<b>Poor Community Spirit</b> <i>Lack of support and care for those who live here</i> <i>Special Village feeling lost</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of feel good factor</li> <li>• Villagers no longer caring and supporting each other</li> <li>• Fewer volunteers to run organisations and groups</li> <li>• Break down of community relationships and respect</li> <li>• Anti social behaviour</li> <li>• Drugs and substance abuse</li> <li>• Increasing siege mentality</li> <li>• No pride in the village</li> <li>• Increase in vandalism litter and graffiti</li> <li>• Organisations not being supported</li> <li>• Apathy and negative view of village and community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of real life issues</li> <li>• Foster and support a caring community culture</li> <li>• Support youth and young people initiatives</li> <li>• Support 'Zero Drugs' village initiative</li> <li>• Support community events and organisations caring and supporting people</li> <li>• Enter best kept village competition</li> <li>• Best kept garden, street and pavement</li> <li>• Regular keep village tidy event</li> <li>• Christmas decorations and lighting</li> </ul>
<b>Village Schools</b> <i>Falling roles and empty space in both Junior and Infants Schools</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of one school</li> <li>• Both schools cease to be viable</li> <li>• Loss of community cohesion and young families</li> <li>• Alternative use of school buildings</li> <li>• Site/ sites redevelopment</li> <li>• Loss of staff employment</li> <li>• Children bussed to other schools</li> <li>• No specialist support staff</li> <li>• Music Service relocated</li> <li>• Reduction of investment in premises by LEA</li> <li>• Recruitment difficulties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition LEA to allow local children to attend schools and increase admission numbers</li> <li>• Investigate whether merger or federation is possible to ensure viability of one school</li> <li>• Support schools as heart of community and centres of excellent</li> <li>• Schools to have extended status</li> <li>• Engage skills in community to support numeracy and literacy</li> </ul>

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Bristol Airport Expansion <i>Proposal to expand to 12 million passengers per annum</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution – noise and environmental damage</li> <li>• Traffic congestion and pressure on existing roads</li> <li>• Reduction of property values.</li> <li>• Some properties could increase in value</li> <li>• Impact on health and well being</li> <li>• Emergency landing zone</li> <li>• Impact on desirability of area</li> <li>• Effect on wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support no major expansion</li> <li>• Seek adequate public transport system</li> <li>• Monitor use and impact</li> </ul>
Traffic <i>Continuing increase in volume and weight of through traffic</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delays and congestion</li> <li>• Consequential costs</li> <li>• Pollution</li> <li>• Impact on health</li> <li>• Damage to buildings</li> <li>• Higher risk of accidents</li> <li>• Damage to roads and bridges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce traffic use</li> <li>• Traffic calming</li> <li>• Restricted entry</li> <li>• Improve public transport</li> <li>• Improve traffic flow</li> <li>• Weight restrictions</li> <li>• Provide cycle paths</li> <li>• Improve footpaths</li> </ul>
Employment and shops <i>Risk of local employment being lost and retail outlets being closed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of prosperity in Village</li> <li>• Loss of local jobs</li> <li>• No work for young people and part time workers i.e. single parents</li> <li>• Families moving away from Village</li> <li>• Loss of facilities and shops</li> <li>• Local shops will close</li> <li>• Post Office will not be viable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support local businesses</li> <li>• Shop and buy in the village</li> <li>• Reduce business tax where possible i.e.; post office</li> <li>• Create employment opportunities</li> <li>• Promote advantages of the Village and location</li> </ul>
Flooding <i>Risk of flooding and overloading of sewage capacity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage to property</li> <li>• Health risk</li> <li>• Drop in property values</li> <li>• No further development</li> <li>• Disruption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No building in flood plain</li> <li>• No areas of hard impervious surface</li> <li>• Surface water to be disconnected from sewer</li> <li>• New build to reuse water and be sustainable</li> </ul>
Facilities for Young People <i>Lack of facilities and opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children become bored and cause mischief</li> <li>• Young people are unable to experience wider view of life</li> <li>• Young people need to travel to facilities in Churchill, WSM and Bristol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide additional play area north of river</li> <li>• Improve youth centre to open every day</li> <li>• Provide improved sports facilities in village</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Housing</b>  <i>Cost of housing preventing local people from living in Village</i>  <i>Large scale development</i>  <i>Student housing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people move away from village</li> <li>• No young children move into village due to cost of housing</li> <li>• Village becomes dormitory and retirement area</li> <li>• Large scale development would destroy village community</li> <li>• Developments out of character with the village</li> <li>• Student housing results in loss of family homes, council tax income, additional cars and empty houses for 6 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide low cost starter homes for rent and sale</li> <li>• All new housing to be for families and people with roots in the village</li> <li>• Provide life time living homes and homes for the frail elderly</li> <li>• Housing to be strictly controlled to ensure quality is maintained</li> <li>• No development outside of village fence</li> <li>• Any new housing with restrictive covenants preventing student lets</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Hall</b>  <i>Existing halls need refurbishment and repair or replacement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing facilities are inadequate All need substantial investment</li> <li>• Unable to provide space for indoor sports</li> <li>• Lack of suitable accommodation preventing education development</li> <li>• Investment not providing value for money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility study to investigate need and opportunities</li> <li>• Working group to report on issues</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Council</b>  <i>Needs to become Quality Council</i>  <i>Maintain loyalty and respect of the village</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of authority and income unless Quality Council</li> <li>• Restricted range of services</li> <li>• Higher costs and loss of income without status</li> <li>• Does not provide value for money</li> <li>• Cannot plan for the future</li> <li>• Service to community not of standard required, does not command the loyalty and respect it deserves</li> <li>• Has little credibility with NSC and Government</li> <li>• Unable to raise funds to finance capital projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Plan to promote vision for change</li> <li>• Recruit Councillors with the skills, experience and knowledge to serve the community</li> <li>• Listen and consult the community</li> <li>• Communicate the work of the council to the whole village</li> <li>• Become Quality Council within 12 months</li> <li>• Clerk to become qualified in 12 months</li> <li>• Engage the skills and talent in the community for the greater good of the village</li> </ul>

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<p>Policing and community protection</p> <p><i>Reduction of Policing and increase in crime</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime not detected</li> <li>• No deterrent to crime</li> <li>• High cost no benefit</li> <li>• Emergencies not being dealt with</li> <li>• Anti social behaviour being unchecked</li> <li>• Police have little knowledge of village and those who live here</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policing to be community based</li> <li>• Lobby for increased police cover</li> <li>• Provide local police base</li> <li>• Whole village to be neighbourhood watch area</li> <li>• Create concept of partnership policing</li> </ul>
<p>New link road between Puxton and Bristol Airport</p> <p><i>Road proposed close to south of Village</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will create a triangle of land which will become potential infill for 1000 houses</li> <li>• Overloading of services, roads and village facilities</li> <li>• Complete change of village identity and character</li> <li>• Loss of farming land and environmentally sensitive landscape</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek support from Parish Council, District Council and MP</li> <li>• Petition Greater Bristol Transport Study Group</li> <li>• Create fighting fund with neighbouring villages to oppose the project</li> <li>• Commission environment impact statement</li> <li>• Hold public meeting to engender support</li> </ul>
<p>Global warming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in quality of life</li> <li>• Impact on future generations</li> <li>• Water resources reduced</li> <li>• Risk to food production</li> <li>• Escalating costs</li> <li>• Biodiversity destroyed</li> <li>• Wildlife and natural habitat threatened</li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community conference to raise awareness of risk and what can be done</li> <li>• Increase recycling schemes including plastic</li> <li>• Community composting</li> <li>• Schools to be Eco standard</li> <li>• All public property to reduce energy and water consumption</li> <li>• Walking to school</li> <li>• Reduce car use and miles travelled</li> <li>• Shop locally and buy local</li> <li>• Grow more food locally</li> <li>• Better public transport</li> <li>• Healthy eating</li> <li>• Improve and extend allotments</li> <li>• Village to be carbon neutral</li> </ul>

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In addition to the major themes described in the main body of the report some of the good ideas which came out of the survey are as follows:

- Provide a community area for elderly people in Congresbury to meet up. A place where they can have a haircut and see a chiropodist etc, and meet and talk to each other as well. This would provide an equivalent to the Children's Centre for the growing elderly population.
- Have an annual question/answer village open meeting with local and regional police officers.
- Improve the allotment facilities, especially the archaic water system To have more frequent rubbish collection, and better maintained pathways. Provide smaller starter plots, and have school allotments to teach youngsters where food comes from.
- With the aging population in the village, a set of toilets in the precinct car park would be useful. Also more seating all around the village would be welcome.
- More street lamps are needed in dark areas, however they must be installed in a manner to conserve energy and minimise light pollution.
- Have a regular country market that includes local produce outlets.
- Village activities appealing to all to be encouraged e.g. fairs, charity events, beer festivals etc! Have local crafts display like Blagdon
- Welcome pack for those new to the village, including resident's handbook, Yatton and Congresbury paper, bus/train timetable etc.
- Dropped kerbs on all pavements to improve access for disabled, elderly and mothers with prams.
- Provide cycle racks at the shopping areas
- Have a circular village walk. The route should contain little signs explaining various things, wildlife/conservation/heritage etc, that could be found along the route.
- Enhance the visual aspect of the entrance to the village on the A370 from Weston super Mare..

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TOPIC	INITIATIVE	STATUS
<b>Communication</b>	Improve communication between Parish Council and village residents.	Report December 2006. Bi-monthly journal planned
<b>Village Halls</b>	Buildings/facilities analysis	Report October 2006
	Upgrade Old School Rooms with hearing loop, industrial cooker and disabled toilet	Costs and feasibility study underway. Funding received for toilet.
<b>Environment</b>	Pursuing plastic recycling	Funding sought. Co-operation with church.
	Positive support for Conservation Area	Conservation Group reformed and advertising of Conservation Area commenced
	Cadbury Hill Joint Management Plan	Being completed with Yatton PC and County Archaeologist
<b>Transport</b>	Yellow lines in Broad St	Survey being undertaken.
	40mph limit on Wrington Road	Cooperating with Wrington Parish Council
	New exit on to A370 from Cadbury Garden Centre	Cooperating with Cadbury Garden Centre
	Pedestrian crossing by Cadbury Garden Centre	Under consideration
<b>Millennium Green</b>	Take over administration from existing Trustees	Request made
<b>Footpaths</b>	Get footpath outside Greystones, Brinsea Rd.	Lack of finance
	Improving footpath at Wrington Mead	
<b>Safety</b>	Install lighting in church drive and churchyard.	Progressing
	Reintroduction of Speedwatch	Under consideration
<b>Young People</b>	Children's & Youth Centre on site of present youth club.	Agreed by North Somerset Council

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Topic		Status
Development which is inappropriate by way of scale and/or character should be resisted	Successful	Old cottage in Kent Road, featuring traditional construction, cheesestone etc, demolished & replaced by new building in keeping with surrounding houses. Eco House - one off & all adjacent buildings of different designs. Spotted Horse development in keeping. Greystones house in keeping.
New residential development within the settlement boundary should meet the housing needs of whole community; including affordable housing provision for young people, single people families, the elderly and the disabled.	Part	Some housing on Spotted Horse & Gooseham Mead affordable, in addition to new housing on Southlands. Well Park new development - housing association. Development at Station Road affordable. Current N Somerset policy has blocked mixed development e.g. Southlands.
New employment opportunities for local people should be investigated	Successful	Poplar Farm new nursing home. Barn conversions to businesses. Cadbury House Hotel & Sports Club development.
Former Library Site to be redeveloped for community use, with basketball court	Successful	Basketball court and Youth Centre completed and well used. Planned teen shelter on Riverside Garden. Disabled access and new foot bridge to Millennium Green in place .
Local Shops, community facilities and businesses to be supported and changes of use from existing employment sites to residential Should be resisted.	Successful	Art shop in Kent Rd converted to residential but other shops e.g. Hardware shop continued as business. Spotted Horse & Goslings Timber Yard lost, New greengrocers off Broad Street. Lost 2 pubs - gained affordable housing & restaurant. Kept bakery.
Further recreational facilities explored to consolidate sporting provision in the village	Part	New football pavilion, tennis pavilion. Tennis courts upgraded. New football field lease for non competitive sport. Further work required e.g. skateboard park (permanent or temporary/fold-up)
New children's play area should be developed north of the river	Part	Currently no such facilities exist. Planned but delayed because of legal problems. Now progressing.
Youth Facilities should be improved	Successful	Cyber Café, Youth Club, Youth Partnership activities. 2 full time youth workers supported by Parish Council and church. Basket ball court. Youth Council started but has waned. New Youth Centre planned.
Millennium Green Project	Part	Millennium Green completed and along with the Bridge is a major asset to the village. Currently no play area.
The landscape, hydrology and ecology of the Levels are too fragile to sustain any significant development. Any large scale development should be opposed	Successful	Palms of Puxton (Theme Park) & Park Road development resisted

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An appropriate protective designation for the North Somerset Levels and Moors Should be considered	Successful	Now SSIs
The open vistas of the Levels and Moors and important views of the village to be preserved.	Successful	
All development should respect the character of the landscape	Successful	
Any new development on the village edge should be in keeping with both the surrounding properties and the country side and give high priority to landscape design, to protect and enhance the external view of the village	Failed	Low cost housing development in Station Rd totally out of keeping
Particular attention should be paid to maintaining backs of gardens and buildings on the edges of the village. Where possible native tree and hedge species for shelter and screening should be planted	Part	Damage to hedge, by council house tenant, on B3133 not made good.
All trees which contribute to the character of the village and the surrounding landscape should be safeguarded	Part	Lost Orchard Close walnut tree, Scotch pines by children's play area and preserved trees Cadbury House
Water quality of the river should be protected	Successful	Elliott oil spill dealt with quickly.
Additional planting along the river bank should be considered	Part	Millennium green planting. New trees require constant maintenance. Agricultural pollution (oilseed)
The use of Leylandi and other non -native species Should be discouraged	Part	Developers asked to plant native species. Cadbury House asked to replace one tree with 3
Wildlife should be protected and enhanced	????	How do you enhance wildlife?
The wildlife corridor network should be maintained and enhanced with the sympathetic management of rhynes and the restoration of historic hedgerows	Part	Hedge round Broadstones. Hedges along drove road destroyed.
Habitat creation should form part of farm diversification schemes.	Not sure	Needs converting to a recommendation that can be measured

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Local landowners should be made aware of opportunities available for grant aid that Could assist the sympathetic management of key areas for wildlife.	Not sure	Needs converting to a recommendation that can be measured
Developers, landowners and householders can protect existing wildlife environments and help create new habitats in the form of copses, hedgerows, ditches and ponds and open spaces of rough grassland	Failed	Many areas being covered by decking, gravel, tarmac etc. THIS IS A STATEMENT NOT A RECOMMENDATION requires re-wording; developer MUST, landowners SHOULD
Landowners, community groups and individuals should plant native species to retain landscape character and to benefit wildlife within the parish. Woodlands should be actively managed	Part	Woodlands at Cadbury Hill need attention
Roadside planting should be encouraged and hedgerows adjacent to highways sensitively managed	Part	Cadburys particularly successful. Roundtrees could do more. Hedge on B3133 destroyed and not replaced.
Orchards are part of the village heritage. They should be maintained and if possible enhanced. The planting of new orchards should be encouraged.	Part	Churchyard & Millennium orchard well maintained. Lost Stonewell Lane orchard.
In order to protect the character of the village residential development should not be permitted outside the settlement boundary as defined in the Woodspring Local Plan	Successful	Except for low cost housing.
The character, appearance and setting of the Conservation Area should be preserved and enhanced.	Part	Advertising signs on take away removed. No yellow lines. Hardware development enhancement. Ship & Castle had to replace sign etc. Inappropriate signs e.g. Station Rd. Wires need to go underground etc.
Scheduled ancient monuments and Listed Buildings must be protected and preserved	Part	Refectory eventually being repaired but has deteriorated. Cadbury Hill well managed. Stable block sympathetically restored. Cross and tombs restored.
Cables should be placed underground wherever possible, especially within the conservation area	Failed	
Open spaces with the village should be retained	Part	Orchard Stonewell Lane lost . Gained field behind football pitches. Lost Gooseham Mead.

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Important views into and out of the village should be protected	Successful	Cadbury Hill tree clearance restored views.
All traditional stone boundary walls should be retained and repaired where necessary. Where new development adjoins existing stone walls it should incorporate matching stone boundary walls	Successful	
Original features such as windows, doors and railings which contribute to the character of the building/area should be retained. Replacement windows and doors Should match the original in terms of size, design, colour and materials	Part	Difficult to enforce.
The scale, size and materials of any redevelopment or new development (including extensions) Must be appropriate to the area in which it is located	Part	Eco-house - surrounded by differing designs. Broad Street & Spotted Horse re-developments in keeping
New dwellings Should not generally be above two storeys in height. Roofs Should be in proportion to the bulk of the building. Roofs should usually be gabled. Flat roofs should be replaced by pitch roofs where appropriate.	Successful	Plan for 3 storey house withdrawn following refusal
Any new dwellings should be of simple, unfussy design and proportions, be appropriate to the village setting and pay careful attention to detail. Standard designs should be avoided. Durable materials should be used.	Part	Station Rd social housing development and houses opposite precinct inappropriate.
Red or dark coloured brick and bright red roof tiles should be avoided	Part	Station Rd development
Shop fronts, street furniture and lighting should be appropriate in design and materials to the village setting.	Part	e.g. New lighting for church drive and footpath. Pharmacy & hairdressers blue signs need changing to green
The proliferation of signs should be avoided.	Part	Ship & Castle signs removed.



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An environmental enhancement scheme should be implemented to improve the Precinct / Car Park.	Part	Significant improvement to the Precinct frontage however car park needs more work.
The public toilets should be improved	Part	Could be even better
Developers and landowners should be aware of the possible archaeological importance of their sites. Any groundbreaking activity within the historic village core may have an impact on areas of great archaeological importance and this should be taken into account.	Successful	
The historic fabric and archaeology of Congresbury has great potential for educational and recreational use. Local access should be encouraged where appropriate.	Successful	Walks, leaflets, visits
The proliferation of new buildings, particularly equestrian related building, on the Levels and Moors should be strictly controlled in relation to their impact on this important landscape.	Part	Unplanned developments a problem
Additional native tree and hedge should be used to screen unsightly areas such as the rear of the Elliott Medway site and the car breakers yards on the A370.	Part	Trees planted at Elliot Medway
The stone bridges over the river Yeo should be retained and repaired where necessary.	Failed	Bridge -Somerset Lane in poor state. North Somerset Council has agreed to repair this listed bridge. Is the main bridge safe?
Another bridge to be constructed from village green to behind High Street	Successful	
A 50mph speed restriction should be re-considered on the A370 between the village and Junction 21 of the M5. Consideration should also be given to an extension of the speed restrictions beyond the current 30 mph on Brinsea Road.	Part	Has not gone lower. The 30mph and positioning of signs, especially by Cadbury on Smallway, must be improved

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Traffic calming measures should be considered to reduce the impact of traffic on the community. Priority should be given to Brinsea & Kent Road (which should be reviewed for declassification as a "B" road).	Part	Pedestrian crossing at Precinct. Speedwatch team disbanded. Kent Road not in agreement to the recommend traffic calming measure. 30mph flashing sign installed.
Pedestrian Priority Areas where priority is given to pedestrians in preference to cars should be considered, initially in Broad St but in other residential areas if appropriate.	Failed	Broad Street pedestrianisation not possible.
Pedestrian crossing facilities should be reviewed on Brinsea Road, opposite the Precinct.	Successful	Crossing installed
A footway should be considered along Brinsea Road and Kent Road. New footpaths should, if practical, be provided in other areas where there is no existing provision.	Part	Greystones footpath being pursued. New footpaths in Kent Rd & outside Cadbury House
Existing footways contiguous with carriageways should be upgraded for width (where feasible) and surface condition in order to be accessible to all.	Part	High St improved. Wheel chair audit
Direct footpaths to and from village facilities should be upgraded where feasible.	Successful	Wheatwood to Verlands. Well Park to Millennium green in pipeline. Mill Leg resurfaced.
Public rights of way and permissive paths throughout the parish should be maintained, and where possible improved. Open access to woodlands should be sought.	Part	Few improvements
New bridleways should be created without encroaching on existing footpaths.	Part	Section of Strawberry Line a trial bridleway.
New footbridges should be constructed over the river Yeo to link the northern and southern parts of the village and provide a link to the Cheddar Valley Railway Walk.	Part	Cheddar Valley line bridge planned

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Sound absorbent road surfaces should be considered when Brinsea Road, High Street and Station Road are resurfaced.	Successful	Was used on Brinsea Road and must be sought in future resurfacing
Cycle tracks should be investigated. Priority should be given to establishing a route from the village to Churchill School and to the creation of a cycle path along the Cheddar Valley Railway.	Part	Link to Churchill still comes out in King Rd - passed as safe ride! Strawberry Line resurfaced.
Secure cycle parking facilities should be provided at appropriate locations.	Part	Outside library but not yet in Broad St / Precinct
Children should be encouraged to walk to the village schools.	Successful	
Bus service protected and, if possible, enhanced. Priority should be given to improving the link to Yatton railway station . Facilities (such as bus shelters and timetables) should be provided to enhance bus use.	Part	Yatton link still poor. Bus shelters enhanced.
The effects of any further expansion at Bristol airport on the village should be carefully examined.	Successful	Outcome unknown
Car share scheme	Failed	Hard to implement. Provide information on car share schemes
Community transport	Successful	Bluey in place and well used

