

LAXFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Numbers in red beside each question indicate how many people answered that question. Percentages beside each response indicate what percentage of those who answered the question gave this response.

Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore may not sum to 100%!

About you

1. Please tell us your gender: **181**
 - Male **42%**
 - Female **58%**
 - Other

2. Please tell us your age: **181**
 - 29-35 **8.3%**
 - 36-45 **7.2%**
 - 46-55 **18.8%**
 - 56-65 **30.9%**
 - 66-75 **23.8%**
 - 75+ **11%**

Development in and around Laxfield

3. What do you think about the number of homes Laxfield currently has? **180**
 - We have enough homes already **36%**
 - We need a few more **59%**
 - We need a lot more **6%**

4. Laxfield currently has 415 homes; around 30 of these have been built or converted over the last 20 years (since 1998). In your opinion, how many homes should Laxfield have in 20 years' time (by 2038)? **168 responses**

415	14	475	6	Ranges of numbers quoted:	
420	5	480	1		40-60 1
425	5	500	24		425-430 1
430	13	550	2		450-48 1
435	12	555	1		475-500 1
440	7	600	8		6-700 1
445	1	615	1		
450	34	649	1		
455	1	800	2		I don't know 3
456	1	900	1		
460	5	1000	1		
465	8				

Comments (where numbers have been quoted, these are included in above figures):

- Same amount
- No more
- No
- NIL

- Enough to meet demand particularly for affordable homes and ensure long-term viability of village facilities (eg shops, school, pubs)
- A maximum of 50 houses if we are to stay a village
- Extras currently being built (Bickers Hill, Mill Road) is enough
- What we have and what is being built – about 430
- 500 maximum
- No more than 500
- 450 homes plus one additional unit supported living flats for over-70s (20 flats)
- Is more building really practical or necessary? Probably not more than 475
- It's not the number of houses. It's the type and cost. Laxfield needs homes affordable to families who have generations before lived here. Currently we are priced out due to incomes and second homes
- As few as possible more than we already have
- As few as possible extra
- Maximum 60 including what has recently been built/converted
- A number based on government surveys etc about local population growth and a neutral measure of housing need
- 60 at least 20% is development of below 10 homes
- Enough to meet demand particularly for affordable homes
- Another 25 – particularly for younger families/affordable housing

5. Do you think Laxfield should be allowed to expand outside the existing Settlement Boundary?
176

Yes 42%
No 48%
Don't know 11%

6. If your answer to Q5 is Yes, please mark clearly, with an X in the squares on the map, the areas where you think development should be allowed to happen

61 responses – numbers in brackets show the number of people who made an entry in this row; numbers in the grid squares show how many marked each square

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A (2)			1		1	1	1
B (6)	2		3		1	2	2
C (31)	3	6	21	24	17	1	1
D (49)	6	4	38	25	18	1	1
E (37)	4	4	24	24	21	2	1
F (13)	3	2	8	7	7		1
G (5)	1	2	4	4	2	2	1

7. How quickly should housing development happen? **167**
- Fewer than 5 homes per year **54%**
 - 6-10 homes per year **28%**
 - 11-20 homes per year **14%**
 - 21+ homes per year **3%**
8. How should this development take place? Please tick any that apply **172**
- As infill within the settlement boundary **59%**
 - Single homes in controlled locations outside the settlement boundary **30%**
 - Small scale development outside the settlement boundary **34%**
 - Large scale development outside the settlement boundary **3%**
 - Conversion of redundant buildings **70%**
 - Other – please give details **5%**

Comments:

- Small scale within boundary
- No development
- Infill and conversion
- Maisonettes
- Low cost for purchase and social rent
- Affordable
- Given the United Nations IPCC report, ALL new housing should be built to, or as near as 'passive house' standards. This is a moral imperative. Let Laxfield be a model for the future
- Small-scale developments inside the settlement boundary
- No more

9. What sort of size would you prefer any future development to be? Please tick any that apply **164**
- Several small developments of up to 5 homes **74%**
 - Several small developments of 6-10 homes **30%**
 - One or more medium developments (11-25 homes) **9%**
 - One or two larger developments (26 or more homes) **0%**
 - No preference **3%**
10. What types of new housing would you prefer to see in Laxfield? Please tick any that apply **171**
- Affordable/social housing for rent **64%**
 - Affordable/social housing to buy **59%**
 - Starter homes **66%**
 - Private rented housing **7%**
 - Small flats (1-2 bedrooms) **19%**
 - Smaller family homes (2-3 bedrooms) **61%**
 - Larger family homes (4+ bedrooms) **15%**
 - One storey accessible housing **25%**
 - Sheltered accommodation **17%**
 - Tourist accommodation **6%**
 - Self-build housing **35%**

- Multi-occupancy homes 4%

11. What sort of materials & design do you think are appropriate for new development in and around Laxfield? Please tick any that apply 172

- A mixture of styles 43%
- Traditional Suffolk appearance 56%
- Sustainable buildings 52%
- Modern design 23%
- Standard housing estate appearance 2%
- Other (please specify) 2%

Comments:

- No development
- Anything but a housing estate
- Passivhaus

Transport, traffic and parking

12. What sort of transport do you use? 176

- Own car 91%
- Car share 9%
- Bicycle 35%
- Electric bicycle 3%
- Motor bike or moped 3%
- Bus 10%
- Walking 53%
- Mobility vehicle 1%

13. Which of these would make it more likely for you to use public transport? 155

	Unimportant	Not very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Some importance	Important	Very important
Route (134)	16%	2%	4%	6%	10%	61%
Bus stop location (116)	28%	17%	16%	14%	10%	15%
Bus shelter (106)	36%	17%	22%	14%	5%	7%
Linking arrival times with main bus & train service departures (125)	15%	4%	8%	11%	19%	43%
Reliability (134)	15%	2%	2%	5%	11%	67%
Availability (142)	13%	2%	1%	5%	8%	70%
Cost (117)	21%	9%	4%	20%	14%	33%
Access for those with disabilities (114)	21%	3%	10%	11%	13%	42%

14. Which bus routes would be important to you if they were added/improved? Please tick all that apply 143

- Diss 69%
 - Framlingham 64%
 - Halesworth 71%
 - Beccles 25%
 - Ipswich 34%
 - Norwich 55%
 - Other 10%
- (please give details)

Comments:

15. How strongly do you feel about the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) We need lower speed limits (158)	13%	11%	17%	28%	33%
b) We need traffic calming measures (152)	16%	11%	13%	305	32%
c) Car parking needs improvement (158)	3%	4%	11%	36%	46%
d) We need to manage parking around the school (161)	2%	1%	9%	34%	53%
e) There would need to be improvements or changes to roads to support increased residential and commercial development (152)	8%	5%	18%	43%	26%
f) New houses should have off-street parking (169)	2%	2%	4%	33%	59%
g) We need to manage parking in the centre of the village (159)	6%	5%	12%	27%	50%

Comments re a):

- 30 mph is fine – we just need people to stick to it
- Definitely way too much speeding beyond 30mph
- Banyards Green needs to be 30mph as the road is small with blind bends
- Traffic speeding is horrendous
- Particularly Bickers Hill as visibility is bad
- Most folks drive sensibly through the village and reducing the speed limit will not deter the few who speed anyway
- Enforce the current limit
- Why? What problems are caused by the present limit? No accidents that I know of, ever!
- Just people doing the speed limit would be enough

- Would need more policing to be successful
- Enforce needed
- Enforcement is key
- 20mph is plenty passing houses
- Heavy vehicles incl farm vehicles go through The Street regularly over 30mph
- Just get people to stick to current ones
- Ignored whatever
- Observe the ones we have!
- I think that the current speed signs definitely help but I don't think reducing this will have any impact on the careless driver and just frustrate others
- In the village centre
- Village centre only

Comments re b):

- Definitely
- In Bickers Hill no footpaths vehicles speed up in Market St to get up the hill farm machinery in particular tractor drivers seen using mobile phones skid marks are proof of vehicles braking hard when something coming down the hill
- High Street is used as a drag
- Specifically on the main street
- No the one at Hoxne is a joke
- Especially near the school
- Stupid things
- Vicarage Road
- This has worked well in Hoxne who had the same speeding problem as Laxfield. Why is there never a speed van in Laxfield when they appear in both Stradbroke and Walpole
- Farm vehicles amongst others hurtle through the village at above 30mph in the hands of young drivers
- I believe these are a bad idea, having experienced them all over London they are more of a hazard than calming and with the large amount of HGV traffic we have down the main street it would just mean that the very old houses would begin to shake far more from the ups and downs of the cars and lorries

Comments re c):

- More people have cars per household now
- Awful even where homes already have garages etc
- No parking on corners or junctions as at present
- Cars parked up The Street is dangerous
- Especially near school
- Encourage more thoughtful parking and NO parking on pavements
- If original parking spaces are used for other purposes there has to be an explainable alternative plan in place before permission is granted, also parking on grassed areas, paths and corners should not be an option, we need to get back our village pride
- Because village hall is where it is and with a busy shop parking is totally inadequate
- High Street has become a nightmare
- Near school and shop
- High Street and Market Street an issue
- The village is thriving and it would be a shame to put people off coming here but particularly on Saturday Market Day it is virtually impossible. Could the stall owners be encouraged to deliver their wares and then take their cars away to a parking lot, then they could bring them back to dismantle their stalls at the end of the market. It is I believe becoming very dangerous

particularly on the Guildhall Corner on Market Day. It is also noticeable that people park opposite the Co-op instead of using the parking in front of the shop, which is also somewhat hazardous

Comments re d):

- Very strongly agree, some of the parents appear to have little common sense!!
- Awful and very dangerous both to the children and drivers
- Very dangerous accident waiting to happen as too many cars driving to school and pre-school
- But NOT at a cost of land – the school MUST NOT lose any outside space
- More children should walk to school but staff need to park somewhere
- Users of the school need to be mindful of the residents whose homes nearby are affected by their parking
- Is mayhem, double parked cars and even worse parking on yellow zig zag signs
- People need to park more safely
- Facility to park away from school and then walk
- Car parking at the school is appalling. People park their car where they shouldn't but really there is no choice
- A lot of the parents could walk
- In field opposite
- Educate parents
- Build extra off road parking opposite the school
- 35 plus cars are parked along the road at collection time an accident waiting to happen – get children/families cycling or walking – they don't all live outside the village
- It would be great if more parents living in the village would walk their children to school rather than jump in the car!

Comments re e):

- The roads are in a very poor state with pot holes still unfixed. Mid Suffolk would have to earmark more money
- The infrastructure is fine for the size of the village
- Widen the road towards Framlingham
- This would have to happen with sensitivity so as not to irreparably change the character of the village
- More parking in main street
- Only if large scale development
- Needs to be thoughtful to minimise environmental impact
- Agree – but I don't want this
- Especially Bickers Hill
- Look at Mill Road
- Bickers Hill!

Comments re f):

- There are too many cars parked down the High Street as it is
- Preferably, but space could be a consideration
- If we are looking ahead and intending to grow the village we need to be mindful not to fill the development sites to capacity as families grow there will be the same problem with parking as youngsters need transport to get around
- New homes often have roads too small to allow on street parking and inadequate off street parking too
- For at least 2 cars per house
- For 2+ cars each

- Parking for 2 cars

Comments re g):

- There is not enough parking for the shop or the pub or on market days. Perhaps on market days people should be encouraged to park on the playing field
- I think it's lovely that we are able to park close to village amenities, but while doing so we should all respect the area and be aware of access for residents and aware of pedestrians at all times
- While it can be a bit chaotic, it does tend to 'self-manage' quite well
- Yellow lines up at least one side of street in conjunction with better parking
- Fine with current size of village population
- Parking permits for long term parking or other arrangements to be made
- But how?
- To avoid serious accidents and possibly a fatality
- It can be dreadful
- High Street and Market Street an issue
- People parking in disabled spaces when they aren't entitled to is always a problem, and parking for disabled people is even more of an issue on market days

16. Please tell us how important the following things are, in your view, to our village: 174

	Unimportant	Not very important	Some importance	Important	Very important
Cycle paths (152)	23%	14%	25%	17%	22%
More pavements (150)	17%	22%	25%	14%	21%
Wider pavements (135)	28%	36%	23%	7%	6%
Dropped kerbs for wheelchairs, mobility vehicles and pushchairs (153)	5%	8%	33%	27%	27%
One or more pedestrian crossings (147)	41%	11%	18%	19%	12%
Removing unnecessary signs (please let us know what type of signs) 145)	32%	13%	24%	15%	16%
Off-street parking for all new housing (167)	1%	1%	9%	22%	67%
Reducing traffic speed (158)	9%	6%	15%	25%	45%

Green spaces and footpaths

17. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements: 172

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
If faced with the choice, Laxfield's housing needs should take priority over protection	52%	24%	7%	9%	9%

of green spaces (165)					
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected (169)	3%	1%	5%	24%	68%
We need more green spaces to walk in and enjoy (160)	8%	4%	23%	33%	34%
We need more footpaths and bridleways (158)	8%	8%	35%	25%	25%
We need better signposting of existing public footpaths (160)	6%	1%	26%	38%	30%
I value the wildlife and biodiversity around the village (165)	1%	1%	4%	25%	69%
The open views across field and woodland are important assets to the village (166)	1%	0	5%	23%	71%
We need more allotments (161)	11%	11%	44%	20%	14%
We need more community green space (157)	9%	15%	37%	27%	13%

18. If we had more community green space, what do you think we should use it for?

- Getting fresh air, peace and quiet, and exercise
- To sit, chat, hang out together
- More choice for children to enjoy, eg play equipment
- Nature walks, bird hides. Space for open air events
- Forest Schools and sport
- Outside seating area, tennis courts perhaps
- Woodland or meadows with footpaths for enjoyable relaxing walks
- Village shows and festivals
- Village fetes
- Leisure pursuits
- I don't think we need any more green space. We have a huge playing field which is under-used and could be used for other activities
- No idea!
- Village activities such as sports days for children
- Footpaths and green space for walking, picnics etc not just children and no dogs like the playing field
- Fields and woodland accessible to the public
- Teenagers
- Fetes, dog shows, traditional village events
- Sports, activity areas, allotments
- Family event
- Cricket pitch, bowling green, children's playground
- Wlking
- Activities to benefit a wide range of ages
- Tennis courts; bowling green; cricket pitches
- Skate park
- Upgrade facilities around the playing field + running track
- I believe we have sufficient community space
- Somewhere for dogs to run freely and socialise with others. Somewhere for people to meet and sit for a chat
- Coming together to share hobbies, skills, sports and a place for meditation
- Something for teenagers. A tennis court. Basketball court?

- Tennis court, bike track, outdoor swimming pool, stage for events, picnic area
- Social events, children's play areas
- Definitely not needed
- Relaxation
- Bike track like at Harleston/Leiston. Children's play areas. Dog poo free areas!!
- Arboretum
- Community events, maybe the school would like to use it too
- How about pitch n put or tennis
- Village events
- Tennis court
- Young people's activities
- Wildlife, meeting/picnic place, bee keeping
- Looking after, updating and enjoying what we already have would be a start
- Village hall
- Dog walking
- Village entertainment, children's activities
- Gardens for the elderly to sit in and natter as they may not have that at their home
- Do not need any
- If that means that playing fields should have its own tennis and netball court and also hockey pitch
- We already have a large playing field that most of the time is empty. Woodland walks would be a useful addition if there is a suitable location to use
- Wildlife education for young people
- For educational enjoyment of wildlife and the natural world, and a tranquil place to sit and socialise
- Increased play facilities for young children and seating areas for adults
- Plant more trees! How about we become a carbon neutral village!
- Children's play area and sheltered area for children and parents
- Wilderness
- Community garden, meeting place – for appropriate events, older people, children, peace and quiet, education
- Leisure/tourist
- Park for older people and people with dogs. Small café. Meeting place. Not just sports facilities
- Outdoor Gym and tennis courts
- Trees
- Public park used for community activities and relaxation, and outdoor gym equipment
- Fetes, completions, fireworks display, music
- Leisure, relaxation
- Community events – eg the Market, car boot sale, fete, horticultural show, etc
- Public park for horticulture and social use
- It could be zoned for dogs and wildlife ecology ponds/children/leisure fishing, etc ...
- Park land for walking, playing games and a place for people to meet
- Allotments, forest school activities for kids, community events, grow and share etc
- I don't know, I think we have enough
- Park space for walking, relaxing
- Protection of wildlife and biodiversity, education area for this for local schools and families to visit and understand the importance of protecting the environment, Laxfield park?
- With the vast expanse of the playing field I am not necessarily in favour of further green space and the costs involved in its upkeep which would, presumably then be part of the Parish precept

- As a park area for general enjoyment and relaxation. If large enough incorporate a pond
- More for disabled people
- Community orchard
- Village green
- Woodland area
- Woods and meadows with a wildlife pond
- Community orchard with bee-keeping area
- Allotments or community gardens with raised beds so that disabled or elderly people can grow things

19. Do you agree with these statements? 169

- It is important to retain the way the High Street looks
 - Strongly disagree 3%
 - Disagree 1%
 - No opinion 6%
 - Agree 24%
 - Strongly agree 67%
- Laxfield should become a Green Village (being more environmentally aware and living more self-sufficiently and ethically) 164
 - Strongly disagree 2%
 - Disagree 4%
 - No opinion 26%
 - Agree 24%
 - Strongly agree 45%

Employment and education

20. If you work or study, how far do you travel? 111

- I work or study from home 32%
- Less than 5 miles 16%
- between 5 and 10 miles 14%
- between 11 and 20 miles 17%
- between 21 and 40 miles 11%
- over 40 miles 11%

21. If you work or study, are your opportunities limited by any of the following: 47

(please tick all that apply)

- Space 2%
- Shared facilities 2%
- Lack of childcare 13%
- Cost of childcare 23%
- Personal disability 9%
- Lack of qualifications/training/experience 2%

- Inconvenient bus times 30%
- Lack of alternative care for adult dependant 9%
- Other (please specify) 40%

Comments :

- Distance needed to travel to take part in evening classes
- Not currently limited but childcare was an issue when my children were younger and definitely affected my job opportunities
- Dreadful internet
- No more transport options
- Job availability
- No bus to Norwich
- Public transport and taxis for getting to the station
- Not limited

22. Please tell us how you feel about these statements: 166

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Laxfield needs to attract more small businesses (157)	4%	12%	29%	34%	22%
b) I would welcome the building of small business units (158)	11%	18%	22%	28%	22%
c) We need to increase local employment opportunities (162)	3%	5%	20%	35%	38%
d) I would be more likely to work from home if my broadband connection was improved (135)	10%	14%	31%	13%	31%
e) Our mobile phone networks need to be improved (155)	8%	14%	22%	19%	37%

Comments re a):

- There is insufficient infrastructure
- The key word being 'Small' ie no business units
- A small business park would be a great asset, or even a few different locations ie farm buildings converted for business use
- This would be good as long as local residents support the businesses

Comments re b):

- Poor infrastructure
- If on existing sites
- On the village outskirts
- Depends on location
- I would support this if there is demand
- The general trend in villages now is that old established small businesses are closing everywhere, as they have here. No longer a viable proposition – and no premises

Comments re d):

- My broadband has been excellent for several years
- This has improved but I suspect could be even better
- I could not work from home but our broadband speed is diabolical!
- It has improved (recently)
- Broadband is now mostly fine
- We now have Superfast. Can't get much better
- Broadband is now great
- The broadband now works well most of the time
- I don't have a problem with my BB speed but I know others do

Comments re e):

- It's better now
- My mobile phone signal has improved considerably now there is a mast in the church
- My mobile signal has been excellent for several years
- It is much better than it was
- Booster in church tower seems to be doing a good job
- Although they are better than they ever were due to church mast I presume?
- Happy with new coverage
- It has improved
- No longer an issue for me
- Recently improved
- Not all providers are good
- Have been improved
- As I have 4G via the Church mast I am satisfied that my needs are being met

23. Do you run your own business (whatever its size) in or around the village or are you self-employed? 157

- Yes 31%
- No 70%

24. If Yes, please let us know, by giving us your contact details below, if you'd like to talk to us about what you believe Laxfield's businesses need in order to thrive

Comments:

- Access to online website/business building and opportunities to employ others locally, so units
- Pig farmer
- Facilities such as a business hub – look to Earl Soham for excellent examples
- Business link. FREE parish magazine to ALL households, with subsidised advert space therein
- Good internet and phone communications
- Affordable rent, better broadband, better parking
- Not sure
- I am semiretired but do work at home on a self employed basis but not as a business

25. Would you like to run your own business (whatever its size) in or around Laxfield? 125

- Yes 25%
- No 76%

26. If Yes, please let us know, by giving us your contact details below, if you'd like to talk to us about what you believe would help you to start your own business in Laxfield

Comments:

- I already run my own business from home in Laxfield
- A unit to employ others locally in
- Farm

Culture & heritage

27. What do you value most in our village? Please rank each of the following from least to most valuable 173

	1 Least valuable	2	3	4	5 Most valuable
The shops (172)	1%	1%	1%	13%	83%
The Village Hall (166)	2%	13%	20%	27%	39%
The pubs (168)	4%	6%	16%	26%	48%
The primary school (161)	4%	7%	21%	19%	50%
The village clubs and their associated events (163)	11%	12%	23%	22%	33%

Please tell us which clubs and events your answer refers to

Comments:

- The community choir is a good addition to village clubs and events

28. Which of these do you value most? 165

	1 Least valuable	2	3	4	5 Most valuable
The views of the countryside (161)	0	3%	5%	21%	72%
The playing fields (150)	7%	13%	30%	25%	25%
The allotments (155)	10%	16%	28%	25%	21%
The village green spaces (160)	3%	2%	11%	30%	54%

The village pond (157)	22%	17%	18%	26%	18%
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29. And these? 164

	1 Least valuable	2	3	4	5 Most valuable
The village history and built heritage (159)	2%	4%	7%	16%	71%
The Church (162)	3%	9%	16%	28%	44%
The Chapel (156)	21%	14%	20%	20%	26%
The Guildhall (158)	5%	6%	8%	29%	52%
The Museum (159)	3%	13%	13%	26%	45%

30. How should we make more of the Laxfield Museum?

Comments:

- Better publicity and more special events to attract a wider range of interest
- Develop mobile events and have small scale displays in other venues, eg the pubs and the shop – to make it all much more accessible
- Open it for more hours
- Let it expand within the Guildhall itself in the former antiques shop
- Concerts
- Advertise further afield
- If possible, easier access
- Use doctor's surgery and the (*rented out*) storage area for further displays. Appeal to a wider audience
- Café and craft shop instead of rooms not being used
- Increase access
- Promote as a café, bakery, gift shop at reasonable prices
- Make the entrance more approachable and have opening times easily viewed
- Make it better known
- Longer opening season? Improved accessibility
- Open it more during the summer months

- Not sure
- The school should be involved WAY more. Also, online presence and youth involvement. Free parish mag to all households detailing what the museum does. Work with Age Concern to promote the memory boxes
- Don't know
- Advertise it more widely, increase opening hours, small charge for entry and for events
- A venue for talks/discussion groups
- Attract children and familiesdo activity sheets with prize at end
- School history trips
- Don't know at present but will think more about this
- More disabled access
- Make it more futuristic
- They do a pretty good job
- Don't know I love the Museum I remember visiting when I was at the primary school here
- Improved disabled access. Offsite storage. More space for changing exhibitions
- Link more with school, increase visitors
- Open more
- Maybe opening earlier in the day, and staying open until November
- Better access
- Organise special exhibitions to attract new visitors, eg to explain how the village was 100 years ago, what shops, pubs, open spaces etc
- More audio exhibits
- Improved access and therefore the use of lower rooms. Allowing for improved funding
- The Museum does a great job. It's a shame the building isn't more accessible to those with mobility issues though I appreciate this can't happen in a listed building
- It needs support from the village as visitors. Many never go in it even when they can manage the stairs. Really need better funding and greater publicity
- Make it more accessible – both opening times and access
- Publicity and increased opening
- Better and wider publicity
- Workshops for children
- More availability
- Accessible to all
- I like it as it is
- Move it downstairs
- More open days, events held in the museum
- Easier access and expansion – lot more history could be covered
- Open more hours. Events involving dressing up or re-enactment, better advertising
- Increase opening hours
- Longer opening season and hours
- It probably needs relocating to somewhere with more space so items can be displayed better
- Use to hold events
- Special events such as the recent showing of the 1989 film in the village hall
- Advertise opening times more clearly. School trips to museum
- Open the rear of the building, maybe have a tea shop for visitors and villagers?
- The museum is one of the most unique features of the village, it strives to provide new exhibitions, whenever possible, and manages in the space it has. I think it would be difficult for the museum to do much more than it does to bring people into the village other than perhaps advertise more to bring a bigger footfall
- Access needs to be improved

- Find a way round listed building status in order to improve access which at present is limiting/difficult to the point of being unsafe
- I think the museum is OK
- Maybe get local artists & writers – meet & greet hours. Local elders to give talks/storytime
- Need more volunteer helpers from the village
- More stewards needed, more promotion of the museum. Involve the school in the museum
- To make it more accessible, but don't know how you can do that
- If it was more accessible for the elderly to manage the stairs
- Not sure as new to area

31. Should we make more of the story of the Middy line (the Mid Suffolk Light Railway)? If so, please tell us how, in your view, we might do this 155

- Yes 32%
- No 18%
- Don't know 50%

Comments:

- Local signing and info board
- Advise where station was
- Uncover platform and have information boards with pictures and text of how it used to be
- It is of historical interest to some
- Too late, no public footpath now
- Re-open the line!
- Organise an exhibition about what it was and where it ran. Possibly restore the station?
- Introduce a section of line at the station
- Incorporate it into museum info and deal as previously
- Coach trips to the Middy museum?
- Attempt to open more lengths of it as footpaths or bridleways
- Open railway again!
- I'm not sure how, because I don't know much about it
- Too late to make public way?
- A board in the village (Church Plain) showing its history and closure
- Reiterate it!
- More information
- Visitor centre on site of old station
- Buy the site of the old station and turn it into a museum
- Open up as far as possible the station, and the route of the line
- It would be good if the site of the old station was accessible and some information was provided on the site
- No idea how we could do this, but it is a very interesting story and part of the village's history. Maybe some signs to show where it came in or where the line actually was?
- By trying to buy the station platform or if that's not possible form working parties to clear it & keep it clear. Walk the school children along parts of the track explaining about the 'tank pond' & the platform etc. Photoexhibitions all about the Middy Line
- Possibly open up the old station & show where the lines were, platform etc

32. Do we make the most of our listed buildings and built heritage? 75

Comments:

- No
- Probably not. Need to be better aware of their original functions in the context of the village history
- No – the Guildhall could surely be spruced up and surrounding houses could be celebrated and valued more
- Not sure
- No, we could have a village trail of the listed buildings and heritage
- Could be more professional concerts, acoustic, musicians from around the country
- Probably not
- Yes. But up to date information would be good. Leaflets etc
- As a resident of Laxfield for 32 years I am unaware of which houses are actually listed. A village trail/leaflet to show these houses and their history might be interesting
- Unsure
- No we don't the Guildhall with the right funding and uses could be an all year venue for lots of people, not just a museum
- Yes
- Guildhall could be used more
- Most are in private ownership so only aware of a couple
- Guildhall, pubs and places of worship are well used
- No, as I live in one, far too many applications for wind turbines caravan sites etc have been approved by the Parish Council which have been fiercely fought by local residents close by
- No, sadly not. We should build a detailed 'living' history of all buildings
- No-one on the Parish Council cares about listed buildings – I live in one and have had to fight, successfully, several approved applications for wind turbines, caravan parks and solar farms which would have blighted the area
- Not as much as could be done
- Raise the profile and importance of village heritage to enable people to value it more
- Not sure what we do at present
- I would like to think so
- I guess
- Probably not
- Possibly not, as many in the village (myself included) probably are not aware of the number of listed buildings and 'heritage' sites. Many of these might be in private hands though, making greater exposure problematic
- Very few in village
- Not sure but they should be celebrated
- Develop heritage walks
- No – need to look at diversifying how they are used and could support local groups/businesses
- Perhaps we could plan to celebrate particular anniversaries of events back in time eg when the Guildhall was built, church tower completed, bells installed, etc
- An audio-visual presentation in the museum of this heritage would be very good
- Information on village boards would interest tourists and locals alike
- Sorry, don't know how to answer this question
- No although the village has a 'Guide to the Street' which could possibly be made freely available
- Not really
- I think so
- We could do more to emphasise the beauty of our heritage
- Yes – I don't want Laxfield to turn into a tourist destination/honey pot
- Probably not but it's hard to see how you can improve it without incurring great expense
- Probably not. Planning permission for new build granted too easily

- The information sheet describing which houses were shops and businesses in the past is very interesting and should, perhaps, be more widely available
- Could do more open days etc
- Not as much as their potential
- If this is in regard to the Guildhall, I believe that it is used by many and certainly brings people to the village in the Summertime to view it and view the museum. It is somewhat small to deal with much more than the Parish Council meetings. There are of course a number of properties listed in the village, but this is something that only the owners would be able to answer as it is a private matter. It is unfortunate that part of the Guildhall is used, none too satisfactorily, as a weekly doctor's surgery.
- Guildhall use perhaps needs re-planning – centre for heritage topics/guided tours of the village listed buildings etc in the summer. Small businesses/crafts?
- Guided talks for tourists
- Can always do more but as usual it's the same people doing everything. We need to get more people on board who care about the village
- I think that we do make the most of it

33. Are there other aspects of our local heritage that you would like to see highlighted in some way? 38

Comments:

- Understanding of past history and uses of buildings
- The fact that there used to be so many shops – it speaks of a different sort of history and traditions and elements of it could be highlighted
- Diverse, higher education workshops fitting with the diversity of Laxfield
- Museum etc already highlighted
- Origins of names etc in the area
- I think our village is lovely as it is and should have minimal expansion
- The beauty of the countryside, the quietness of the area, and the pleasure it gives residents, riders and ramblers
- More use of the church building
- Upgrade the Low House restaurant. It is known throughout this country already from the past
- There are already plenty of publications on individual histories/buildings but perhaps a comprehensive pamphlet covering many aspects of interest would raise awareness and interest visitors
- We could use the spaces more
- Maybe some recognition of the crafts which prospered here in the past
- Guildhall used more
- Farming
- Heritage quarter around Church Plain, Guildhall, Market Square
- The Guildhall
- I think apart from the railway it is fairly well covered
- No
- Not really
- More sign boards about history, walks and wildlife
- Wildlife awareness
- Difficult to know without knowing what it might be
- Swimming pool
- Village Hall car parking increased
- I'd like more of Laxfield's history to be taught in the school
- Local history
- Thatching

- The history of the River Blyth in Laxfield
- Farming
- Community
- General history and important events linked with national trends. Are there any particular crafts, eg thatching? There would probably be interest in the formation of a local history /family history group
- Social media. Local tourist board
- The railway track. I would like the Church to be used in even more ways, ie art gallery, drama, drop-in & coffee shop, concerts etc

Leisure and pleasure

34. Which sporting activities, facilities and clubs in Laxfield do you regularly take part in or belong to? (Please tick all that apply) 79

- | | |
|---|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Football | 9% |
| <input type="radio"/> Cricket | 6% |
| <input type="radio"/> Bowls | 1% |
| <input type="radio"/> Pilates | 15% |
| <input type="radio"/> Zumba | 8% |
| <input type="radio"/> Book Group | 15% |
| <input type="radio"/> Cycling group | 8% |
| <input type="radio"/> Petanque | 11% |
| <input type="radio"/> Horticultural Society | 24% |
| <input type="radio"/> Computer Club | 0 |
| <input type="radio"/> Bell ringing | 5% |
| <input type="radio"/> Other – please give details | 48% |

Comments:

- Village Hall events
- Film Club and Dance classes
- Used to be involved with the football club when the children were younger
- Riding lessons
- None
- Walking and allotment
- MWDW (Mums Who Drink Wine)
- Community choir
- Films
- Too old n busy
- Lightfeet, community choir, film club
- Choir, community market, flower rota in church
- When my kids were younger I was heavily involved in running Locomotive Laxfield. On Wednesday I play cribbage in the Low House
- Crib
- Pub
- Knitting
- Village panto
- Activities at chapel
- Village hall – band/dances
- Knit & natter; community choir

35. Please tell us what sporting or leisure activities you would be interested in, that are not currently available in Laxfield (Please tick all that apply) **117**

- Yoga **34%**
- Table tennis **9%**
- Hockey **2%**
- Chess **3%**
- Scrabble **7%**
- None **36%**
- Other – please give details **32%**

36. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements: **167**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
Our sports facilities need to be improved (151)	2%	7%	54%	29%	9%
We have enough play areas (154)	5%	14%	42%	31%	10%
The village hall is a valuable asset to the village (165)	1%	2%	6%	38%	53%
We have enough village groups, clubs and social activities (150)	5%	15%	52%	24%	4%
Our mobile library service meets the village's needs (145)	5%	11%	52%	21%	10%

37. The school's swimming pool may have to be closed because of the costly repairs that it needs. Do you feel that this is a valuable facility for the community that we should support financially in order to keep it open? **164**

- Yes **50%**
- No **34%**

Comments (Yes):

- I think children have too many academic pressures and swimming is relaxing
- A group of interested parties to keep it open should be formed. Costs should then be investigated before any decision is made
- It should never be closed and available all year to the village and beyond at a fee
- It is so under facilitated, we all completed a survey years ago. It should be open to use for the school and the community. I would be more than happy to pay for use during the summer and school holidays
- Being able to swim is an essential element in a child's life
- Perhaps open to the paying public
- I didn't know it was there!
- It's very important our children can swim

- An asset to the village, such a shame the children cannot utilise in the summer months
- I didn't even know the school had a pool
- But it would then need to be fully open to residents, not just the school
- Sad it's not used or open in holidays, is this being said so it can be got rid of and a classroom put up, which I have no problem with, but if that's the case just say that
- It should never have been neglected
- But I would assume only to be used by the school
- If open summer evenings
- Used to enjoy evening swim
- More opportunities
- If it opens to the public
- Swimming is a life skill, however if it is not adequately used or cost prohibitive then no. There is a lovely accessible pool in Stradbroke
- Very valuable asset, paid and built by the parents
- But subject to the cost being sensible
- Open for adults evenings
- Open to the public out of school hours
- There is a cost of bussing the children to Stradbroke to be taken into account
- It is my firm belief that a school with a swimming pool is a great asset, learning to swim is a key skill and all children should have this opportunity right on their doorstep. It is somewhat disappointing that it has fallen into disrepair that we have to be asked this question. If it was repaired and made accessible for the community as a whole that would also be great, but the children should come first and we should ensure that it remains open for further generations
- My mum and other mums fundraised for this – I was a lifeguard all the time my children were at school – all children that left Laxfield could swim. In these times when we are encouraging children to move OF COURSE we should keep it open!!!
- The pool was made by the parents for village use over and over – for adult swimming on the evening, swimming every afternoon after school, and every day in the summer holidays. It should be rescued
- For the children sake yes, I'd consider making a small donation. The school should really pay but probably can't afford it

Comments (No):

- Ask parents of children to support it
- Stradbroke pool is better. The community can't use the Laxfield pool. The space is needed for a new classroom. It is a monumental pain in the ass to keep it open and, should you sink money into it, we'll have to sink (no pun) money in again every few years to maintain it. Believe me, teachers & the rest of the staff do not have time to devote to maintain it. I appreciate it would be a sad loss but, in the long run, it is absolutely the most sensible option
- The Stradbroke pool is open all year round and is able to meet the majority of our village needs. It is not just the cost of repairs but also the ongoing insurance, staffing and maintenance costs that the village would have to bear. I think that money could be better spent elsewhere
- Maintenance and Health and Safety outweigh the benefits
- Is it even open for the community. Stradbroke is just fine
- It's not open to the public is it? Stradbroke is better and not far away
- Add further classrooms. Demolish the pool

38. Do you agree with these statements? 157

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
a) We have a full range of facilities/activities for different age groups (157)	6%	20%	51%	22%	1%
b) We have a full range of facilities/activities for both men and women (153)	5%	13%	58%	24%	0
c) We have a full range of facilities/activities for those under 16 (151)	10%	19%	61%	9%	1%

Comments re a):

- Skate ramps for young people – that’s what they would like and have asked for over many, many years
- A good range certainly, but I’m sure there are gaps
- Not a lot for teenagers?
- Not sure all age groups are catered for in the village
- More for over 60s

Comments re b):

- I couldn’t possibly answer on behalf of the men in the village
- Please suggest badminton in village hall
- Can’t say, as I’m not aware of a full list being given anywhere
- There are plenty of activities for those of an outgoing nature

Comments re c):

- I just find that really difficult to believe
- Could be more for the youngsters, eg scouts and brownies
- More facilities to engage young people so that they are not spending so much time on gaming consoles – benefits to outdoor/exercise
- Under 16s would benefit from more clubs and activities as well as a place to meet up
- I think this particular age group is under catered
- More for U16s

39. How important do you feel the following shops and services are to Laxfield? Please choose the four that you feel are most important (172)

- Local shops 96%
- Post Office 98%
- Tea shop/café 20%
- Local car servicing & repairs 34%
- Local farm shop 23%
- Taxi services 32%

- Milk delivered to the door 6%
- Papers delivered to the door 5%
- Fresh fish van 20%
- Mobile greengrocer 5%
- Mobile beauty/hairdressing 4%
- Fish & chip van 19%
- Community market 61%
- Other – please tell us what

Comments:

- Doctors surgery
- Public house
- Full safe, fenced paddocks for dogs – for hiring
- Happy with the one shop
- Churches
- Preschool – an outstanding setting three times in a row that so far hasn't been mentioned in this survey
- Bottle bank, recycling centre
- An organic farm shop
- In addition to those marked, 10 or 5 are desirable. 3 would be pleasant but might not pay throughout the year, if at all. Any way in which food can be delivered is important

40. What, if anything, do you feel is missing? (50)

Comments:

- Tolerance
- More dancing, please
- More exercise equipment on the playing field for outdoor exercise
- Business units to employ people locally for start-ups
- Keeping the doctor's surgery open
- A pavement from the old cemetery past the new cemetery leading to the footpath sign leading off into the fields. This is a popular route for walkers and walkers with dogs
- Taxi would be handy but if you live in a rural community you cannot expect to have things on your doorstep
- Bridleways rather than riding on the road
- Butchers
- Police, especially traffic patrols. Traffic calming – speeding traffic is what totally removes any 'Village feel'
- Petrol station
- Speed limits on Dennington road
- Where will we collect prescriptions when the surgery shuts. Why not use Hartismere House
- A facility to attract teenagers – skate park?
- Individual shops, ie bakery, butchers, greengrocers. The co-op is great, but too small premises
- Skate park, badminton in village hall, swimming pool that is open, running track around field
- Nothing
- Clubs for under 16s
- Kids bike track, skate park
- Weekend cinema/film nights
- I love the village as it is
- Café

- Proper village green area
- A paved walkway along Vicarage Road as far as the back lane to Mill Road
- Tea shop!
- Located within local shop would include post office, teashop, local food produce
- Entertainment/activities for the inbetween age group
- Recycling centre
- More help for the elderly unable to get about ie doctors hospital
- Dancing
- Doctor's surgery (being discontinued). Need a suitable multi-purpose building for this – say combined with a better sports pavilion
- A dispensing chemist's shop would be handy from time to time
- Better public transport, especially for evenings (buses or taxis)
- Community park area
- Maybe a café in the village, a running club
- Taxis. Too many people drink and drive
- A café which could also be a co-working space, this could potentially attract home working villagers plus people from surrounding areas a flexible space that can also be used for events
- Bakers
- Use of the school pool for everyone
- Parking essential for the village hall
- Local co-working space
- Not sure
- Mobile vegetable van, delicatessen, butcher
- No village green (with duck pond!) as a place to sit. No viewpoint in the nature of the terrain. Tennis court
- Time for us to enjoy the village and the valuable people and their stories
- What we seem to have lost is the community feel. Everything seems to be around 1 pub or the other depending on age, apart of course from the market which is an outstanding function just a pity more village people don't use it or even visit

Social Infrastructure – health, education etc

41. How far do you have to travel to see your dentist? 166

- Less than 5 miles 0
- Between 5 and 12 miles 55%
- More than 12 miles 40%
- I don't see a dentist 5%

42. If you use this practice, how easy do you find the current doctor's surgery in the Guildhall to use in terms of:

	I don't use this practice	Very difficult	Difficult	Not very easy	Easy
a) Access to the building (109)	39%	39%	11%	8%	35%
b) Surgery times (105)	91%	19%	11%	10%	18%
c) Other – please comment (41)	56%				

Comments:

- I see, just today, that they are closing the surgery in the Guildhall
- Needs to open more
- Framlingham Practice is already oversubscribed with all the new housing in Framlingham. With a growing and ageing population here in Laxfield there is a definite need for a small surgery here. This would alleviate the difficulty in trying to get an appointment in Framlingham. This needs to be purpose built and accessible for all
- Surgery is rarely held
- The surgery is now closing will impose great difficulties on many people. An alternative site should be considered
- Do we need a more modern building?
- Hasn't the surgery just been closed on 'h & s' grounds
- The surgery looks like being on the way to closure. There is only one session a week and not always with a GP. We used to have a dispensing practice nurse but the practice ceased her employment
- Cost?
- Prefer Fram or Earl Soham
- Why have they closed this is should still be available how will people get on that can't drive to get to doctors we have had this since before I was born and I am Laxfield born and bred
- It is closing so people will have to travel further and it will be much more difficult for the elderly to collect prescriptions
- The service has deteriorated with no certainty or practice nurse each Friday session
- I understand that the surgery will not be functioning as a doctor's surgery in the future although prescriptions will still be sent there
- The arrangement seems inappropriate in the 21st century. What can be done there is limited
- Unfortunately surgeries in villages are liable to close, even when they are a main surgery serving a wide area
- We need a new doctor's surgery

43. Does the range of services offered by the current doctor's surgery meet your needs? 130

- Yes 48%
- No 19%
- Don't know 34%

44. What (if any) additional medical or well-being services would you like to see provided in Laxfield? 74

Comments:

- Structured Adult keep-fit classes
- Access primary care/practice nursing advice
- A medical centre, offering services such as chiropody, massage, well being activities
- Chemist
- More regular surgeries throughout the week
- A surgery held twice weekly at least in Hartismere House
- Well being nurse, annual check ups (MOTs), blood samples
- Yoga and other well-being classes in the village hall, not just for pregnant women
- Doctor and dentist plus physio
- New surgery with access for all here in Laxfield. This would take away some of the pressure in Framlingham

- None, happy to drive to my surgery at Fressingfield or Stradbroke, but if I didn't drive it would be difficult to get there so a branch surgery (like there used to be) would be handy
- Dentist
- Retain GP appts
- A doctor's surgery rather than once a week in the museum
- Walk-in surgery (perhaps monthly)
- Another day added for doctor
- Flu jab
- Social prescribing – eg drop in tea/coffee for lonely/recently moved in people
- Weekly doctor's surgery as before
- A new surgery
- With the imminent closure of the current inadequate surgery, new siting and at least a weekly consultation and prescription collection service should be considered
- Mobile health services
- Pharmacy in shop
- The Friday surgery reinstated for a start
- Existing is enough
- Satisfied with current facilities/services
- Doctor's surgery open full time would be great
- Not applicable as surgery is closing
- The worry tree café (for mental health well-being)
- Village Nurse
- More available care for those in Hartismere House
- Chiropodist, Physio, Health check centre
- Designate room for both doctors surgeries
- Delivery of medications to a central point. Access to a Doctor and/or Nurse drop-in once a week
- As the Doctor will no longer be having a Laxfield surgery could medicines etc still be collected in the village?
- Dispensing chemist with associated shop
- A surgery always manned by a GP and an improved sitting area. The dispensary has now taken that over
- Drop off for Halesworth doctors prescriptions
- Flu jabs
- Flu jabs and a better surgery
- Support for those in need
- More availability
- Pharmacy
- Longer surgery times and on more days
- Dancing
- Nurse for injections
- A hospital
- I would like to see the doctors stay open with better facilities and more flexible opening times
- Regular meetings and lunch club for those on their own apart from those already in Hartismere House
- Nurse – blood test type thing. Pop up service eg counselling
- Home visits
- To keep our surgery open, not close it
- Fressingfield practice in the village and the first responders very necessary because of the distance and wait for ambulances

- I understand the doctors surgery is to close in the New Year. I would like confirmation that there will still be a prescription delivery service to the village as there are many who rely on this service on a Friday due to the fact that they can't go to Framlingham to collect
- The doctors once per week visit to be re-established in acceptable circumstances
- Obviously properly equipped modern premises are desirable, available more than once a week
- General consultation and things like hearing, chiropody in a suitable set-up
- I don't use this practice but I feel it's valuable to our ageing community
- Since we are to lose this service, is it possible for it to take place in Hartismere House? Pill collection also
- Blood pressure machine
- Chiropody, well-being revokes generally (not just medical)
- Diabetic clinic
- Diabetic clinic, chiropody services
- Good tests, diabetes clinic
- Pharmacy; complementary health; pre-natal care
- Chemist, inoculation clinics, baby clinic
- New health centre

45. Do you feel that the primary school needs: 123

- More space 49%
- Smaller class sizes 16%
- More parking 90%
- Other facilities – please give details 11%

Comments:

- Space for forest schooling
- Swimming pool, parking
- New classroom/s
- Off street parking
- I am not sufficiently informed of current facilities to have an opinion
- That is up to the education department
- Another classroom to cope with the growth of this very successful school and hence avoid the risk that village primary-aged children have to travel to Dennington/Fram/Wilby etc to get a school place
- Urgent need for additional classroom(s)
- If there are more houses then the school needs to grow with it
- The use of the pool for the whole village
- Swimming pool revamp available to all residents at weekends and evening
- Reinstatement of the school pool

46. Do you feel that the pre-school needs: 99

- More teaching space 36%
- More parking 94%
- Better facilities – please give details 10%

Comments:

- Space including forest schooling
- More creative spaces
- A staff room. There is no designated space for staff to sit away from the children
- We need a meeting room. Our previous meeting room has been converted into a baby room
- More outdoor space

47. Would you find a voluntary service like the 'Good Neighbours' scheme (similar to those in Stradbroke and Walpole) useful? 162

- Yes 38%
- No 11%
- Don't know 51%

48. Should we make Laxfield a dementia-friendly village? 170

- Yes 69%
- No 4%
- Don't know 27%

49. Are there, in your view, ways in which we could and should help people to live their lives to the full extent of their capability? 42

Comments:

- Tolerance and patience with all ability and all views
- Just continue to be as community minded as the village appears to be
- Develop good neighbour schemes that include people with dementia
- Yes, by improving public transport
- Not enough sheltered housing for the ageing population
- Yes, I think inviting well-being classes, like yoga, or higher education courses and business units to employ people locally
- Be aware of your neighbours
- More activities for the elderly in Hartismere House to take part in
- As I am currently fit and well, I would not find a good neighbours scheme helpful but I would be very happy to help as a volunteer with something like that
- Shop although so useful to us is often very cramped with stock, making it difficult for those with disabilities or pushchairs
- I think the village already has a range of formal/informal networks
- Again – get something done about the speeding. Ruins living in the village for many
- Incorporating 'Smart Home' ideas into new builds
- Zebra crossing from the Link across the High St
- Interaction with the elderly who live alone. Supervised activities for the under 10s
- A friendly co-operative of volunteers to offer practical and social help as and when needed. This would need experienced organisation
- The old and the young should come together more
- Yes
- Already in place
- People do as people do, but looking out for neighbours and lonely people should be a priority
- More support for the vulnerable
- Offer help in cold weather, during illness, etc
- We do try to
- Shared experiences – makers space, Interactive objects in public places, safe places to stand/sit and talk
- Take more care of the old

- More local people prepared to talk and engage with the elderly
- Don't interfere and let them get on with it
- Zebra crossing between the Royal Oak and Old Boys School, with dropped kerb to reach footpath
- A volunteers scheme
- I agree with the principle but don't know enough about the area
- Yes. Giving lifts and helping others
- More everyday stuff in the shop for thos that can't travel to shop come on co-op help us more
- Yes not sure what these are right now. Requires more thinking
- I think a neighbourhood scheme to help those recently bereaved or lonely would be valuable
- Full time warden in Hartismere House. Many more events taking place there
- The Good Neighbours scheme is probably the best if it means that people are actively looking out for any particular need
- I think Hartismere House is our crown jewel – if funds we should reinstate a F/T warden
- Maybe dementia workshops

50. How do you keep informed about what is happening in and around the village? 172

- The village website 8%
- The Low House FaceBook page 13%
- The village noticeboard 47%
- The Parish Magazine 81%
- Word of mouth 87%
- Other - please give details 9%

Comments:

- Royal Oak newsletter
- Next door Laxfield email site
- The Royal Oak pub
- Other social media, using Laxfield hashtag
- Nextdoor app
- Shop external noticeboard
- The Royal Oak email newsletter, and The Royal Oak facebook page
- Posters pinned to trees and lamp-posts
- The Low House by word of mouth (Facebook virgin)
- The Royal Oak newsletter (email) and their facebook page. Also notices put up in the co-op and Graystons and round the village. (It seems odd to have included the Low House facebook page but not the Royal Oak's facebook page!)

51. Bearing in mind the possible developments that might result from the Neighbourhood Plan, how would you like Laxfield to be described in 2038? (Please tick one in each column: 1-5, 'like least' – 'like most') 172

	1 Like least	2	3	4	5 Like most
Affordable (137)	7%	4%	15%	20%	54%
Inclusive (113)	7%	6%	12%	13%	61%
Tranquil & quiet (130)	1%	2%	13%	20%	65%
Vibrant (106)	12%	3%	26%	22%	37%

Creative (117)	3%	3%	18%	23%	53%
Enterprising (113)	7%	7%	23%	19%	44%
Modern (98)	21%	20%	26%	11%	22%
Traditional (116)	3%	7%	19%	28%	43%
Tourist destination (99)	20%	15%	26%	20%	18%
Commuter centre (87)	66%	13%	15%	5%	2%
Retirement destination (92)	33%	23%	28%	9%	8%
Caring (133)	0	1%	7%	22%	71%
A strong sense of community (156)	0	0	4%	11%	85%