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Spofforth Castle

Introduction

In 2000 the Government launched an initiative via the Countryside Agency to allow local rural communities to apply for funding to put together a parish plan which allows a community to 'identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved'. It would set out a vision for the community in the future and identify the action needed to tackle issues of concern and should include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community, from employment needs to playgrounds.

A parish plan gives everyone a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting them and how they'd like to see their community improved during the next five, 10 or even 15 years. The whole community has to be involved.

Following the formation of a Parish Plan Steering Group, we were successful in obtaining funding through Rural Action Yorkshire, along with additional funding from the NYCC County Area Committee for Harrogate District, the Parish Council and the Village Society. During 2008 an extensive survey was carried out throughout the Parish of Spofforth with Stockeld through a questionnaire. It asked the community for their views about the Parish and what they wanted to see improved.



Tim Beevers, Chair
Spofforth with Stockeld Parish
Plan Steering Group

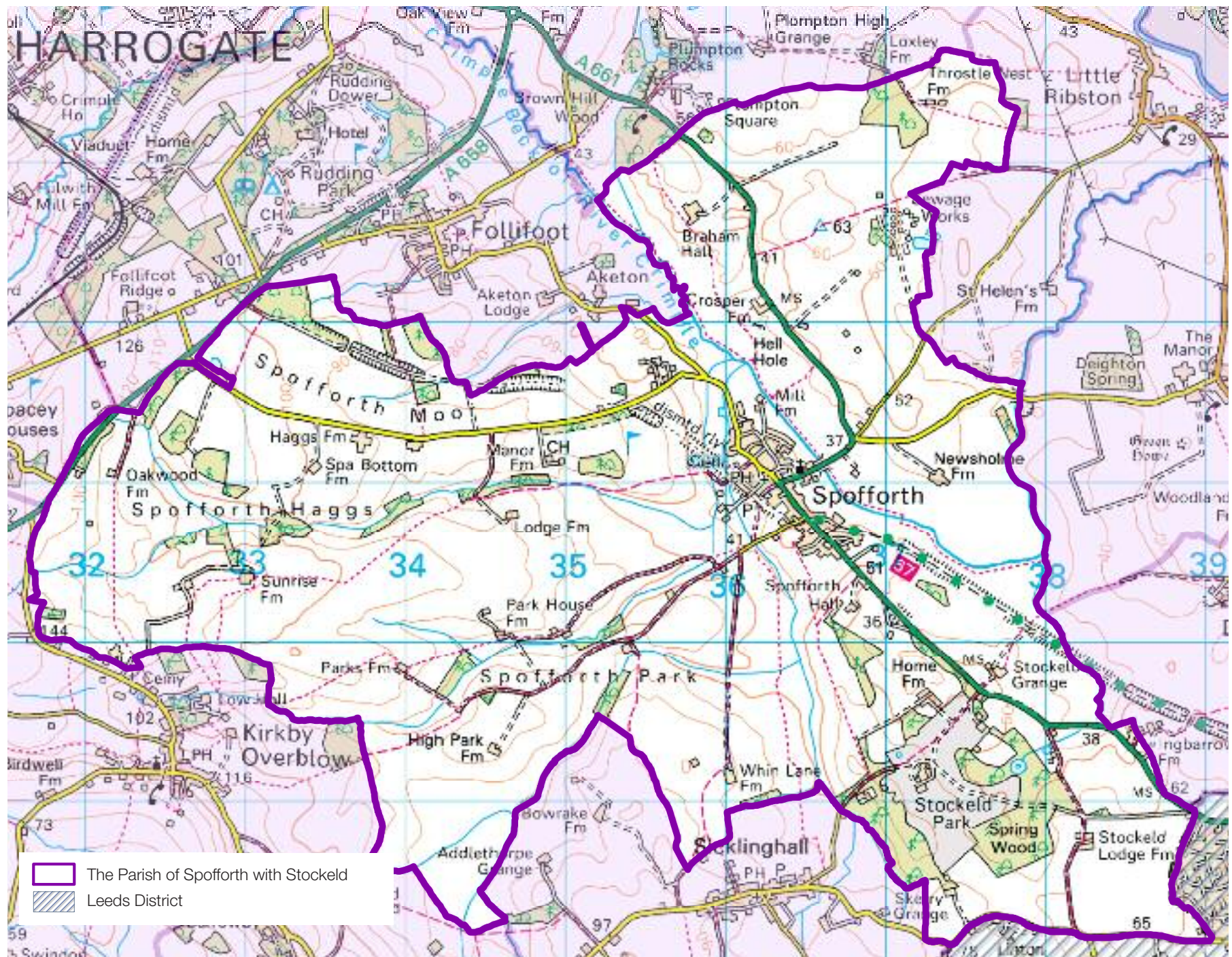
Five hundred and twenty homes received the questionnaire and an outstanding 65% were returned completed. The results have been analysed and are presented within this Parish Plan, a very important document which should encourage discussion and result in actions that will benefit the whole community.

We would like to thank all those who took part in the survey. The Parish Plan is a working document and we do hope it will encourage residents to work together in improving the facilities available to us all.



Castle Street

Front cover Spofforth logo design by Sophia Hesketh (year 6), Spofforth CE Primary. Children were asked to create a logo which depicted images that represented Spofforth and what is significant to them. This was the winning design chosen by Shirley Fawcett (Chair of the Parish Council). Interestingly, Sophia's grandfather Peter designed the logo that has featured on the school's letterheads for some years now.



A History of The Parish of Spofforth with Stockeld

The name Spofforth is believed to originate from Spaw (spa or well) and ford (crossing place) and the parish encompassed Follifoot, Linton, Plumpton, Little Ribston, Stockeld and Wetherby.

The first official mention of Spofforth is in the Domesday Book of 1086. *'In Spoford Gamelbar had three carucates of land, and there may be two ploughs, William de Percy now has four ploughs there, and nine villanes and ten bordars with four ploughs, and one mill of 2s and four acres of meadow; wood pasture one mile long and one broad; the whole sixteen quarantens long and one broad; the whole sixteen quarantens long and twelve broad. Value in King Edward's time 20s., now 60s'.* However, a settlement was here many years before this - Bronze Age battle axes and part of an Anglo-Saxon cross shaft have been found, whilst in 2001 a burial site was uncovered with artefacts dating back to at least 660 AD.

About 867 AD Danes invaded from the north - the land being reported as mostly

wild uncultivated scrub and moor with wolves and bears indigenous.

The land was awarded to **William de Percy** after the Norman Conquest and he constructed the **Castle**, although officially a fortified manor house, which was originally an 11th century fortified manor house. The family stayed there for 300 years. The Castle was

fortified in 1308 and renovated in 1559: sadly, it was then ruined in the Civil War. The oldest part is the 13th century undercroft to the hall which is built against a rocky outcrop. There is a 14th century two-storey chamber to the north of the hall that has a polygonal stair turret on the north-west corner. The main hall was rebuilt in the 15th century.



The Millennium celebrations culminated in 'Pageant in the Park - The Footprints of Time' performed on the Castle Field.

Tradition has it that the drawing up of the provisions of the **Magna Carta** in 1215 was held here. In 1224 a grant was obtained for a Friday market and in 1308

Henry Percy obtained a licence from the King to crenellate his manor. However in 1309 the Percies acquired their castle in Alnwick and their Spofforth property became less popular as a family residence. Various sightings of a bluish-white apparition falling from one of the towers have been reported.

The Poll Tax of 1379 shows the number of houses as 40 and inhabitants numbered about 180. After the Battle of Towton in 1461 the Castle was plundered and burnt by the victorious Yorkists after the death of **Henry Percy** along with thousands of his fellow Lancastrian supporters. The Hearth Tax of 1672 shows 85 houses and a population of 382 including both Stockeld and Braham. In 1688 **Laurence Eusden**, son of Rev. Eusden of Spofforth was baptised here; he became Poet Laureate in 1718 although he was unpopular amongst his contemporaries. In 1712 John Hebden, cellist, bassoonist and composer was also baptised at Spofforth Church. The scandalous divorce case of Middleton v Rose of **Stockeld Park** rocked English society in 1795.

John Metcalf (Blind Jack), road maker extraordinary, having retired to live with his daughter off the High Street, died in 1810 at the age of 92 and is buried in the churchyard. He was a regular domino player at the White Horse Inn. In the same year the **Methodist Chapel** on School Lane was registered.

The Hon. **William Herbert**, classical scholar, linguist and naturalist, became Rector in 1814 and cultivated the *Herbertia* crocus corms in Spofforth.

The Old Rectory is believed to date back to the 14th century with remains of an old 'church' window still visible at the rear. It was home to many rectors of **All Saints Church** until 1954 when it was sold by the church to become a private home. More recently Christopher Dickens, great-great grandson of **Charles Dickens** lived there

for 40 years. The Old Rectory is a Grade II listed mainly Georgian house with a listed double archway entrance believed to have been moved here from Spofforth Castle.

In August 1847 the railway line between Church Fenton and Spofforth was opened, employing horse omnibuses to ferry passengers on to Harrogate until the completion of the line in 1848. The National School was completed in 1850 at a total cost of £742.2 shillings. It was founded by the Rector Rev. **James Tripp B.A.**, who in 1855 almost completely rebuilt the chancel and nave of the church attracting much criticism. Various other schools also flourished - **Potter's Academy** and **Red Hill House** were boarding schools as well as dame schools.

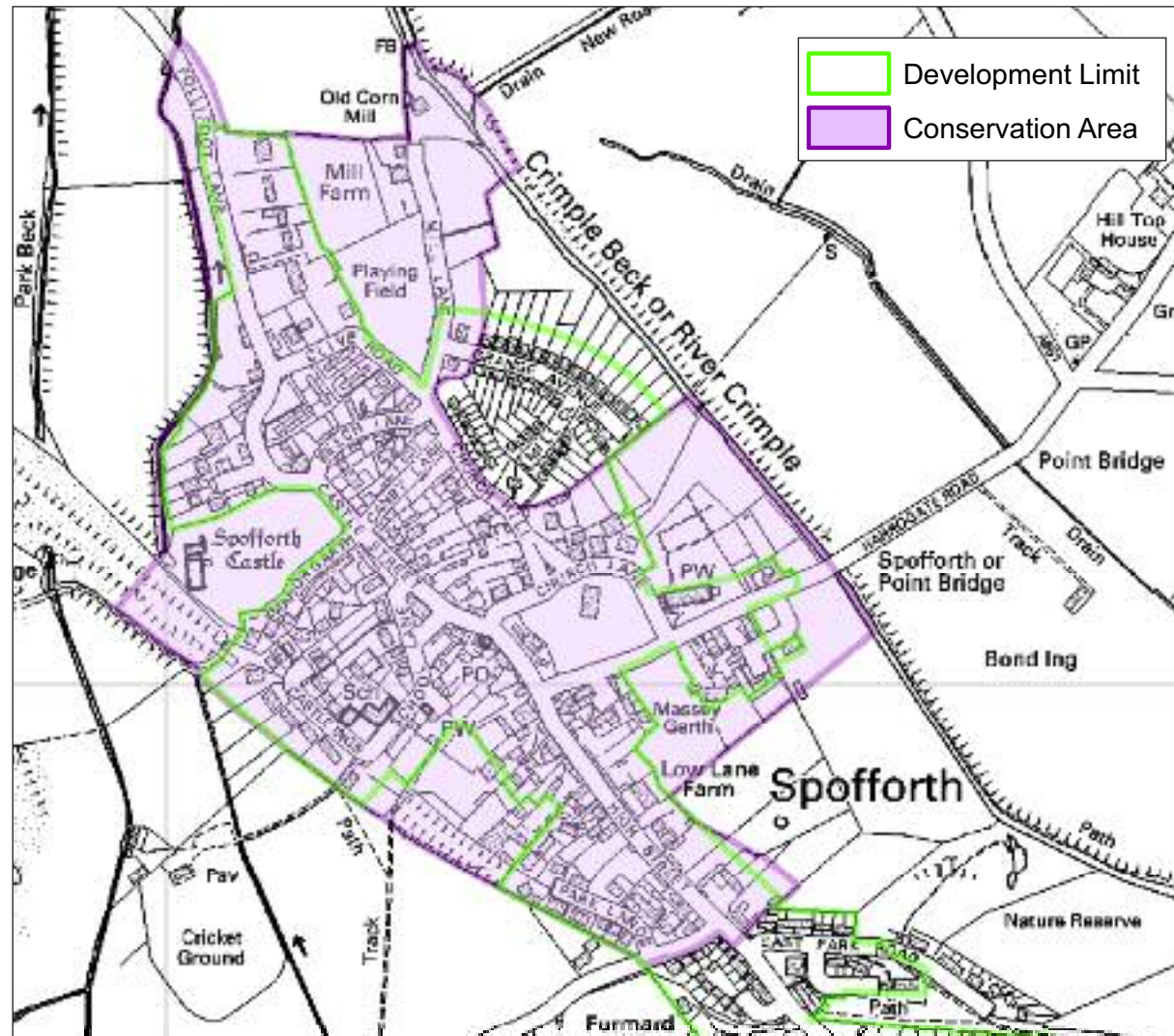
The **Village Feast** was held in November starting on the first Sunday after the fifth. Various events and 'treats' took place, including in 1859 'a good fat goose was presented to every household' and in 1908 a circus, menagerie, whirligigs and shooting galleries formed part of the entertainment.

There were five public houses, The Castle, King William IV, The Prince of Wales, The White Horse and Railway Inn of which only two are still trading.

In 1908 **Spofforth Football Club** was founded, whilst in 1926 a local Lodge of the Royal Antideluvian Order of Buffaloes was initiated. The foundation stone of the **Long Memorial Hall** was laid in 1927 and officially opened the following year in recognition of the Long family - horse breeders and upstanding citizens of the village.

Nineteen villagers were lost 1914-1921 as inscribed at the entrance of the Memorial Hall, whilst the Parish lost considerably more in both conflicts as commemorated in the Church. In 1943 a Halifax BB282 crashed onto the sewage works killing six of the crew.

In 1959 **Leonard Cheshire** officially opened the third Cheshire Home in Yorkshire at Spofforth Hall. The railway line and station was closed by Beeching in January 1964. A Village Day was held in 1987 to purchase the **Castle Field** thus preventing any development on it. The **Harland Way** cycle track between Spofforth and Wetherby opened in 1992.



Spofforth Today

Spofforth is a pretty village located within the 'golden triangle' between Wetherby and Harrogate. A large part of the village is in a Conservation Area with 13 items on the statutory list of Buildings of Special Architecture or Historic Interest, i.e. grade I or II listed. Stockeld is located on the A661 just outside Spofforth towards Wetherby. Stockeld Park is a privately owned 2,000 acre agricultural estate and home to *The Christmas Adventure* and also one of Yorkshire's finest Christmas tree growers.

The Parish of Spofforth with Stockeld has a population of 1,200 living mainly within the village of Spofforth along and off the High Street, Castle Street and Harrogate Road, the busy Harrogate to Wetherby route. The newer developments of Massey Garth and White Horse Mews are off Harrogate Road and, more recently, a number

of affordable housing developments became available on East Park Road off Park Road. Spofforth offers a wide range of excellent facilities which include a shop, two public houses, hairdressers, a village hall, cricket club, snooker club and a golf course to name a few.

Spofforth CE Primary School is located on School Lane. James Tripp, Rector of Spofforth, founded the school in 1847 and a stone plaque to commemorate his death

in 1879 is located above one of the cloakroom doors. In the 1960s with the expansion of the village the schoolhouse was amalgamated into the main building and new classrooms were constructed. The school has seen many improvements with its facilities and grounds and is very well supported by both the PTA and other village based organisations.



All Saints Church is a large interesting church boasting a carved cross neck dating from the first half of the 10th century, a Norman south doorway and a stone effigy of Sir Robert de Plompton who died in 1323. The tower was built in the 15th century and the nave and chancel were almost completely rebuilt in 1855.

"Over the next few years, as your new Vicar, I'm aiming to return the church to the heart of the community, strengthening links between church, school and local organisations. Upgrades to church facilities plus new services are also planned"

The Revd Professor Myra Shackley

Spofforth today reflects much of its past and its historic character. The Castle, an English Heritage property, is managed by the Parish Council and is a very popular attraction for both locals and those from much further afield.

Ramblers frequent the area walking by the old corn mill via the listed packhorse bridge and passing the school field which exhibits the traditional ridge and furrow system of strip farming. Other popular walks lead to the villages of Kirkby Overblow and Sicklinghall. The Harland Way, a well used cycle track from Wetherby to Spofforth, brings visitors to the village and trade to the inns and shop.





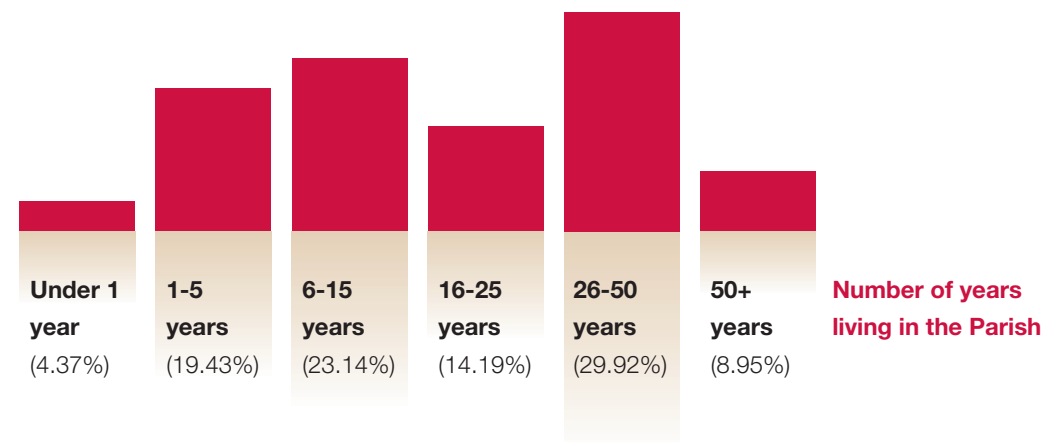
Taken around 1890



Taken in 2009

You and Your Family

There are nearly 520 homes within the Parish with 1,200 residents on the electoral register. We were able to establish how long people had resided in the Parish, and this showed an element of stability with the highest percentage living here between 26-50 years



The Environment

Spofforth lies six miles south-east of Harrogate and three miles north-west of the market town of Wetherby. It occupies a low ridge between Park Beck and the River Crimble.

Situated within North Yorkshire and within a conservation area, Spofforth benefits from the protection of the existing architectural and historic interest of the area, the potential for enhancement and the opportunity to conserve the local heritage. In addition, property values in a conservation area are often higher than those outside because of the additional care, thought and resources given to the area by residents and the local authority.



The Millennium Garden, Spofforth

A high number of responses within this section showed that people within the Parish had concerns and views about the environment, especially in relation to recycling, litter and dog waste with a call for more support of Spofforth in Bloom. 77% said yes to greater support of this initiative run by a small group of volunteers who dedicate their time to making the village look colourful with tubs, baskets and many pockets of planting and conserving the Spofforth

crocus. They encourage involvement and raise awareness. Yorkshire in Bloom judging takes place twice a year and their highest accolade is Silver Gilt. The Strawberry Teas event in summer is one of their fund raising activities.

An overwhelming 83% said yes to campaigning for a by-pass although, given the possible environmental and social implications, there were several comments from people against the campaign such as an increase in housing within the in-fill areas, the village could become cut off and speed is a major concern not the volume of traffic. This subject has been tackled in more depth within the Transport section on page 14.

There was great concern about dog waste with 63% wanting to see more dog-waste bins for owners to use, 38% wishing to see more notices to pick up waste and litter and 35% wanting to see greater publicity relating to the health hazards of dog waste.

Interestingly, 42% of residents were not happy with the recycling facilities within the Parish with desires to have wheelie bins including green bins, garden waste recycling, plastic and cardboard recycling kerbside or at The Castle pub. Residents of Spofforth Hall called for their own recycling facilities.

Street lighting was generally seen as effective with 48% stating no change required. However, 17% would like to see the church floodlit and 15% feel the village would benefit from better lighting in areas such as School Lane to Castle Ings, Spofforth Castle and Castle Street close to the Manor House. Some residents felt that street lights should be switched off at midnight to conserve energy.



Ginny Greenholes, a nature reserve also known as 'The Wetlands', is being developed to enhance its wildlife interest and to create a very special open place for the village to enjoy, with a car park, picnic areas, a children's play area and interpretation panel.



The magnificent red kite has made a welcome return to the skies over the Parish after many years.

In terms of open and communal spaces importance was noted as follows:

Access to countryside footpaths	357	74.53%
The Castle	344	71.82%
Cycle track	287	59.92%
Village Hall	269	56.16%
Cricket ground	251	52.40%
Village Green	229	47.81%
Millennium Garden	206	43.01%
School field	191	39.87%
Railway embankment	177	36.95%
The Wetlands 'Ginny Greenholes'	108	22.55%

Environment Action Group

Following on from the results received, a small Environment Action Group has been formed to work at improving facilities for dog owners and raising awareness i.e. more waste bins, better signage, name and shame owners not complying to the law and more on-spot fines. Along with this the group has a small amount of funding to produce a reference guide for walkers coming to Spofforth, where to access information about good walks, cycle routes, walks with buggies and places of interest around Spofforth and Stockeld.



Environment Action Plan

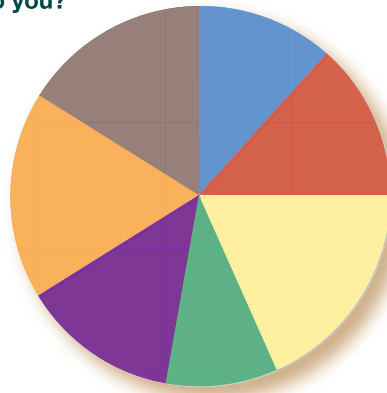
Issue	Ultimate objective	Action required	Timing
Recycling	Introduce wheelie bins. Garden, cardboard and plastics facilities	Liaise with Parish and Borough Councils	2009-2010
Dog waste	More dog-waste bins	Work with Parish Council along with action to get better signage and more bins. More dog wardens needed. Raise awareness	2009-2010
By-pass	Campaign for a by-pass	Work with the Transport Action Group (see page 14)	
Street lights	Church lighting Castle and street lights	In consultation	N/A
Open spaces	More dog walks Playing fields Wheelchair access	In consultation	N/A

The Economy

Within The Economy section of the questionnaire we studied employment trends, existing businesses and the importance of tourism.

Local opportunities in terms of employment was important.

Which of these local opportunities are important to you?



When asked about employment, many local people were unaware of existing businesses within the Parish and supported the use of a booklet advertising local businesses.

Would you support a directory of services and businesses for the Parish?



From early Working Group research people were keen to support new business.

Services include the shop, pubs, hairdressers, fish and chip van every Tuesday and the mobile library.

Which business would you support within the Parish?



Spofforth has a rich heritage and is well located for tourism; people visit Spofforth to wander around the Castle and use the village as a base for many local walks.

In terms of tourism, which of the following are important to you?





Economy Action Plan

Establish a working group.

Involve the Village Society and produce a services guide.

Involve other working groups for history and walks guides.

Assess the feasibility of a pocket in the Parish Plan to hold services and walks guides.

Assess the feasibility of a new community shop and tea room.

Economy

Issue	Ultimate objective	Action required	Timing
Businesses	Booklet, directory of services	Form working groups	2009
Local guides	Walking and history	Work with other groups	2010
New facilities	Community shop and tea room	Funding	ASAP



Social and Community

Within the questionnaire we tried to find out how people felt about the community they lived in and what would encourage them to participate more in community activities.

The village offers a good social life with the Village Gala well attended every summer plus the Family Fun Day on Castle Field. Winter nights offer Bonfire Night fun at the cricket ground plus carols around the tree in the Millennium Garden.



Spofforth in action

Cricket has been played in Spofforth since at least the middle of the 19th century, with evidence of a match being played opposite the village church prior to 1854.

In 2008 Spofforth CC won the Wetherby League championship for the 13th time, believed to be a League record. As well as the senior teams the club also runs five junior teams, at under 9, under 11,

under 13, under 15 and under 17 levels and holds regular Friday evening coaching sessions from the end of April through to the end of July with 110 junior members registered.

The club is Sport England Clubmark accredited, which ensures that the junior programme is conducted as a safe child-friendly environment - the first cricket club in North Yorkshire to achieve this status and only the third in the county. The club also coaches into four local primary schools, Spofforth, Goldsborough, Kirkby Overblow and Sicklinghall. (All their coaches are Criminal Records Bureau checked).

Whilst the club attracts players from the surrounding areas it is always conscious of its roots and is at the hub of the village community. It hosts the annual Village Gala in partnership with the village school Parent Teacher Association.



Around 1915, the original Snooker Club in Spofforth had one table at Massey Garth, now known as Chantry House. The villagers referred to this room as 'the reading room' and, with the kind permission of the then owner Mr CH Knowles, the men both young and old were free to come and go whenever they wanted a game.

When the Long Memorial Hall was completed around 1928, the table was moved to a snooker room dedicated to the purpose.

A second table was acquired from the closing of the Wetherby Conservative Club in the 1960s.

Two teams are members of the Harrogate and District League and a further two teams are members of the Caines Jewellers League, formerly known as the Mid Wharfedale League. However, tables can be booked for social play. The club extends a warm welcome to all, but limits junior members to accompaniment by an adult member. There are membership fees.

Spofforth has a very popular 18 hole pay and play parkland golf course off Haggs Road. Also off Haggs Road is the Sunrise Lakes Fishery.

Events and Activities



Most people in the village (59%) felt that there were sufficient activities in place to support their interests. However, comments show an awareness of a lack of opportunities for young people in the village and a number of suggestions were made.

In terms of village events 52% of people reported that they felt there was

no need for additional events in the village's annual calendar. The Gala was attended by 62% of respondents and as such was the most popular village event. The second most popular event, also based at the cricket ground, was the village Bonfire Night attended by 35% of respondents. Village Hall based events, the WI Fair and the Church Fair, as well as the school Christmas Fair held at the school, were each attended by around 20% of respondents.

The need for better publicity of events and activities was also noted.

The majority of people were not interested in adult education facilities (58%) though of those that were interested, language classes and IT training were popular choices.

Social and Community Action Plan

Issues	Objective	Action	Timing
Young person activities	Youth Club	Committee and venue	Sept 2009
Communal spaces	Develop usage	Additional sports/clubs	ASAP
Seniors activities	Snooker	Arrange with club	imminent
Travel difficulties	Shop delivery service	Arrange with shops	ASAP
	Voluntary car service	Develop existing	ASAP
Education/Communication	PC/Internet training	Organise with school	current
Extend health services	Chiropody	Liaise with GPs	ASAP



Village Hall Activities

Monday Monkeys (Mums and Toddlers)

Age Concern Coffee Morning

Yoga

Spofforth Women's Institute

Bingo

Line Dancing

Sequence Dancing

Spofforth Snooker Club

GP Surgery

Spofforth with Stockeld Parish Council

Village Hall Events

Spring Fair March

Spofforth WI Summer Market June

Church Fair November

Kirkby Overblow Dramatic Society Last week November/first week December

Ceilidh Winter

The Hall now has disabled facilities which include a disabled toilet and a stairlift access to the main hall. A modernised meeting room seats 12.

An excellent venue for children's parties, dances, theatre groups, workshops and wedding receptions the Hall can even accomodate a bouncy castle for children's parties!

Transport

In the Transport section the aim was to establish methods of transport used and any related issues. Also to highlight any concerns that you may have relating to parking or traffic in the village.

Not surprisingly the major method of transport for our villagers is the car, with 93% of respondents claiming this as their main form of transport. Around 40% state that they never use taxi services and the general view of the bus service is that it is satisfactory. Detailed responses to these issues can be found in the General Statistics section.

The major issues highlighted in the pre-questionnaire village meetings surrounded both traffic levels and speed as well as parking. Accepting that these were major concerns of villagers, the questionnaire aimed to identify methods of addressing them.



Traffic levels

83% of respondents would support a campaign for a by-pass.

Assuming that the by-pass is a medium to long-term project, villagers were asked to give their views on the preferred methods of traffic calming and the following percentages relate to category 1 value ratings given by respondents for each treatment:-

Chicane 64%

Speed bumps 51%

Speed cameras 41%

Speed reductions 28%

Flashing signs 16%

Parking

Parking remains a major issue in the village and effective treatment will vary in each individual 'hot spot' but blanket treatments were rated as follows, again as category 1 ratings:-

Greater traffic control 68%

Double yellow lines 56%

Visitor parking 48%

Public parking areas 29%

Road widening 28%

Bollards 12%



Transport Action Plan

Issue	Ultimate objective	Action required	Timing	Success criteria
By-pass feasibility	A by-pass	Understand the process Understand the feasibility/possibility Champion the cause	2015	Build a by-pass
Traffic calming	Calm traffic in the village	Understand the real problems, levels and behaviour Establish optimum methods of calming Understand the process of introduction Establish all key areas in the village	End 2009	Effective change in traffic
Parking policy	Devise a plan	Establish potential solutions for each Understand the process of introduction	End 2010	A harmonious village parking strategy

Children and Young People

In this section we have looked at the facilities for young people in Spofforth. We have tried to explore where we are doing it well, where it can be improved, what age groups are catered for and if there are any sections of our community which feel excluded.

108 young people completed this part of the questionnaire. 73% felt there was not enough for young people to do.

We asked about the range of clubs and activities young people would support if provided.

Playground	73
Sport	58
Cinema Club	50
Martial Arts	45
Drama Group	42
Holiday Club	42
Youth Club	42
Dance Class	39
Cubs/Brownies	32
Scouts/Guides	28

When questioned about sports activities you would support if they were available, the ideas were as follows:

Squash/tennis courts, football, running, badminton, archery, a maypole, athletics, rugby, playground for a large range of ages, baseball, basketball nets, assault course, hockey, mountain bike park/course (possibly on cycle track), shooting club, motorcross track, netball, swimming, golf for younger people.

When asked what three things young people liked about living in Spofforth you responded as follows:

Good Christmas tree	1
Church	1
Church Choir	1
Good ice-skating rink	1
Golf nearby	1
Spofforth in Bloom displays	1
School Field	2
Cycle track	5
Friends live close by	5
Gala	5
Nice village shop	6
Buses to Harrogate	6
Quiet place to live	8
Good school	9
Safe and everyone is friendly	9
Castle ruin and Castle Field	11
Cricket Club	14
Scenery, the countryside, walks around the area	15

When asked which three things young people disliked about living in Spofforth, you responded as follows:

We don't do much as a community	1
Animals sometimes get killed on the road	1
People are spoiling the environment	1
Bullies	1
No signal for orange phones	1
No police	1
No football nets	1
Broken glass around the Castle	1
Don't know many people as don't go to	
Spofforth school	1
Short cycle path	1
Dog and horse mess	2
Not enough buses	2
Teenage threat	2
No youth club	2
Isolated	2
Buses are too expensive	3
Too many cars on the street (parked)	3
Only one shop and it's quite expensive	5
I can't play cricket until I am six	7
No organised activities	11
Nothing for children to do i.e. playground	14
The main road is too busy	15



To live in Spofforth is very nice,
We have a church a school
two pubs and a village hall for good dances on Saturday Nights!
There is the castle and
its scary History
and a fish and chip van
on Tuesday for our tea!
The people are friendly
and smile alot,
Spofforth is where I'm staying like it or not!!

by Elliot Machin, aged 9

Living in Spofforth is fantastic
except when you can't recycle plastic,
I really like going to the schools
and learning stuff is really cool.

by Charlotte Balfour, aged 6 1/2

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens are catered for with activities which include the following:

Age Concern Coffee Morning | Village Hall
First Thursday and third Tuesday of each month

An opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and cake. Run by Age Concern Knaresborough. Information is available on all age related matters.

Spofforth Seniors Luncheon Club | Castle Inn
Last Tuesday of the month

An informal monthly get together over lunch. It's open to all Spofforth seniors but booking is required.

The Travel Club | Various destinations | Usually meet at Village Hall
or pick up from home

Occasional excursions to places of interest locally. Transport is provided by either minibus or volunteer drivers.

Computer Course | Spofforth School

A basic introduction to IT skills. Initial five week course run by North Yorkshire County Council Adult Learning Service.



General Statistics

Total number of households = 325. The number of responses for each question is given and, where possible, the percentage of total responses this represents is given in brackets. Some questions allowed multiple responses and therefore no percentage is given for the total.

Section 1 - About you and your family

Q1	Numbers in household in each age group?	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
Q1a 81	0-10 years old	46 (56.79%)	32 (39.51%)	3 (3.70%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1b 78	11-17 years old	53 (67.95%)	23 (29.49%)	2 (2.56%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1c 105	18-30 years old	66 (62.86%)	37 (35.24%)	1 (0.95%)	1 (0.95%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1d 205	31-50 years old	71 (34.63%)	133 (64.88%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.49%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1e 191	51-64 years old	82 (42.93%)	109 (57.07%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.49%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1f 132	65-84 years old	61 (46.21%)	70 (53.03%)	1 (0.76%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q1g 12	85+ years old	12 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Q2 485	How long has the longest residing family unit member lived in the Parish?	< 1 Year 20 (4.37%)	1-5 Years 89 (19.43%)	6-15 Years 106 (23.14%)	16-25 Years 65 (14.19%)	26-50 Years 137 (29.92%)	50+ Years 41 (8.95%)
Q3 460	Main reason for living here?	Born 36 (7.83%)	School 2 (0.43%)	Work 70 (15.22%)	Retired 41 (8.91%)	Family 76 (16.52%)	The area 235 (51.09%)

Q4 How many passenger vehicles (cars, vans, motor cycles, mopeds) are owned by people in your household? Response omitted as response misinterpreted

Section 2 - Transport

Q5 459	What is the main form of transport that you use?	Bus 29 (6.32%)	Car 428 (93.24%)	Cycle1 (0.22%)	Motorbike 0 (0%)	Taxi 0 (0%)	Walk 1 (0.22%)	Other 0 (0%)
Q6	How do you rate the following aspects of the bus service?							
Q6a 293	Cost	Good 57 (19.45%)	Ok 63 (21.50%)	Poor 140 (47.79%)	Don't Know 33 (11.26%)			
Q6b 298	Friendliness of drivers	Good 102 (34.23%)	Ok 135 (45.30%)	Poor 31 (10.40%)	Don't Know 30 (10.07%)			
Q6c 286	Helpfulness of drivers	Good 76 (26.57%)	Ok 144 (50.35%)	Poor 31 (10.84%)	Don't Know 35 (12.24%)			
Q6d 307	Reliability	Good 145 (47.23%)	Ok 124 (40.39%)	Poor 21 (6.84%)	Don't Know 17 (5.54%)			
Q6e 303	Route	Good 146 (48.19%)	Ok 113 (37.29%)	Poor 21 (6.93%)	Don't Know 23 (7.59%)			
Q6f 304	Timetable	Good 145 (47.70%)	Ok 117 (38.49%)	Poor 25 (8.22%)	Don't Know 17 (5.59%)			
Q6g 296	Waiting environment	Good 74 (25.00%)	Ok 156 (52.70%)	Poor 51 (17.23%)	Don't Know 15 (5.07%)			
Q6h 6	Other	Good 1 (16.67%)	Ok 0 (0.00%)	Poor 2 (33.33%)	Don't Know 3 (50.00%)			
Q6i 63	Not applicable	Good 61 (19.45%)	Ok 0 (0.00%)	Poor 0 (0.00%)	Don't Know 2 (3.17%)			
Q7 402	On average how many times a week do you use local taxi services?	More than once a day 0 (0.00%)	Once a day 0 (0.00%)	3-5 times a week 0 (0.00%)	1-2 times a week 18 (4.48%)			
		Less than once a week 64 (15.92%)	Almost never 167 (41.54%)	Never 153 (38.06%)	Run own Taxi service 0 (0.00%)			
Q8 380	Would you use a 'Dial-a-Ride' service?	Yes 40 (10.53%)	No 340 (89.47%)					
Q9 711	What difficulties have you had using the 'Countryside' public footpaths?	Bushes / Nettles 158 (32.99%)	Don't know where they are 63 (13.15%)					
		Farm animals 38 (7.93%)	lack of signage 111 (23.17%)					
		Locked / Fenced gates 44 (9.19%)	Mud/water 96 (20.04%)					
		No dog flaps 22 (4.59%)	Other 9 (1.88%)					
		No difficulty 170 (35.49%)						
Q10 450	Do you use the Harland Way?	Yes 326 (72.45%)	No 92 (20.44%)	Don't know where it is 32 (7.11%)				
Q10a 314	Are signs adequate?	Yes 286 (91.08%)	No 27 (8.60%)	Don't know 1 (0.32%)				
Q10b 313	Do you know where it is?	Yes 311 (99.36%)	No 2 (0.64%)	Don't know 0 (0.00%)				
Q10c 315	Do you feel safe?	Yes 267 (84.76%)	No 44 (13.97%)	Don't know 4 (1.27%)				
Q10d 314	Is the surface adequate?	Yes 282 (89.81%)	No 32 (10.19%)	Don't know 0 (0.00%)				
Q10e 306	Would you like it extending?	Yes 269 (87.90%)	No 20 (6.54%)	Don't know 17 (5.56%)				

Q11	Which of the following, if any would improve traffic issues within the Parish? (1 = not important and 5 = extremely important)						
Q11a 307	Chicane/gateway	1 196 (63.84%)	2 26 (8.47%)	3 26 (8.47%)	4 18 (5.86%)	5 41 (13.36%)	
Q11b 367	Flashing signs	1 59 (16.08%)	2 18 (4.90%)	3 59 (16.08%)	4 51 (13.90%)	5 180 (49.04%)	
Q11c 349	Reducing speed limits	1 98 (28.08%)	2 27 (7.74%)	3 54 (15.47%)	4 43 (12.32%)	5 127 (36.39%)	
Q11d 306	Speed bumps	1 159 (51.96%)	2 29 (9.48%)	3 39 (12.75%)	4 27 (8.82%)	5 52 (16.99%)	
Q11e 350	Speed camera	1 144 (41.14%)	2 17 (4.86%)	3 44 (12.57%)	4 36 (10.29%)	5 109 (31.14%)	
Q11f	Other	1 1 (4.76%)	2 0 (0.00%)	3 0 (0.00%)	4 0 (0.00%)	5 20 (95.24%)	
Q12	Is parking an issue in the village? If so, where and why? See Comments section on page 23.						
Q13	What, if any, traffic management measures would most help resolve parking problems in the Parish?						
Q13a 209	Bollards	1 26 (12.44%)	2 176 (84.21%)	3 7 (3.35%)			
Q13b 243	Dedicated visitor parking areas	1 117 (48.15%)	2 118 (48.56%)	3 8 (3.29%)			
Q13c 269	Double yellow lines	1 150 (55.76%)	2 113 (42.01%)	3 6 (2.23%)			
Q13d 233	Greater traffic control	1 158 (67.81%)	2 67 (28.76%)	3 8 (3.43%)			
Q13e 221	Public car park areas	1 66 (29.86%)	2 142 (64.26%)	3 13 (5.88%)			
Q13f 226	Road widening	1 64 (28.32%)	2 151 (66.81%)	3 11 (4.87%)			
Q13g 23	Other	1 6 (26.09%)	2 14 (60.87%)	3 3 (13.04%)			
Q13h 37	None	1 35 (94.59%)	2 2 (5.41%)	3 0 (0.00%)			
Section 3 - Environment							
Q14	Do you think anything should be done to protect and enhance the local environment of Spofforth with Stockeld?						
Q14a 374	Greater support for 'In Bloom'	Yes 288 (77.01%)	No 56 (14.97%)	Don't Know 30 (8.02%)			
Q14b 327	Reduce street furniture and signage	Yes 31 (9.48%)	No 282 (86.24%)	Don't Know 14 (4.28%)			
Q14c 332	Removal of overhead wiring, replace with underground	Yes 115 (34.64%)	No 179 (53.91%)	Don't Know 38 (11.45%)			
Q14d 5	Other	Yes 2 (40.00%)	No 1 (20.00%)	Don't Know 2 (40.00%)			
Q15 438	Should we campaign for a by-pass, given the possible environmental and social implications?	Yes 361 (82.42%)			No 77 (17.58%)		
Q16 430	Do you think the Conservation Area should be extended?	Yes 212 (49.30%)			No 218 (50.70%)		
Q17 426	Are there any places where general litter is a problem?	Yes 162 (38.03%)			No 264 (61.97%)		
Q18 846	If you feel there is a problem with dog litter, how could it best be dealt with?						
	More waste bins for owners to use	291 (60.75%)					
	More restrictions on exercise areas	114 (23.80%)					
	More notices regarding picking up litter	185 (38.62%)					
	Paying for a warden to 'Police' fouling	74 (15.45%)					
	Wider publicity regarding health hazards	172 (35.91%)					
	Other	10 (2.09%)					
Q19 658	Which of the following recycling facilities do you use?						
	Kerbside 302 (63.05%)	Castle pub 126 (26.30%)	Other 180 (37.58%)	None of the above 50 (10.44%)			
Q20 443	Are you happy with the current recycling facilities in the area?	Yes 226 (51.02%)			No 189 (42.66%)	Don't know where they are 28 (6.32%)	
Q21 430	What energy saving measures would you support?						
	Car sharing 84 (17.54%)	Central internet facilities 55 (11.48%)	Community shop for local produce 308 (64.30%)				
	Reducing personal energy useage 244 (50.94%)	Using public transport more 196 (40.92%)					
	Alternative energy scheme 84 (17.54%)	Other 0 (0.00%)					
Q22 430	How effective is the street lighting in the area?	Church to be floodlit? 85 (17.75%)	More lights needed 73 (15.24%)	Poorly maintained 19 (3.97%)			
	Style not sympathetic to conservation area 78 (16.28%)	No change needed 234 (48.85%)	Other 9 (1.88%)				
Q23 2,419	In terms of open and communal spaces, what is important to you?						
	Access to countryside footpaths 357 (74.53%)	Cricket ground 251 (52.40%)	Cycle path 287 (59.92%)	Millennium Garden 206 (43.01%)			
	School field 191 (39.87%)	The Castle 344 (71.82%)	The railway embankment 177 (36.95%)				
	The Village Green 229 (47.81%)	The Wetlands 'Ginnv Greenholes' 108 (22.55%)	Village Hall 269 (56.16%)				

Section 4 - Economy

Q24 856 In terms of employment, which of these local opportunities are important to you?

Diversification of farming 291 (60.75%)	Grants to develop and promote new business 114 (23.80%)	Local employment available 185 (38.62%)	Local training 74 (15.45%)
Part-time work for parents/guardians of school children 172 (35.91%)	Potential for new business eg: tea room, B&B etc. 10 (2.09%)		Working from home 10 (2.09%)

Q25 Which of these businesses are you aware of locally?

Q25a 356	Alternative therapies	Yes 146 (41.01%)	No 196 (55.06%)	Don't Know 14 (3.93%)
Q25b 357	Aromatherapy	Yes 106 (29.69%)	No 236 (66.11%)	Don't Know 15 (4.20%)
Q25c 381	Builders	Yes 319 (83.73%)	No 62 (16.27%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25d 374	Carpenter / Joiner / Shopfitter	Yes 249 (66.57%)	No 124 (33.16%)	Don't Know 1 (0.27%)
Q25e 369	Chartered architect / Building surveyor	Yes 186 (50.40%)	No 178 (48.24%)	Don't Know 5 (1.36%)
Q25f 354	Computing	Yes 104 (29.38%)	No 249 (70.34%)	Don't Know 1 (0.28%)
Q25g 379	Decorating	Yes 241 (63.59%)	No 137 (36.15%)	Don't Know 1 (0.26%)
Q25h 372	Equine therapy	Yes 233 (62.64%)	No 133 (35.75%)	Don't Know 6 (1.61%)
Q25i 393	Farming	Yes 364 (92.62%)	No 29 (7.38%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25j 408	Fishmongers	Yes 375 (91.91%)	No 33 (8.09%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25k 376	French polishing	Yes 269 (71.54%)	No 107 (28.46%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25l 397	Gardening / Landscaping	Yes 351 (88.41%)	No 46 (11.59%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25m 408	Golf course	Yes 390 (95.59%)	No 18 (4.41%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25n 413	Hairdresser / Beautician	Yes 395 (95.64%)	No 18 (4.36%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25o 364	IT repairs	Yes 82 (22.53%)	No 277 (76.10%)	Don't Know 5 (1.37%)
Q25p 381	Livery stables	Yes 295 (77.43%)	No 85 (22.31%)	Don't Know 1 (0.26%)
Q25q 373	Metalworking	Yes 267 (71.58%)	No 106 (28.42%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25r 405	Milk delivery	Yes 367 (90.62%)	No 38 (9.38%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25s 385	Pre-school group	Yes 329 (85.45%)	No 55 (14.29%)	Don't Know 1 (0.26%)
Q25t 429	Public houses	Yes 419 (97.67%)	No 9 (2.10%)	Don't Know 1 (0.23%)
Q25u 416	Stockeld Park Christmas Adventure	Yes 408 (98.08%)	No 8 (1.92%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25v 426	Store/Post Office	Yes 423 (99.30%)	No 3 (0.70%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25w 375	Upholsterer	Yes 250 (66.67%)	No 125 (33.33%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)
Q25x 13	Others	Yes 12 (92.31%)	No 1 (7.69%)	Don't Know 0 (0.00%)

Q26 Which businesses would you support within the Parish?

Q26a 361	Bakery	Yes 331 (91.69%)	No 21 (5.82%)	Don't Know 9 (2.49%)
Q26b 351	Butcher	Yes 314 (89.46%)	No 29 (8.26%)	Don't Know 8 (2.28%)
Q26c 304	Coffee Shop/Internet Café	Yes 148 (48.68%)	No 137 (45.07%)	Don't Know 19 (6.25%)
Q26d 322	Community Shop	Yes 250 (77.64%)	No 54 (16.77%)	Don't Know 18 (5.59%)
Q26e 382	Farm Shop	Yes 374 (97.90%)	No 5 (1.31%)	Don't Know 3 (0.79%)
Q26f 287	Garden Centre/Pet goods	Yes 201 (70.03%)	No 71 (24.74%)	Don't Know 15 (5.23%)
Q26g 304	Takeaway	Yes 166 (54.60%)	No 124 (40.79%)	Don't Know 14 (4.61%)
Q26h 5	Other	Yes 2 (33.33%)	No 0 (0.00%)	Don't Know 3 (66.67%)

Q27 1,416 In terms of tourism, which of the following are important to you?

Better parking for visitors 151 (31.52%)	Do we need a community tourism group? 22 (4.59%)
Need a book of local walks 318 (66.39%)	Need a history/guide book 245 (51.15%)
Need more publicity about our heritage 198 (41.34%)	Should be more commercially minded 59 (12.32%)
Should make more of our assets: eg the Church 200 (41.75%)	
Should provide more information 166 (34.66%)	
Needs no change 57 (11.90%)	

Q28 393 Would you support a directory of services and businesses for the Parish?

Yes 306 (77.86%)	No 87 (22.14%)
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Section 5 - Social, Leisure & Services

Q29 418 Are the current services and facilities for social and leisure activities in the village sufficient to support your interests?

Yes 284 (67.94%)	No 134 (32.06%)
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Q30 2,622 In the last year how often have you taken part in any of the following village-based social or leisure activities or used any village services?

Age Concern coffee morning 33 (6.89%)	Bingo 10 (2.09%)	Castle pub 326 (68.06%)	Child minding 21 (4.38%)
Church 161 (33.61%)	Cricket club 182 (38.00%)	Darts 21 (4.38%)	Dominoes 25 (5.22%)
Fish and chip van 224 (46.76%)	GP service 149 (31.11%)	Hairdressers 110 (22.96%)	Mobile library 25 (5.22%)
Monday Monkeys 32 (6.68%)	Railway pub 166 (34.66%)	Rainbows 19 (3.97%)	Saturday football 19 (3.97%)
School PTA 24 (5.01%)	Smith's Fish Van 48 (10.02%)	Snooker club 14 (2.92%)	Spofforth in Bloom 119 (24.84%)
Spofforth School 102 (21.29%)	Squiggles 46 (9.60%)	TASK 31 (6.47%)	Village Hall 211 (44.05%)
Village shop/Post Office 393 (82.05%)	Village Society 53 (11.06%)	WI 55 (11.48%)	Others 3 (0.63%)

Q31 928 Which of the following events have you attended in the village in the last year?

WI Fayre 99 (20.67%)	School Christmas fayre 101 (21.09%)	Village Gala 300 (62.63%)	Family Fun Day 128 (26.72%)
Church Fair 88 (18.37%)	Bonfire Night 169 (35.28%)	St Michael's Christmas Fayre 40 (8.35%)	Other 3 (0.63%)

Q32	365	Do you think there should be additional village-based events?	Yes 112 (30.68%)	No 253 (69.32%)	
Q33	405	Would adult education facilities be of interest to you?	Yes 124 (30.62%)	No 281 (69.38%)	
Q34		Are you happy with the following services in the village?			
Q34a	411	Broadband	Yes 258 (62.78%)	No 64 (15.57%)	Don't use 89 (21.65%)
Q34b	419	Electricity supply	Yes 381 (90.93%)	No 38 (9.07%)	Don't use 0 (0.00%)
Q34c	411	GP Surgery	Yes 236 (57.42%)	No 19 (4.62%)	Don't use 156 (37.96%)
Q34d	410	Gas supply	Yes 381 (92.93%)	No 8 (1.95%)	Don't use 21 (5.12%)
Q34e	396	Mobile phone coverage	Yes 232 (58.59%)	No 139 (35.10%)	Don't use 25 (6.31%)
Q34f	425	Postal delivery	Yes 387 (91.06%)	No 38 (8.94%)	Don't use 0 (0.00%)
Q34g	423	Public transport	Yes 331 (78.25%)	No 39 (9.22%)	Don't use 53 (12.53%)
Q34h	415	Recycling facilities	Yes 250 (60.24%)	No 152 (36.63%)	Don't use 13 (3.13%)
Q34i	424	Refuse collection	Yes 405 (95.52%)	No 19 (4.48%)	Don't use 0 (0.00%)
Q34j	406	Street lighting	Yes 365 (89.90%)	No 33 (8.13%)	Don't use 8 (1.97%)
Q34k	400	Street maintenance	Yes 290 (72.50%)	No 106 (26.50%)	Don't use 4 (1.00%)
Q34l	409	Telephone service	Yes 390 (95.35%)	No 11 (2.69%)	Don't use 8 (1.96%)
Q34m	405	Water supply	Yes 376 (92.84%)	No 25 (6.17%)	Don't use 4 (0.99%)
Q34n	12	Other	Yes 12 (100.00%)	No 0 (0.00%)	Don't use 0 (0.00%)
Q35	448	Which area is your GP practice in?	Harrogate 256 (57.14%)	Knaresborough 29 (6.47%)	Wetherby 161 (35.94%) Other 2 (0.45%)
Q36		How often have you used/hired the Village Hall in the last year?			
Q36a	384	Main Hall	Weekly 15 (3.91%)	Monthly 17 (4.43%)	Quarterly 16 (4.17%) Yearly 64 (16.67%) Never 272 (70.82%)
Q36b	252	Reading Room	Weekly 2 (0.79%)	Monthly 23 (9.13%)	Quarterly 0 (0.00%) Yearly 17 (6.75%) Never 210 (83.33%)
Q36c	252	Other rooms	Weekly 2 (0.93%)	Monthly 5 (2.31%)	Quarterly 0 (0.00%) Yearly 4 (1.85%) Never 205 (94.91%)
Q37	136	Did any of the facilities there cause you concern?			
		Availability 3 (0.63%)	Cost 19 (3.97%)	Disabled access 10 (2.09%)	Ease of booking 3 (0.63%) Kitchen facilities 12 (2.51%)
		Parking 27 (5.64%)	Stage 3 (0.63%)	Storage 14 (2.92%)	Seating and tables 19 (3.97%) Toilet facilities 24 (5.01%) Other 2 (0.42%)
Section 6 - Housing & Planning					
Q38	436	Have you been affected by the availability of housing in Spofforth?	Yes 64 (14.68%)	No 372 (85.32%)	
Q39	411	Is there a need for additional housing in Spofforth?	Yes 161 (39.17%)	No 250 (60.38%)	
Q40	432	If yes please specify what type of housing is needed			
		Affordable (Housing Corporation) 142 (29.65%)	Care home 25 (5.22%)	Family 61 (12.73%)	Rental 84 (17.54%) Retirement 57 (11.90%) Sheltered 62 (12.94%) Other 1 (0.21%)
Section 7 - Crime & Vandalism					
Q41	607	Please indicate whether you have been personally affected by any of the following within the Parish			
		Dog fouling 215 (44.89%)	Drug, alcohol or substance abuse 36 (7.52%)	Graffiti 21 (4.38%)	Litter 152 (31.73%) Mugging 1 (0.21%)
		Physical assault 7 (1.46%)	Theft of property/cars from public areas 80 (16.70%)	Vandalism of property/cars or public areas 56 (11.69%)	
		Verbal assault 35 (7.31%)	Other 4 (0.84%)		
Q42	174	If personally affected did you report the crime to the Police?	Yes 119 (68.39%)	No 55 (31.61%)	
Q43	174	Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme operating within the Parish?	Yes 259 (60.37%)	No 170 (39.63%)	
Section 8 - Village Communications					
Q44	886	Do you receive sufficient information about activities, organisations and events in the village?	Yes 279 (63.99%)	No 157 (36.01%)	
Q45	927	Which of the following do you use for information about activities and events in Spofforth?			
		Between the Wickets 226 (47.18%)	Parish Council noticeboard 189 (39.46%)	Parish magazine 249 (51.98%)	
		School noticeboard 66 (13.78%)	Village Hall noticeboards 161 (33.61%)	Village website 24 (5.01%)	Other 12 (2.51%)
Q46	438	Do you have internet access?	Yes 350 (79.91%)	No 88 (20.09%)	
Section 9 - Children & Young People					
	336	Was this section completed?	Yes 108 (32.14%)	No 228 (67.86%)	
Q1	103	Is there enough for young people to do in Spofforth?	Yes 27 (26.21%)	No 76 (73.79%)	
Q2	454	What activities would you like to be able to do in Spofforth?			
		Cinema Club 50 (19.92%)	Cubs/Brownies 32 (12.75%)	Dance Class 39 (15.54%)	Drama group 42 (16.73%) Holiday club 42 (16.73%) Martial arts 45 (17.93%)
		Playground 73 (29.08%)	Scouts/Guides 28 (11.16%)	Sport 58 (32.11%)	Youth Club 42 (16.73%) Other 3 (1.20%)
Section 10 - Senior Citizens					
	247	Was this section completed?	Yes 139 (56.28%)	No 108 (43.72%)	
Q1	123	Are existing services/facilities for older people in Spofforth adequate?	Yes 84 (68.29%)	No 39 (31.71%)	
Q2	454	What additional senior-focused services/facilities would you like to be able to have in Spofforth?			
		Bridge club 22 (5.93%)	Day trip club 37 (9.97%)	Indoor bowls 36 (9.70%)	PC/Internet training 28 (7.55%) Scrabble 12 (3.23%)
		Shop delivery service 17 (4.58%)	Shop ordering service 15 (4.04%)	Snooker 10 (2.70%)	Village Hall lunch club 16 (4.31%) Voluntary car service 20 (5.39%)
		Weekly coffee club 14 (3.77%)	Will writing service 15 (4.04%)	Other 0 (0.00%)	

Comments

Bus Service (Question 6)

Stop by the village hall is used as a 'hang out spot'
The route should by-pass Akleton, Bus route through Follifoot too narrow
Helpful to have an earlier bus on Sundays
Need a direct route from Spofforth to Knaresborough
More frequent and later direct buses Harrogate to Leeds needed
Fares too expensive for non pensioners
Not enough covered shelters at all bus stops
Buses need to be more punctual
Would be useful to have a route going to Pannal for access to the train station
Need a direct route from Spofforth to Knaresborough

Cycle Track/Footpaths (Questions 9 and 10)

More dog litter bins needed on cycle track
More dog litter bins needed on East Park Road
Do not feel safe on cycle track walking alone
Do not feel safe due to cycle track being unlit
Cycle track should extend to Harrogate
Better signage needed at Spofforth High Street
Some bike riders are dangerous as they do not use bells.
Only don't feel safe during week days when it is quieter
Needs a better upkeep especially surface/drainage
Track for horse riding would be good
Motorised scooters are a problem
Disabled access difficult
Horses ran us down in field where public right of way
Lack of footpaths alongside roads
Footpaths not wide enough for pushchairs
Lack of maintenance of some stiles

Traffic (Question 11)

A by-pass is needed!
Stop 'rabbit run' through Spofforth to Harrogate
Enforce weight limits on coaches
Speed bumps and cameras could distract drivers and cause more accidents
More speed checks at peak times
Policeman using radar gun 1-2 times a day for 2-3 months, this worked in Huby.
No problems
Haggs Road - 20 mph zone needed
High Street/Castle Street traffic speed is a problem needs enforcing
The 30 mile an hour signs should be moved to Spofforth Hall
The pelican crossing is frequently ignored by motorists
Unmarked police cars
Speed bumps would inhibit emergency vehicles and are unsightly in a small village.
Reinforce the 7.5 tonne limit
Reduce speed limit
Spofforth to Wetherby Road - speed cameras

Parking Problems (Question 12)

Answered no but made no further comment
Don't know
Answered yes but made no further comment
The following () answered yes and commented as follows:- Houses with two or more cars should only use one space
The shop from roundabout to hairdressers
Clive Road
School
Beech Lane
Memorial Hall
Grange Avenue
High Street
Church Hill
Castle Street
East Park Road
Park Mount
Church (during services)
Pub Car Park

Suggestions (Question 13)

More off street parking needed possibly Castle Inn during day
Resident only parking area
There is lots of parking on pavements
Would not be a problem with the by-pass
Residents along the High Street are short of parking spaces
Residents only parking on Clive Road
A pedestrian crossing is needed by the Railway Inn
Hikers park then go off walking
Stop parking on the pavement but encourage street parking
Carpark needed opposite church
'No Parking' signs especially outside the shop
Purchase plots by Massey Fold as it is mostly unused farm land, this could be used for parking areas

Village Enhancement (Question 14)

This is a village of two halves, the centre and Follifoot end is very pretty however from the roundabout and towards Wetherby it is not as nice
Improve footpaths
Existing benches/shelters act as magnets for young people
Walls or hedges in front of large new houses
Remove temporary signs immediatly after event
More benches, fewer signs

Keep Green Places Green. Campaign for a by-pass (Question 15)

A by-pass would probably be followed by a housing infill
By-pass is the only solution
The by-pass will decrease my property value
Keep HGVs far away
A by-pass towards the A1 would benefit both Spofforth and Wetherby
A by-pass for Spofforth that does not include Wetherby Road would be pointless
A by-pass could cut-off the village, the speed of the cars is the problem not the volume

General Litter (Question 17)

School field
Bus stops
Castle Street between bus stop and school
Park Lane
School Lane
On approach roads in and out of the village cars from Wetherby throw fish and chip packaging
East Park Road
Village green
Everywhere
Harland Way
Castle ruins youngsters having parties in the Castle
Haggs Road, people throw litter from cars, council never clears it up. I do several times a year
Wetlands
Near shop
Dog mess near the Castle
In the layby at Deer Springs - a large bin near the burger van
Football pitches
On the High Street, between The Castle pub and pelican crossing bottles are found frequently
Church doorway

Dog Litter (Question 18)

The bin on Clive Road is used for dog mess, smells and attracts insects in summer
Bins on more roads
More street lighting, fouling increases in winter when people think they cannot be seen
Existing restrictions need enforcing
Dog's aren't allowed in the Castle Field but owners still use it
This is a major issue when walking down the road with prams

Recycling Facilities (Question 19 and 20)

Harrogate tip
They are too far away
Sainsbury's
Need wheel bins: 1 general, 1 green waste and 1 recycling
Having dirty cases returned instead of my own led me to stop using the kerbside recycling
It is a long way to walk to The Castle pub with bags of recyclables
Didn't know of any, I use the council dump
Plastic disposal needed
Recycle bottles and paper in Wetherby
Better kerbside facilities needed
Thorpe Arch tip
Own a van and get classed as trade when i go to the tip
A green wheelie bin for garden waste like other areas
Would like recycle bins in HDC catchment area
Garden waste bins needed
No collection on Haggs Road or Nickols Lane
Central facilities for village
Often difficult to get into the pub car park
How about a swap shop for items, this could be done on the village website
No collecting of garden waste, cardboard or plastic

Energy Saving (Question 21)

A small farm stall i.e a couple of times a week
Solar power initiative/scheme in the village
Biomass heating plant
Would use public transport more if it was better co-ordinated
As a family we would use public transport more if it was cheaper, i.e under 16's travel free
Ground source heating
Grants for solar energy and wind turbines
A wind farm on the Hagsgs could supply the village with an amount of electricity

Street Lighting (Question 22)

School Lane to Castle Ings needs lighting
Bring back white street lighting
Street lighting should be turned off after 12 midnight/2am
lights should be turned off at midnight
Not orange lighting for the church
Castle ruins floodlit
More lights needed on the bend near the castle, it is so dark it's dangerous in winter

Communal Spaces (Question 23)

Need wheelchair access
The school field should be leased permanently and improved
School field could be a football pitch
Need more places to let the dog off the lead away from livestock
Millennium gates were a waste of money
Ginny Greenholes is not a wetland anymore and could be used for recreation or encourage wildlife in the area.

Employment Awareness (Question 25) - others

Dog kennels
Plumber, electrician
Fishing lakes-Sunrise lakes
Farrier, Dog kennels

Support Other Business (Question 26)

More shops needed to cope with the size and demand.
Book shop
Bakery and butcher could combine in farm shop
Any additional businesses would be an asset to the village
Artist's studio/showroom to show local artists work
There are plenty in Harrogate/Wetherby

Tourism (Question 27)

Will need public toilets if tourism is to increase
Am sure that Peter Posman has some local walks/runs written up and mapped out
Artist studio/showroom
We could be more commercially minded if it benefited the village as a whole
If the church had better parking and toilet facilities it could be used for functions

Directory of Services (Question 28)

Would use and advertise
Good idea
Upholstery art history

Additional Services, Social and Leisure Activities (Question 29)

More activities for young children and teens
- sports i.e football, squash, badminton
-Children's playground
-drop in centre/regular club for teens
Retain the William pub
More activities for over 60's
Youth Club, Brownies/scouts/cubs etc.
Should advertise what goes on in the hall more. The wine evening was great.
Monthly book club.
Don't seem to be any/many facilities for teens either sporting or social, other than the cricket club
Off road 4x4 centre, clay shooting facilities, youth club
Don't want Spoforth to become too urbanised as there are already good facilities in Wetherby and Harrogate
The Hall is too expensive and not suitable for badminton/table tennis and other activities needed for teenagers.
Pharmacy
Pubs need a boost, only a minority use them
Bowling green/tennis court
Football pitch, hockey pitch
Yoga/pilates, children's playground
Café/Restaurant
Keep fit classes, art and craft classes and day trip clubs available in evenings for those who work.
Not enough information on what is available
Need more social and leisure activities that aren't male orientated
Singles club to organise walks, theatre trips etc. - Castle pub is too depressing to use as a meeting place
A proper gym would be great
Youth club for teenagers or an occasional music festival using local bands – Adventure Playground
Would like keep fit/aerobic/tap dancing in the Village Hall
Organised walking group with a guide.
Off road cycle track to Knaresborough and/or Harrogate, this would bring more mountain bikers to the village and could be used to hold a bike race. A bus service to Knaresborough is needed, especially on market day.

Other Events (Question 31)

Work during the day
Christmas carols around fire in Millennium Garden
None as have only just moved to area
Don't know about most of these things, where do we find out about them?
Did not even know about many of these events
Bell ringing
Thursday Football
None, sorry
Ceilidh
King William Golf Society, once every month
Have not received information on these events

Additional Other Events (Question 32)

Dances - period themes such as V.E Day
More in hall
Archery, maybe do a cycle race like the Wetherby one.
Wine Evening
Village BBQ, youth centre
Simply develop and promote existing ones

Concerts or shows in the village hall/church
Don't know
Pantomime
Garden party would be great!
Wheelbarrow race
May fayre
Coffee mornings, indoor bowls
Not bothered
Open gardens, strawberry tea
social groups for the 30+
Scarecrow competition
St.George's Day
More summer events
Fancy dress races i.e wheelbarrow races
Produce sale, plant show, dances (like the ceilidh)
More community things like the gala
More events for under 18's
A may pole for the school children to dance around
Music event similar to party in the park on the Castle Field with lighting fed to the castle from a generator so as not to be permanent
New years eve party
More community spirit and working together for the good of the community - i.e pantomime
Tennis club/bowls club

Adult Facilities of Interest (Question 33)

Computer training
Keep fit, Spanish lessons, art course, yoga, dance classes, wine tasting, book club
Older people who cannot fully retire must re-direct their energies
Education may allow us to develop into areas not considered
A range of courses would interest me
Dog training
French classes, IT evening courses in village hall
Sewing
Music, art, languages
arts and crafts
Not presently
Art, painting, life drawing, gardening club, languages
Re-start courses, top up schemes in English, Maths and I.T
Internet training
Evening classes, yoga, pilates, languages
Water painting group
Get Harrogate College to offer night/evening classes in village hall
Computer classes for over 50's i.e in internet and e-mail use
languages, computing classes, supporting child development
Facilities in Wetherby and Leeds suffice
As a provider of vocational training

Facilities in Parish (Question 34)

Orange phones have terrible reception in Spofforth
Can only get signal on Vodafone!
Shared water mains, often low pressure
T-mobile
O2
Plastics should be collected.
Would like talk telephone and broadband provided much cheaper to the village
Lack of policing/enforcement in the village
The road services are appalling, especially on Sicklinghall Road
Recycling for cardboard and plastic

Doctors (Question 35)

Boston Spa
Ripon
The GP's are very impersonal

Village Hall Concerns (Questions 36 and 37)

Costs to village people are too expensive
Trouble getting hold of the keys to hall. Not always had the choice of times despite months notice given. No access before 1 allows little time to set up and keys back before 5 means even less time for the kid's party. all of these have caused me to look elsewhere for next year
Hall could be used as more of a concert hall due to the good acoustics however there would need to be two changing rooms and more storage to allow this
I feel as a non-profit making group consisting of Spofforth residents, rent for the Monday Monkeys group too high
A Wetherby pilates group was given priority over the Badminton group for their weekly slot as they paid more whilst Wetherby Town Hall was being refurbished, this continued for a number of weeks until the badminton club was forced to 'disband'

Housing Availability (Question 38 and 39))

No more cheap housing as there is on old garage site
Very expensive especially for first time buyers.
We have to rent as prices are so high
Very few village born people can afford to live here
Need sheltered/supported for elderly and 1 bed for younger to rent/buy to allow them to stay in the village
Additional housing would mean more traffic
Less new builds, more refurbishments
Already overbuilt

Housing Needed (Question 40)

Affordable purchase of village housing
Available housing is available but is not well advertised or explained to younger people
1 bedroom flats for younger people to stay in village (rent or buy) + housing for older people with a warden service
More rental, council/association housing for young singles and couples

Affected Personally (Question 41 and 42)

Take-away cartons thrown on front lawn
Crime around the castle
Illegal use of motorised scooters by underage children
None
Young adults play cricket and football in East Park Road. Balls hit my property and car. When I ask them to stop they get verbally aggressive.
The young people who provide and use drugs are too easily named in the village, if I know them then why don't the police? If there was a policeman living and working in the village then they would get to know who the troublemakers were.

Dog bin needed on Park Road
Two groups of youths tried to get into my house
Got no reaction, nothing at all was done
Reported to housing department
They were not concerned
Poor response from the police
PC Ayre is very rarely on village watch

Communication (Question 45)

The village shop
General gossip
Need a notice board for the other end of the village
The website needs to be fully utilised
Wetherby News
Didn't know there was a website!
Post Office noticeboard
Village shop window
The Castle pub

Internet Access (Question 46)

This would be a good form of information to people with limited access to the village
Better broadband needed
Children and Young People - Comments
Squash courts/tennis
Football, running and badminton
Archery
A May pole
Athletics, rugby
A playground for a large range of ages
Tennis/baseball
Baseball
Basketball nets/assault course
Hockey
Mountain bike park/course (possibly on cycle track), tennis courts, football
Shooting club
Any other sport
Motorcross track
Swimming
Badminton
There is enough for me to do but not for teenagers
Golf for younger people
Any new sports facilities would be good

Three Things You Like About Living in Spofforth:

Scenery, the countryside, walks around the area
School, Castle Field, cricket
Corner shop
Squiggles
Good social events
Good Christmas tree,
It is nice and quiet, the wildlife, the cricket club because I can go and see my friends
Cycling, cricket club
It's small so you know most people, easy access to footpaths, you can easily walk to school
Countryside, cricket club, safe
Community everyone is friendly, the school, Spofforth church and choir
Friends live close by, the castle ruins, play in field near by
Good ice-skating rink, Nice events like the gala, nice village shop
School, friends, safety
Close to Harrogate
Family, school, countryside
Spofforth residents are friendly, I feel safe, it's pretty
Being on a bus route, lovely place to live, nice services i.e shops
Nice scenery, lovely people, fun cricket

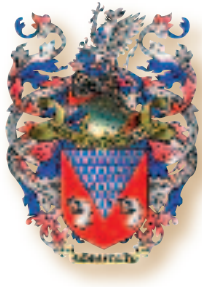
Quiet, not too busy, good history
Easy bus route, local shop, historical places of interest
The green because I get to play rugby on it, the nice, quiet area, the countryside I get to walk in

Three Things You Dislike About Living in Spofforth:

Buses are too expensive, nothing for children to do i.e playground
I can't play cricket until I'm 6/7, the very busy road
Dog and horse mess, car parking on pavement by school, no playground
We don't do much as a community
Animals sometimes get killed on the road, People are spoiling the environment
Traffic, teenage threat, no organised activities
Teenagers, only one shop and it's quite expensive, it's hard to cross the road because of speeding cars
Bullies
Not enough shops
Lack of facilities, bus timetable, speeding
Nowhere to meet my friends, High Street is too busy to ride my bike, nothing to do
Nothing to do, live near to school, no toy shops
No signal for orange phones
No proper shops, not much to do, no police
Busy road, nothing to do on holidays, no playground
No football nets
No activities for people my age, very fast traffic, broken glass around the Castle
No park
Commuter route through Spofforth, impatient drivers
Speed limit is exceeded constantly, too confined
Not enough to do for younger people (14-17)
Nothing
Nothing to do
Traffic, no proper play area, it's not safe to ride your bike
No youth club
Too many cars, traffic is too noisy,
Short cycle path, poor football pitch
Don't know many people as don't go to Spofforth school, no playground

Comments From Senior Citizens

More whole community events needed.
Prescription collection/delivery service
I have offered to start a bridge club but got no response to my advert in the shop
Friendship Club was very good



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