

Northwood Parish Council

Parish Plan Survey Results

Total Number of forms delivered: 1029 Returns: 447

25 unanswered 10 weather damaged

Question:

1 *Are you a permanent resident of Northwood* 412 Yes 0 No

2 *Were you born in Northwood* 32 Yes 380 No
Reasons for living in/moving to Northwood

No comment	118
Countryside/semi-rural environment	61
Proximity to Employment	49
Suitable/ Perfect/ Affordable property	45
A lovely place to live/Quiet	44
Family connections	42
Ease of commute to Cowes/Newport without being a part of either	36
Friendly village atmosphere	28
School	26
Quieter than Cowes	25
Retirement	8
Good connections to mainland	6
Environment - Good family	6
Safety and low crime rate	6
Pub - good friendly	4
Health Reasons	2
Good fortune	1
Housed by IW Council	1
Proximity to beaches	0

3 *How long have you lived in Northwood*

Less than 1yr	11
1-3yrs	16
3-6yrs	34
6-10yrs	51
10yrs+	293

4 *How many people are there in your household*

1 Adult	0 Child	86	2 Adult	0 Child	204
1 Adult	1 Child	4	2 Adult	1 Child	22
1 Adult	2 Child	3	2 Adult	2 Child	31
Other		0	Other		6
3 Adult	0 Child	29	4 Adult	0 Child	13
3 Adult	1 Child	7	4 Adult	1 Child	1
3 Adult	2 Child	0	4 Adult	2 Child	1
Other		0	Other		4

- 5 *How many people in your household are:*
Total number of residents identified in the surveys returned

Working	358
Retired	396
In Education	122
Unemployed	13
Other	25

- 6 *What do you consider to be the best aspects of living in Northwood*

No comment	28
Peaceful and Quiet	138
Rural/semi-rural location	133
Ease of access to Cowes / Newport / sea	131
Public transport service good	66
Community - Good local	65
Village atmosphere/identity/surroundings	51
Safe area to live in/low crime rate	50
Amenities - Good local	36
Lack of big developments	34
Neighbours - Good	32
Nice place to live/Clean	24
Medina Valley views / Picturesque	17
Good links to the mainland	17
Schools	17
Abundance of wildlife	7
Play park - good	6
Space	4
Does not flood	3
Women's Institute very well run	2
Being near to family	2
Allotments	1
Good mix of households	1
Northwood News – Great	1
Ducks the	1

7 *Negative aspects of living in Northwood*

No comment	44
None /Perfect	181
Traffic – Increasing/busy & speeding traffic on unsuitable village roads/rat run	46
Dog nuisance/fouling/barking	34
Busy main road (Newport-Cowes)	28
Threat of green belt development/any development	18
Roads & footpaths - poor state of roads / neglect of footpaths, bridleways	16
Bus service limited / expensive bus fares to Cowes & Newport/erratic	15
No decent village shop / shops shut early/ need bigger one	13
Too much development	11
Lack of village centre/ heart	11
School -generates a lot of traffic/ difficulty parking in Wyatts Lane at drop off and pickup time	11
Infill building - Too many homes being built on “Infill” plots	9
Threat of ribbon development	8
Lack of gritting of side roads/pavements in winter	5
Neighbours Dodgy	5
Vandalism/ hedge vandals/ inconsiderate youths	5
Too quiet sometimes	4
Speeding traffic on main road/	4
Verges - rubbish on / parking on verges	4
Pavements - lack of in Pallance Road & Pallance Lane & Wyatts Lane	4
Lack of activities for young	4
Service infrastructure ie broadband/ mobile signals -poor/inadequate	3
Poor access onto Newport-Cowes Road from Chawton Lane, Coronation Avenue, Medham Farm Lane	3
Litter	3
Blocked drains/sewers/poor drainage	3
Limited parking facilities near to Post Office/ and other areas	3
Asphalt- Threat of asphalt plant	3
Drug issues around park	2
Holiday makers =noise & drink problems	2
Smokey smell during day.....from where – Kingston Power Station?	2
No local shop	2
No free cash point	2
Number of unkempt properties	1
Lack of facilities	1
New supermarket have detrimental effect on local shops	1
Needs a MUGA/basketball facilities	1
People feeding the seagulls	1
Cars being parked awkwardly on street corners	1
East & North winds	1
Noise from Somerton business park	1
Church boundary walls - neglect of	1
Drainage ditch in Church Lane not being cleared	1
Encroachment of gardens onto pedestrian areas	1
Not enough litter bins	1

Too many old people	1
Large vehicles parking overnight on pavements / verges /corners	1
Late night bus service	1
Yes	1
I miss the bus stop at the bottom of Oxford street	1
Rubbish left out too early on collection days inc small furniture	1
Lack of authority of Parish Council over IOW council	1
Low water pressure	1
Empty houses on Pallance Road	1

8 *Are there specific areas of the Parish you feel should be protected*

No comment	54
All of it/developed enough	118
All green spaces	87
Land/fields behind houses in Pallance Lane, Pallance Road & Wyatts Lane	61
Venner Avenue play park/ playing areas	24
Area between Newport Road - Cowes Road and River Medina	19
Areas connecting Northwood to Cowes and other areas	19
Agricultural areas	17
Fields between Coronation Avenue & Chawton Lane	17
Scout hut area	16
None	15
South side of Oxford Street	12
Limit the development to 1/2 bed sized housing	12
Yes	10
Area around the church	10
School	10
Nodes Farm / Comforts Farm	7
Protect against back garden infill	5
Build on "Infill" plots first	4
Not sure	3
W.I Hall	3
Support 'Brown site' development where appropriate	3
Medham	3
Garden land in Pallance Road backing onto Selman Gardens	2
Forests	2
Banks of the River Medina need protection from industrial pollution	1
Hillis Gate/Marks Corner	1
Wind Turbines – None	1

9 *Is there a need for further development*

No comment	50
No major new developments/none	101
No more development, enough dwellings in Northwood now, keep as a village, would destroy positive aspects	88
No more homes without more jobs or equal addition to infrastructure	50
Minimal build only	42
No- there is enough empty housing	20
Build homes for Northwood young people/start up homes	14
Better use of brownfield/ existing sites	10
Extra development = extra traffic with no pavements = danger to pedestrians	10
The current infrastructure is already inadequate	10
Good quality 'non-standard' housing on existing infill plots	9
Not sure/open minded	6
Small pockets of low/mid cost housing	6
Retirement complex would be good	4
School struggling to cope now	4
Some commercial & residential building necessary	3
Keep developments in keeping with surrounding dwellings	3
Smaller, affordable housing for mature residents	3
More social housing	3
Rebuild of dilapidated buildings	3
Social housing - No more	3
Keep development to the north adjacent to Cowes	2
Like to see land opposite of garage (top of Medhams) developed	2
Different types of development in separate selected areas	2
Affordable houses with good sized gardens for local people	2
Development nearer to church might give a better village atmosphere	1
Infill – No more	1
On the site of Horseshoe Pub affordable rental homes	1
Encourage 1st time buyers	1
No problem to more building	1
No new homes unless off road parking for 2 cars	1
Oxford St To build on south side of	1
Welcomed if through traffic was kept to a minimum	1
'Covered accommodation' – more	1
Proper 'Needs' Analysis should be undertaken	1

10 *Are you aware of the SHLAA sites*
Yes 193 No 189

11 *Do you have any views on types of residential development*

No comment	79
A minimal/small amount of affordable/self-help homes for local people/young people	115
Second or holiday homes - No more/ empty homes encourage criminals	78
Major developments - No	49
Retirement homes/complex - Small quantity of	44
Enough development already	44
Quality housing is advantageous	29
No	28
Only self-build on existing sites	17
Any building work should be of mixed dwellings/ fit in with area	13
Self build – more/OK	10
Amount of housing should reflect level of employment / facilities	8
Retirement homes - No more	7
Housing Association dwellings - No more	6
Mainland overspill - No	5
Develop empty properties/ extend own properties	5
Infill - no more	4
Self builds – No more	3
Affordable homes = more children = more noise & trouble	3
We encourage all building work if it helps people	2
Stop demolishing large houses to build smaller properties	1
Flats - not a suitable location	1
Rental homes - small number	1
Residential Home	1
Small number for people with disabilities	1
Greener homes	1
Flats More needed	1
Hotel Good for Cowes & Newport	1
Minimum plot area 1,000 sq	1
Housing Association dwellings - OK	1
Bungalows good	1
None until transport problems sorted	1

No comment	72
Currently adequate/like Northwood way it is	218
Supermarkets - Improved by the opening of the Aldi supermarket	29
Transport - Good local transport	19
Night buses needed/ more frequent buses/ more stops/ limited bus service restrictive	18
Medical Health Centre - Improve health facilities/ Increase medical/testing facilities	15
Another shop at the other end of the village would be useful/ a few extra	15
Community bus very useful	12
Sports Centre needed/ Leisure Centre	10
More social/learning/exercise facilities	10
Village shop decent	9
More facilities / employment opportunities for younger people	9
Proper community centre/ village hall	7
Local shop to open later/be improved	6
More development needs more infrastructure	5
No more Supermarkets	5
Cafe or drop in place / toddler group	4
Yes	4
Footpaths & bridle ways must be maintained/increased/signposted	4
Facilities for older people – more of	4
Small scale relevant and sustainable businesses needed	4
Lower business rates to encourage/help small business /More job opportunities	3
Pub/restaurant serving good food would be good	3
Church - Does the local church know we exist?	2
Would like a farm shop	2
Lower ferry fares to encourage more business	2
Cycle path a good facility	2
Newsagent - We need a newsagent within easy reach & evening opening hours	2
Cheaper bus fares	2
Swimming pool	2
Need to increase inline with population	2
No more industrial units	2
Hand car wash cheapens area	1
Relocate heavy industry away from residential areas	1
Solar Farm good	1
Indoor short mat bowling centre	1
Garden centre with café required	1
Play area should be fenced off	1
Local shops, businesses etc need to be supported more by local residents	1
More trees, hedgerows & a pond. Verges as mini meadows	1
Another road into Newport	1
Bus stand, shop, internet cafe	1
School needs to expand	1
Chip shop	1
Dog Free areas	1
Golf course and bowls green	1

No comment	58
Stay as we are / For the village to retain its current size and character/	221
Ease traffic on main road / More traffic calming /	70
No large scale developments	29
Dog owners to clear up after their dogs	20
More community get togethers / more community spirit	16
To prevent cars parking on corners of Uplands Road/Venner Avenue	11
30mph speed limit throughout / more 30 mph signs put up	8
No more buildings	8
Better maintained roads/drainage	8
Safe junction at Cowes /Newport / Nodes road	4
Progress but carefully	4
Have a local bobby on the beat/ to stop vandals/ to be crime free	4
Tidy up banners at Northwood garage & let their employees park on their land	4
More activity in Women's Institute. Hall [blood donors play school]	3
Controlled traffic	3
A bridge at Cowes/East Cowes	3
School is very good /keep the school open	3
Keep flower boxes & grass/more trees & hedges	2
No more planters/tubs	2
Not sure	2
Wyatts Lane to become one way, via Venner Avenue	2
Another school / new purpose built school	2
To be a safer, cleaner place/ less litter	2
Vibrant, thriving balanced community	2
Protect fields and countryside for future generations	2
Crossing over Nodes Road at junction of Uplands	2
Foul water sewage to be upgraded	2
Pavement down Pallance Road	2
Mixed community of ages & people TO ENCOURAGE	2
Youth Club	2
Less through traffic	1
Rental homes for young people	1
Street lighting in Medham Lane	1
Make people with 2 nd homes pay more	1
Bus shelter at Four Cross/ Nodes Road / Post Office	1
Verges - improve maintenance	1
To get a friendly local pub	1
Northwood to have a crèche/nursery	1
Cycle route - would like to see a safe route from Northwood to existing cycle path	1
W.I- happy with activities	1
Bridge across the Solent	1
BAE needs more investment	1
Building developments should be tree screened	1
Increase in services	1
To see some homes for younger, local families	1

Transport to and from Aldi	1
Improved junction at Pallance Road/Nodes Road	1
More local jobs created in manufacturing/ well paid	1
Muga/basketball facilities on Venner Avenue playpark	1
20mph speed limit throughout	1
Dual carriageway between Cowes and Newport	1
Not to lose it's feel but upgrade the area	1
De-mark areas at Venner Park to keep dogs out of play area	1
Bonfires stinking Prevent	1
Get rid of cats / want nicer neighbours / cheap beer	1
More parking along Wroxall Close to keep cars off pavements	1

No comment	248
No further development/ no large developments in Northwood	46
Keep as it is /a great place to live/No need for change	34
Limit expansion	18
To ensure any development is matched by an appropriate increase in infrastructure	6
Speed checks - more undertaken	6
No asphalt plant or heavy industry	5
Well done to all community teams / parish magazine is good	4
Optimistic correct decisions will be taken to meet aspirations	4
Pavement down Pallance Road /all Northwood lanes	3
Roads - Improve the quality and reliability of the Cowes-Newport Road surface	3
IW Council must listen to the Parish Council	3
Roads and pavements - improve	3
Poor condition of grass verges in Nodes Road/ generally	2
Tidy up derelict properties in Pallance Road & other local areas	2
Include Medham Estate in traffic light system/ speed control at Medham/Church Lane	2
Locals to support local businesses	2
Local I.O.W councillor must represent ward electorate/ who is replacement?	2
Reduction in heavy lorries travelling between Cowes and Newport	2
Remove pointless pinch points	2
To prevent coalescence between Cowes-Newport	2
More manufacturing & farming to be encouraged[food shortage by 2030]	2
Breathe in some new life	2
More involvement of the church evensong	1
Speed cameras to stop people jumping lights	1
Stop local businesses [GTI] buying land & developing it	1
The high number of Northwood parish councillors that live elsewhere	1
The planters do a good job	1
To stop improper use of cycle track / bells to be compulsory on cycles	1
Remain environmentally friendly	1
Encourage youths to be more integrated	1
Bridle way to create one	1
More space on form to make better comments	1
Maintain standards	1
More community involvement	1
Riverside walk – Pallance Road to the Marsh	1
Thanked Northwood Parish Council	1
Parish Councillors to retain their independence/not follow any party line	1
More reasonably paid employment needed	1
Bridle path to Parkhurst Forest	1
School Hope it continues to thrive	1
Footpath across top of green	1
Double yellow lines at the end of Greenways cul de sac	1
Would rather be living in Porchester Hampshire	1
Litter & Dog bins More	1
Individual Planning permission standards are contradicted by the allowance of the development of green areas [double standards]	1

Refurbish scout hut to use as a youth club	1
Astro turf on park football area	1
Bus stop on Nodes Road, wrong way round – catches prevailing wind	1