

Harvington Neighbourhood Plan

Residents' Survey: October 2015

Summary of Survey Analysis

*Produced by Harvington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group,
on behalf of the community of Harvington and its Parish Council*

There were 259 responses to the survey in total, from 186 households (25.1%). The responses were fairly evenly spread from throughout the village. The age bands of those who responded were as follows:

16 - 18 years	3%	35 - 44 years	12%	65 - 74 years	24%
19 - 24 years (less than	1%)	45 - 54 years	19%	over 75 years	11%
25 - 34 years	4%	55 - 64 years	23%		

This age distribution broadly conforms to the distribution measured by the 2011 census.

The information below briefly outlines the responses to each question.

Some questions provided an opportunity to prioritise a choice of responses, using the Condorcet priority voting system. This has been taken into account in this summary. Not all those taking part answered all the questions.

Although it is not possible to include every response or percentage in this summary, every effort has been made to truly reflect the opinions expressed.

The full report can be accessed on the Harvington Neighbourhood Plan website (<https://harvingtonplan.uk>)

What factors were the most important in your choice to live in Harvington?

Most frequent factors were:

- Attracted to scenery & views (53%)
- The village community (51%) (4%)
- The village social facilities (43%)

Least frequent factors were:

- I was born here (5%)
- Local employment opportunities
- I was allocated housing here (2%)

Local Facilities

Which Harvington facilities have you used in the last 12 months?

Facilities most frequently used were:

- Village Hall (81%) (15%)
- Playing field (50%)

Facilities least frequently used were:

- Baptist Chapel, for services/worship
- Cricket Club Pavilion (9%)

The Village Hall is well used. Is there a need for additional community activity space in the village?

- No, not in the next 15 years (37%)
- Yes, in the next 5 years (26%)
- Yes, in the next 15 years (24%)
- Yes, in the next 2-3 years (12%)

Do you think we should decide on/reserve a place for this new meeting place in the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Yes, a reserved location needs to be in the plan (63%)
- No, we don't need to decide now (36%)

Some residents have asked for an indoor community activity place in the Leys Road area. Would you support this?

- Yes, I would support this (54%)
- No, I don't think this is needed (45%)

Where do you think this new Leys Road community space should be?

- Land behind empty plot opposite 'Westhaven' in Leys Road (48%)
- Land behind Groves Close (43%)
- Field to left when leaving village towards Alcester on B4088 (34%)

Further suggestions on where new community activity space should be:

Opposite Golden Cross on Village Street (2), near Community Orchard (2) *Plus others, mentioned once each*

Do you think other public buildings in the village (eg St James' Church, the Baptist Chapel, the school) could be used for more community and social activities?

79% of responders agreed that they could be used more.

Which of the following have you used in the past 12 months?

The most frequently identified were:

- Harvington Post Office (96%)
- Ellenden Farm Shop (94%)
- Harvington Convenience Store (90%)

The least frequently identified were:

- School, outside normal hours (21%)
- Cricket Club, for social event (9%)
- Cricket Club, for sporting activity (9%)

The Post Office in Village Street is due to close soon. How difficult will it be for you if there is no replacement anywhere in the village?

69% of responders said it would be inconvenient, but that they could get to another Post Office

5% would find it very difficult, as it would be physically hard or quite expensive to get to another Post Office.

Please select any of the Harvington amenities which need to be improved.

Footpath maintenance (55%), Pavements (38%), Street lighting (28%), Maintenance of open, green spaces (25%), Parking spaces (24%), Public seating (23%)

Suggestions as to which facilities need urgent attention (number of responders shown in brackets)

- Overgrown & muddy footpaths (11),
- Road & pavement resurfacing (2), particularly Brookdale and Blakenhurst (8)
- Pavement maintenance (6) - specifically Orchard Place (4), Hughes Lane and round into Village Street to Cedar Lodge (3) lower Village Street (2) *and others*.
- Parking problems: control needed around school at start and end of school day (5); Parking on pavements (3) especially on Station Road (3) & B4088, making difficulties for mobility scooters; too many cars parked on busy, narrow roads, specifically lower Village Street (2)
- Public seating: additional seating desirable in public areas (3), specifically in or beside bus shelters (2)
- Playing field maintenance: Repairs necessary to basketball net and football nets (2)
- Street lighting needs improving, specifically on Station Road (6) *and others*

Plus other items, mentioned once, not listed

Do any of the village facilities need to be improved for people with disabilities?

7% of responders either did have difficulties or knew of someone experiencing difficulties

Suggestions for improvements to facilities for people with disabilities

- Clear/widen, repair overgrown and damaged footpaths and pavements to ease the way (10), specifically path to playing field (3)
- Clear obstructive parking on pavements to permit passage of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs (5)
- Access to the Convenience Store difficult (3). The slope to the door is steep, the door needs widening

Do you have an allotment in Harvington?

9% of responders have an allotment, 14% would like one in the next 5 years

Is there a need for some kind of Health Centre in Harvington?

Not as far as I know (36%), Yes – probably (36%), Yes – certainly (19%),
No (7%)

Which services should a Health Centre provide?

Most frequently identified were:

- Prescription collection service (55%)
- Visiting GP (44%)
- Health visitor sessions (34%)

Least frequently identified were:

- Chiropody clinic (18%)
- other medical services (18%)
- Hairdresser (3%)

What other medical services do you think the village needs?

A nurse, based at the health centre (5), a physiotherapist (5), a doctor's surgery (4), optician (3), occupational therapist (3), visiting dentist (2), chiropractor (2), local First Responder/first aider (2), another defibrillator (2)

Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.

Do you have children of school age living in the village? 17% of responders have children of school age

Which school(s) is/are attended?

Harvington C of E First School (47%), Prince Henry's High School (27%), St Egwin's Middle School (20%)

Other schools in area (25% in total)

How do your children get to school? Bus (54%), Walk (45%), Car (36%), Cycle (4%)

Do you use child care facilities outside school hours? No (72%), Yes – regularly (20%), Yes – occasionally (6%)

Which child care facilities do you use?

Harvington C of E First School (83%) Childminder (not a relative) in village (33%)
Childcare provided outside the village (41%) Harvington pre-school in Village Hall (8%)

Would you like to see more play areas for children in the village? No (54%)
Yes (45%)

Where should these be?

At the Community Orchard in Leys Road (41%), on land behind Hughes Close/Hughes Lane (26%), on the field on the left when leaving village towards Alcester on B4088 (14%)

Do you think there should be more facilities for teenagers? Yes (66%), No (33%)

What facilities for teenagers do you think are needed?

- Ask the teenagers (10)
- Youth club room or building (51)
- Youth club to include organised activities and sports sessions (9), drop in café or coffee bar (7), pool table and other games (5), discos (4), wi-fi (3), film club (3), 5-a-side football (2), personal development (2) **Total = 35**
- Games courts – basketball, tennis (9), skate-park (8), more for teenagers at Playing Field (2), covered outdoor gathering space with seats (3), youth volunteering (2) **Total = 24**

Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.

The responses included acknowledgment of the good work done by the Harvington Youth Project (9). Some suggested that, in addition, something secular was needed (7) possibly based in Leys Road (2)

Do you have any comments for suggestions for facilities for children and young people in Harvington?

(not including items for teenagers mentioned above)

- Play area in Leys Road (6), improved play facilities (3), Safe, well-lit winter play area outdoors (2), Cubs and Scouts (2)

Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.

Do you think more leisure facilities are needed for the elderly?

No (54%), Yes (43%)

What leisure facilities do the elderly need? Where should they be?

- Lunch Club like that recently run at the Coach & Horses (13), in Village Hall (3)
- Exercise groups (eg Tai chi, yoga, keep fit, dancing) (13), tea dances (2), indoor/outdoor bowls (5), Swimming pool for all, situated at the school (4),
- Social club (11), drop-in day centre (4), coffee shop or coffee mornings (6)
- Activities - bingo (9), bridge or whist drives (5), craft groups (3), film club (2)

Plus other suggestions, mentioned once, not listed.

Community Asset Register

Which buildings do you think should be included in the Community Asset Register?

Village Hall (75%), St James' church (56%), Leys Road Convenience Store (45%), Ellenden Farm Shop (40%), Coach & Horses pub (40%), Baptist Chapel (36%), Golden Cross pub (25%), Cricket pavilion (20%)

Environment & Heritage

Which of the following features of the village do you consider important?

Open spaces (93%), Scenery/views (90%), Trees & hedges (90%), Historic buildings (85%), Orchards (85%), Riverside (68%)

Which features of the countryside around Harvington do you value?

All the countryside features were valued by the responders, from Scenery and views (89%) to the Flora (73%)

How important do you consider the footpath network is to the village?

82% said very important, less than 1% said that it was not very important.

Which of these sustainable energy projects for Harvington would you support?

Sustainable drainage schemes(75%), Energy efficient/eco houses (64%), Water source heating from river (53%)

Local geo-thermal energy (53%), Solar panel farm (37%), Biomass heat network (33%), wind turbine (17%)

Which of the following possible village projects would you support? (top 6 listed)

River walk to Twyford (72%), Conserve historic buildings (71%), foot/cycle bridge over River Avon (69%), Cycle paths to Salford Priors & Evesham (60%), improved A46 noise screening (53%) traffic calming, B4088 (51%)

Local Green Spaces

Which of the following do you think should be considered for Local Green Space designation? (Top 6 listed)

Playing field behind Village Hall, with equipment (87%), Triangular green in front of Village Hall (86%), The Community Orchard in Leys Road (83%), the allotments (67%), the island in River Avon, with old lock and mill (65%), Informal dog walking area beside footpath behind playing field (64%)

Are there any other places we should consider for Local Green Space designation?

- All the fields around Ellenden Farm, from Village Street, behind Ragley Road and Hughes Close, behind the Grange, down to Finch Lane and up to the farm shop and the Evesham Road (total including all this = 33)
 - Crest Hill, to include field and orchards currently under threat, the field at the bottom of the hill, the land known as Marley Hole and either side of the road at the bottom of the hill (total including all this = 12)
 - Green triangles at Village Street end of Finch Lane (3) and Grange Lane (3)
 - Open area behind the playing field leading to bottom of Crest Hill (3)
 - Field behind St James' Church, known as the Cherry Orchard (3)
- Plus others, mentioned once, not listed*

Employment & Business in Harvington

Should the Neighbourhood Plan encourage more business or commercial development in the village?

Yes (36%) No (33%) Don't know (30%)

If you work in Harvington, which of the following applies to you?

10% are self-employed, working from home. Others (total approx. 18%) have varying work patterns, involving working at least some of the time in Harvington, often from home.

Which of the following does your business activity depend on?

Fast broadband (67%), Transport links (38%), Environment (16%), Labour supply (12%), Energy costs (12%), Planning policies (12%), Waste facilities (12%), Available premises (9%), Workforce qualifications (3%)

Which of the following need improvement to support/grow your business in Harvington? (Top 4 listed)

Fast broadband (60%), Transport links (22%), Energy costs (18%), available premises (14%)

How many people do you employ in total?

No-one else (74%), 1 - 3 (9%), 11 - 20 (9%), 25 - 50 (3%), 4 - 10 (3%)

As far as you know, how many of these employees live within Harvington?

8 people replied, who employ a total of 33 employees who live in Harvington

How many years have you traded in Harvington?

Over 10 years (45%), 4 - 10 years (29%), 1 - 3 years (16%), less than one year (9%)

Transport

Do you work (full or part-time) outside the village?

Yes (51%) No (48%)

How far do you normally travel to work?

13 - 24 miles (27%), 25 miles or more (25%), 6 - 12 miles (23%),
2 - 5 miles including Evesham (22%)

What method of transport do you mostly use to get to work?

Car (95%), Train (8%), Bus (3%), Motorcycle (3%), Bicycle (2%), Walk (less than 1%)

Where is your GP's surgery?

Evesham (60%), Bidford (33%), Alcester (3%) Elsewhere (2%)

Which of the following hospitals have you travelled to in the last year (either as a patient or visitor)

Evesham Hospital (60%), Worcester Royal (40%), Alexandra, Redditch (34%), Cheltenham (18%) Stratford (14%), Pershore (1%)

How did you get to hospital?

Own transport (76%), Lift from friend/relative (9%), Public transport (2%), all other methods (less than 1%)

How dependent are you on public transport?

I have my own transport (77%), I have to use it sometimes (19%), I am very dependent on it (2%)

Which of these transport improvements do you think would be important to the village?

Buses back from Evesham later in the evening (48%), Direct bus service to Alcester/Studley/Redditch (38%)

Direct bus service to Worcester (36%), a more frequent Evesham to Stratford service (19%)

Are there any other public transport improvements you want to suggest?

- Cheaper bus fares (8) (ie cheaper than cost of driving and parking)
- Late evening bus back from Stratford (7)
- Bring back the railway (4)
- More reliable bus times (3)

Plus other suggestions, mentioned

once, not listed

Do you think the village needs a public car park?

No (70%) Yes (27%)

Where do you think this car park should be?

- Near the school and Village Hall (37)
- Use a couple of the allotment plots near the school to make a car park (3)
- On land opposite the Golden Cross (4)
- Take over Coach & Horses car park (2)

Plus other suggestions, mentioned

once, not listed

Do you think there needs to be more parking restrictions (yellow lines) in the village in any of these streets?

Village Street - Village Hall to crossroads (20%), Leys Road (14%), Village Street - Hughes Lane to Stratford Road (13%), Station Road (8%), Church Street (6%), Stratford Road (4%)

Do you use a bicycle for work or leisure?

No (51%) Yes, occasionally (35%) Yes, frequently (12%)

We could try to get some designated cycleways out of the village. Would you support these cycleways?

Following, as far as possible, the old Evesham to Alcester rail track (62%), riverside route from Bidford to Evesham (59%), riverside route through Twyford to Evesham (56%), alongside Norton to Evesham Road (51%)

Do you think an off-road mobility scooter route from Harvington to Twyford is worth considering?

No (31%), Don't know (31%), Yes, possibly (25%), Yes, definitely (9%)

Housing

What type of housing do you currently live in?

Detached house (51%), semi-detached house (22%), bungalow (15%), terraced house (9%)

What kind of house are you living in?

Owner-occupied (90%), private rented (3%), housing association rented (3%), other (less than 3%)

Over the next 15 years, do you think Harvington should:

- Continue to grow at the same rate it has done over the past 15 years? (60%),
- stay roughly the same? (36%)
- grow faster, to become a much bigger village with more facilities? (2%)

What types of housing do you think are needed?

Small family homes, 2-3 bedrooms (49%), low-cost starter homes to own (47%), bungalows (38%), sheltered accommodation (27%), larger family homes, 4+ bedrooms (20%), shared ownership homes (20%), accommodation for the disabled (18%), residential care home (18%), flats/apartments (7%)

Location of housing development

Location of low-cost starter homes to own

Top 4 locations: Surrounding Community Orchard (40%), field to left when leaving village towards Alcester on B4088 (37%), field behind Brookdale (36%), field behind Blakenhurst (35%)

4 least favoured locations: Ellenden field opposite Golden Cross pub (19%), small field west of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place (19%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (15%), large field next to Ellenden Farm Shop (7%)

Location of shared ownership homes

Top 4 locations: Field behind Blakenhurst (37%), field behind Brookdale (35%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (31%), surrounding Community Orchard (28%)

4 least favoured locations: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (14%), Ellenden field opposite Golden Cross (13%) below Crest Hill (12%), large Ellenden field next to farm shop (4%)

Location of small family homes (2-3 bedrooms)

Top 4 locations: Field behind Blakenhurst (34%), surrounding Community Orchard (33%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (32%), field behind Brookdale (31%)

4 least favoured locations: Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (16%), small field west of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place (14%), below Crest Hill (12%), large Ellenden field next to farm shop (7%)

Location of sheltered accommodation

Top 4 locations: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop (39%), Ellenden field opposite Golden Cross pub (28%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (21%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (21%)

4 least favoured locations: Field behind Blakenhurst (12%), small field west of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place (8%), below Crest Hill (6%), large Ellenden field next to farm shop (5%)

Location of residential care home

Top 4 locations: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop (33%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (31%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (20%), surrounding the Community Orchard (20%)

4 least favoured locations: Field behind Brookdale (9%), below Crest Hill (9%), small field west of Evesham Road next to Orchard Place (9%), large Ellenden field next to farm shop (5%)

Location of accommodation adapted for the disabled

Top 4 locations: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop (45%), Ellenden farm field opposite Golden Cross pub (27%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (24%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (21%)

4 least favoured locations: Surrounding the Community Orchard (8%), large Ellenden field next to farm shop (7%), field behind Blakenhurst (7%), below Crest Hill (2%)

Location of larger family homes (4+ bedrooms)

Top 4 locations: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill (32%), below Crest Hill (28%), field to left when leaving village to Alcester on B4088 (25%), surrounding Community Orchard (21%)

4 least favoured locations: Paddock behind Village Street bus stop (13%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (12%), small field west of Evesham Road, next to Orchard Place (11%), Ellenden field next to farm shop (5%)

Location of bungalows

Top 4 locations: Behind existing houses on Crest Hill (25%), surrounding Community Orchard (23%), field behind Blakenhurst (23%), field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088) (20%)

4 least favoured locations: Below Crest Hill (12%), Ellenden field opposite Golden Cross (11%), small field west of Evesham Road, next to Orchard Place (11%), large Ellenden field next to the farm shop (4%)

Location of flats/maisonettes/apartments

Top 4 locations: Field behind Blakenhurst (37%), field to left when leaving village towards Alcester (B4088) (27%), paddock behind Village Street bus stop (19%), surrounding the Community Orchard (18%)

4 least favoured locations: Below Crest Hill (10%), small field west of Evesham Road, next to Orchard Place (10%), large Ellenden field next to Farm Shop (8%), Ellenden field behind Ragley Road (8%)

Are there any areas within the parish boundary where development should not take place? Why is this?

- Fields between back of Hughes Close, Ragley Road and Ellenden Farm (9), fields around Ellenden farm shop (10), fields on Evesham Road (1) (Total = 20) because it would take away agriculture from the village (10) take away a lovely view (8), they define the character of the village (7), potential drainage problems (3), safe place to walk (1), unnecessary burden on infrastructure (1), could encourage sprawl towards Norton (2) (Total = 30, Grand total 50)
- Crest Hill (11), because fields form attractive, rural approach to the village (17), road totally unsuitable for large increase in traffic (11), it is important to Conservation Area and would change its character (4), the lower area has a high water table (1) (Total = 44)
- Old orchard at back of playing field, sloping down to Crest Hill because good for dog walking (10), well used by community (7), forming border to the village (2) (Total = 19)
- Village Street & south of Village Street (5) because it would destroy views and wildlife
- None in Conservation Area (4), allotments (4), playing fields, including school (4)
- None on any of the entrances to village (5)
- Not on agricultural land (14) or orchards (3)
- Not around public footpaths (3) or on greenfield sites (4)
- No large scale/high density housing (7) developments anywhere, because it would change the village completely

Plus others, mentioned once, but not listed

Are there any other sites within the parish boundary which you believe should be considered for development? Please let us know why you think this.

- Single or small plot spaces, where 1 - 5 houses could be built without too much impact (5)
- Fields near the Cricket Ground or the caravan park on Anchor Lane, because it would help incorporate that area into the main village (4)

Plus others, mentioned once, but not listed.

Having regard to the potential impact of new housing on village life, what is the maximum number of houses you would be willing to see built in Harvington each year over the next 15 years?

<i>0 - 5</i>	<i>23%</i>
<i>6 - 10</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>11 - 15</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>16 - 30</i>	<i>13%</i>
<i>31 - 50</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>More than 50</i>	<i>3%</i>