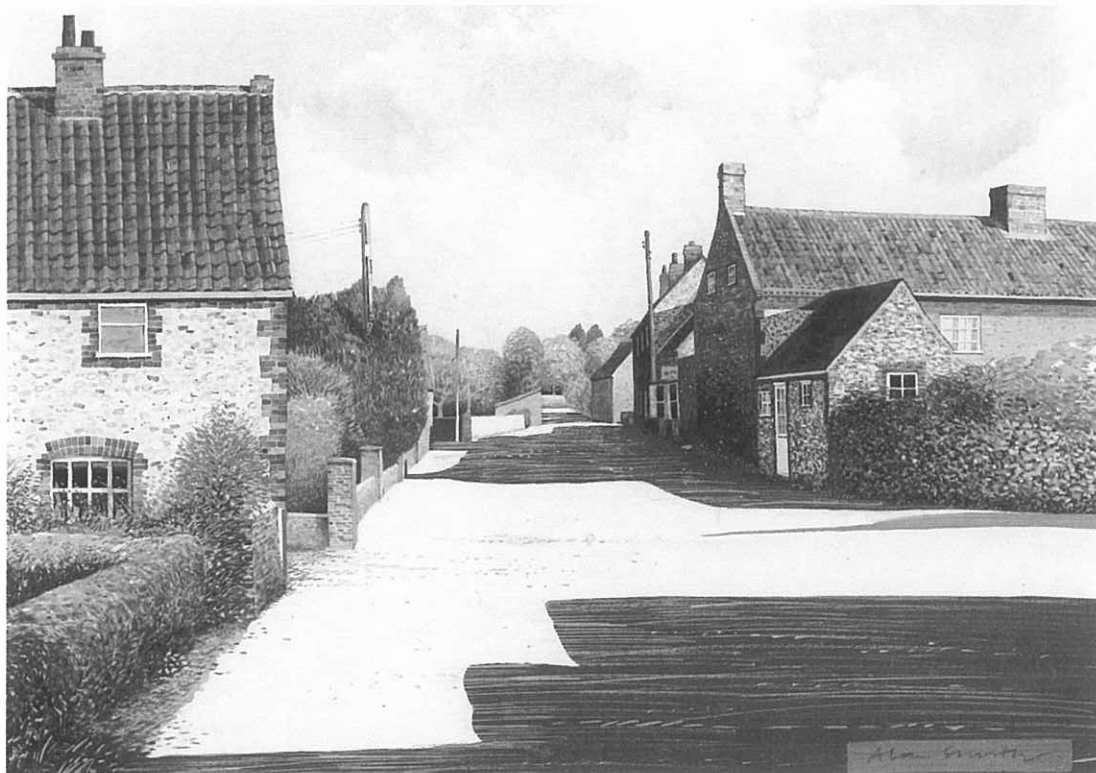


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VILLAGE APPRAISAL REPORT



2005

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INTRODUCTION

For a rural community to survive and prosper it must plan for the future and in doing so must listen to those who matter most, the residents of that community.

This is what we have tried to achieve with the Village Appraisal. So often when the Parish Council wishes to embark on a project for the benefit of the village we have to work with many outside agencies such as the Borough Council, Highways and Police. The question which is invariably asked is, 'Has the community been consulted?' This is also a pre-requisite for grants and funding.

Holme Parish Council recognised the need for such a consultation and agreed to fund the Village Appraisal. As a result of many hours of work by a small band of volunteers, the questions were formulated, distributed, collected, and collated into what you see now, The Report. At this stage I would like to thank all those who have helped in the production of this document not least the residents of Holme for their participation and making their views known.

The Questionnaire was distributed by hand to 157 households based on the Electoral Role as at April 2004, from which we had 118 replies; this represents a return of 75%, which has to be encouraging by anyone's standards. The comments on delivery which came back from all our distributors was how enthusiastic people were to talk about their interest in the village and how improvements might be achieved. It should be noted that not all respondents completed every question.

There is such a wide range of feelings and views in Holme that the old saying 'you can't please all the people all of the time' is very true. It is evident that many issues are very personal to individuals either because of their own beliefs and values or because of the specific area in which they live. They are too numerous to detail in this report but will be taken into account when recommendations are made

This Report focuses on the issues which appear time and time again and because of their frequency they are issues that need to be addressed by the community and by those who serve the community. Many aspects of this report will rely on the full participation of those who expressed interest in establishing new activities. A report and recommendations will be given to those organisations we feel should take action to implement the changes and areas of concern highlighted in the appraisal. A summary of these recommendations appear towards the end of this report.

Finally we hope that this document will be a useful reference but it is also an historic statement of Holme in 2004.

Peter Cheadle.

Section A Household / Personal

This first section deals with the facts and figures for Holme to get an overview of the make up of the community.

As stated in the introduction, the data given as a result of this survey is based on the 118 returns we received from the 157 questionnaires which were delivered to households listed on the Electoral Role dated April 2004.

A1/2 *Concerning main versus second homes*

Eighty eight out of the 118 returns stated that their properties in Holme were their main residences with 26 being second homes and 4 nil returns.

These were broken down into 106 being owner occupied and 7 either rented or provided as part of employment.

The percentage of second homes is 22%, which is less than the Borough Council's official figure of 39.7%. The difference in percentages may have arisen because the appraisal distribution was based on the electoral role but it was felt that it still gave a good representation of the community.

A3 *Why did you come to live in Holme? (Please tick those which you consider most important)*

The table on the right shows overwhelmingly that the love of Country, Coastal, and Village life are the main reasons for living in Holme.

1	Love of country / coastal life	73
2	Love of Village life	37
3	Retired here	37
4	Work in area	20
5	Relatives live nearby	19
6	Born here	10
7	Came with family	10
8	Other	10
9	Availability of housing	9
10	Marriage	7
11	Setting up home	3

A4 *How long have you lived, or owned property in Holme? (Please tick appropriate box)*

The results of this question would suggest that the turnover of property in Holme is quite low.

1	Less than a year	5
2	1-5 years	22
3	6-15 years	34
4	16-25 years	29
5	26-50years	14
6	51+ years	9
7	Whole life	4

A5/6 *These questions asked how many people normally live in your household and their ages as at 1st August 2004*

1 Person = 23 Households **4 Persons = 13 Households**
2 Persons = 61 Households **5 Persons = 2 Households**
3 Persons = 8 Households

Age in years	Number	Percentage
1 - 16	24	10%
17 - 25	10	4%
26 - 40	17	7%
41 - 60	85	36%
61 - 80	85	36%
81 - 100	14	6%

Young persons 16 years and under- Total 24, of which 13 are permanent residents. It is obvious from the above figures that we have an ageing population with the average age being 52.5 years and the oldest respondents stating their age at 92.

A7/8 *These questions asked if anyone in the household suffered from a disability and if so how facilities in Holme might be improved to make life easier*

Seventeen people reported that they had a member of the family with a disability and the comments they made were as follows :-

Where pavements existed, they should be improved where possible, the main problems being uneven, cracked and crumbling surfaces causing loose debris, which in turn causes difficulties to both pedestrians and wheel chair users.

The extreme camber on parts of Peddars Way causes problems for wheel chair users.

The main point raised was the difficulties encountered when trying to enjoy the beach and reserve areas, many suggested that extra, hard surface tracks or boardwalks could be provided to link up with existing paths.

Finally, less gravel on the pub car park would be appreciated.

Recommendations

- 1) For the Parish Council to contact the Highways with regard to repairing the pavements.
- 2) For the Parish Council to meet with both the NWT and the Borough Council to see how access to the beach and reserve areas could be made easier.

Section B Transport

In view of the fact that Holme is a rural community, people were asked if they had access to a vehicle or whether they relied on public transport.

B1 *Are you a driver who has access to a vehicle?*

1	Yes	94
2	No	13

B2/3 *Concerning public transport facilities*

The majority of those who used public transport felt that the facilities were poor, although many people declined to comment and it must be assumed that these were people who owned their own vehicles. Those who had the need to use public transport stated that the buses were too infrequent and, for those with disabilities, difficult to board.

One of the main concerns for regular bus users and especially to children who use school buses, was the lack of a suitably positioned bus shelter.

Recommendations:

- 1) For the Parish Council to contact and discuss with various transport providers to see if the service can be improved.
- 2) For the Parish Council to explore the possibility of providing a bus shelter.

Section C. Highways and Footpaths.

This section generated considerable interest amongst the residents and it was evident that many comments were area specific. Consequently, as mentioned in the introduction, observations were too numerous to detail individually but will be taken into account.

C1/2 *Do you think there are any major danger spots in Holme?*

Respondents were asked if they worry about any major danger spots in Holme. Of the 118 people who replied, 74 said they were worried, whilst only 35 were not concerned.

When asked to state the locations of most concern, a significant number (26) highlighted poor visibility and the need for improvement to be made on the junction with Eastgate and the main road. Blind spots due to the lack of hedge trimming were also mentioned on the junction of Beach Road into Westgate and the Ringstead road crossroads on the A149. A further 21 respondents commented that road calming procedures are needed on Main Road.

C3/4 *Questions regarding the speed limit*

Following on from the subject of speed, 63 people felt that the 30mph limit is not working, whilst 48 felt that the speed restriction sign works sufficiently.

When asked to state where the problem areas were, again the Main Road was highlighted (23). Suggestions were made that the 30mph sign should start west of Beach Road on the A149 or that the limit be reduced to 20mph.

C5/8 *Footpaths*

This group of questions dealt with aspects of pedestrian access in and around the area of Holme for those with disabilities and people with pushchairs. 46 people thought that the pavements are reasonable, while 32 felt that they are poor. Highlighted as dangerous was the A149 in both directions to Hunstanton and Thornham, since it has no footpath. Despite this, a significant number (33) said that they do walk this route and a total of 73 thought that a footpath or cycle track between Thornham and Hunstanton would be beneficial.

C9/13 *Holme street lighting and its adequacy*

Sixty six people thought that the lighting was adequate and 26 that it was poor. Every road in the village was mentioned as a possible candidate for more lighting but equally, each was cited as having a problem with light pollution. It was considered, therefore, that no specific recommendations could be made with regard to the subject.

Recommendations

- 1) The Parish Council should contact the Highways Department with a view to possible improvements at the junction of Eastgate and the A149.
- 2) The Parish Council could investigate the possibility of moving the start of the 30mph restriction on the A149 to the west of Beach Road and to include the whole of Beach Road.
- 3) The Parish Council should monitor more closely the areas where visibility is a problem i.e. particularly the maintenance of hedges.
- 4) As previously stated in section A, the Parish Council should consult with Highways to improve the maintenance of the footpaths.

Section D Housing

D1 *Concerning quantity and type of local housing*

In this section respondents were asked what they thought about the number of houses built in Holme over the past 10 years. They were given 5 possible answers and asked to tick those they considered important. Forty four respondents agreed that the number of houses built in the last 10 years was about right whereas 51 thought the houses built were too expensive and 30 thought them too big. Twenty nine thought that there was too much new housing.

D2/3 *Low cost housing?*

When asked if respondents would support the idea of a small development of low cost homes to rent or buy, respondents were 63 in favour and 40 against.

The respondents were then asked for suggestions as to where this small development might be built. 17 suggested the west side of Peddars Way. Whilst 12 decided that the Ringstead side of Main Road might be a good place. Other ideas included behind the ex council houses, on the campsite, or on Peddars Way North.

The section suggested that a majority would be in favour of affordable housing but there is none the less a sizeable minority who would be against the idea.

Section E Environment

In the first section of the Appraisal, a high number of residents indicated that their reason for living in Holme was its location. Hence, it is evident that the local environment is of great importance to our community and this section was designed to find out how people thought it could be enhanced still further.

E1 *Respondents were invited to tick boxes from the selection below and then to add further ideas of their own*

1	Protection of Wildlife habitats	69
2	Maintenance of verges and public areas	59
3	More recycling	32
4	Provision of more litter bins	28
5	Reduce traffic	27
6	Improve rights of way	26
7	Community composting	25
8	Energy saving schemes	14
9	Other (see below)	
10	Nothing	5

People's own suggestions revolved around a few themes. Several evidently thought the village would be enhanced if it looked cleaner. Hence there were suggestions for more dog and litter bins; bigger wheelie bins more rubbish collections; more road sweeping and for hedges to be kept neatly trimmed. There was a recommendation to resurface Broadwater Road and prevent its use by large vehicles and another to reduce traffic through the village. The amenity of more seating, a shop and improved pond were mentioned and some people were keen to see an end to raves on the beach and music noise escaping from the pub.

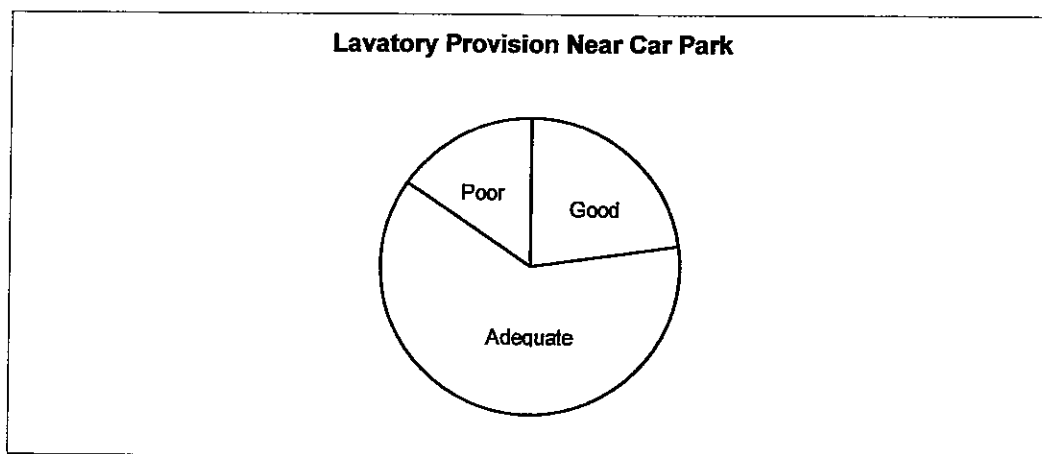
E2/3 *These sections sought opinions on recycling in Holme*

Sixty two people responded that they were satisfied with the local recycling system but many thought it would be good idea for the Parish Council to investigate the possibilities of providing a skip for garden waste and a bottle bank. There was less enthusiasm for a clothing bank. Some concern was registered over bottle banks as they could be unsightly when overflowing and also noisy in use.

E4/5 *Are there any places where you think litter is a problem in Holme and if so, where?*

Two thirds of respondents considered there was no litter problem in the village, whilst one third did. Areas of concern were Main road (from passing traffic); the bus stop; the beach; the footpaths and the beach car park.

E6 *Concerned the lavatory provision near the car park*



A comment that recurred was that there should be a separate ladies' lavatory in addition to the current provision.

E7 *The final part of the environmental section enquired as to whether there should be more signs/maps displayed of the coastal path, public rights of way and the beach area.*

Here, opinion was split approximately two thirds wanting no further signs and one third believing that there should be more.

Recommendations

- 1) The Parish Council should investigate the possibility of the provision of a skip for garden waste.
- 2) The Parish Council should try to ensure that the verges are well maintained but that sufficient margins are left for wildlife habitats.
- 3) The Parish Council will be approached to see how improvements could be made to both refuse and re-cycling collections.
- 4) The Parish Council will be approached with regard to the provision of a Ladies' lavatory.

Section F Sport and Leisure

F1/3

The availability and utilisation of local sport and leisure facilities was the subject of this section and began by asking the respondents whether or not they participated in current village activities. Eighty five people (out of 118) said that they did not. Of those who did, the most common activities were associated with the Church in the form of the Fete, the Help Holme Church Group and Open Gardens. Bird Watching, Carpet Bowls and Village Hall activities featured.

Having appraised current activity, the villagers were asked what they would attend if it were available. The only activities listed in significant numbers were Keep Fit and Creative Arts for Adults. There was some interest in Badminton, Children's Summer Activities, Snooker and Pool.

In response to the question, *'Would you be prepared to help organise any activity?'* 21 people said Yes, with 3 saying Maybe. Although in the previous section a clear interest was shown in Keep Fit, only 2 people specified that they were prepared to help, whereas 4 people were prepared to help with Children's activities. Given that 21 people responded positively when the general question was asked, it may be that more helpers would come forward were plans initiated to introduce these activities.

F4/6 *How often do you use the following local amenities?*

	Venue	Number	Ave per month
1	Village Hall	15	3
2	Public Footpaths	36	12
3	Village Pub	22	3

Only a few people experienced any difficulty in attending events due to lack of transport, but the other notable problems were 'Not sufficiently advertised (18) and 'no one to go with' (8).

Two respondents cited lack of transport and distance between school and home, as preventing children taking part in after school activities.

F7/8 *Should Holme have a Children's playground?*

There was clearly a division of opinion, with 44 respondents saying yes and 42 saying no. 32 people did not respond. No clear site was favoured should a playground become a reality in the future although there was some feeling (8) that it should be close to the Village Hall. Other suggestions appear in the full report.

F9/10 *What do you think of the facilities at the Village Hall?*

Generally, the respondents appear to be satisfied with the Village Hall, with 88 people saying it is adequate or above and only 4 saying it is poor. Several suggestions for improvements were offered. Nine respondents suggested that the kitchen should be upgraded and 7 that a car park would be advantageous. All other suggestions appear in the full report.

Recommendations

- 1) There would appear to be support for Keep Fit, Creative Arts for Adults and some indoor sports. The Village Appraisal Group and the Village Hall Committee should contact the 'Sport For All' group at the Borough Council to discuss how best to take these ideas forward and what help is available.
- 2) The footpaths are well used by the villagers. It may be appropriate for the Parish Council to regularly monitor current paths.
- 3) A suggestion could be made to groups putting on events that they review their advertising. It may also be useful for them to consider ways of making it easier for people on their own to attend. The Help Holme Church Group and the P.C.C. are groups who may find this information helpful.
- 4) The Village Hall Committee may like to consider suggestions offered for improving the Village Hall.

Section G Local Government.

This section queried how well respondents thought the Parish Council published its activities and how often they attended meetings.

Although two thirds of people (68) thought that the Parish Council publicised its activities at least reasonably well, some thought more effort was needed to keep people informed, and almost all would like more information. The most popular way in which this could be achieved was through the Link magazine

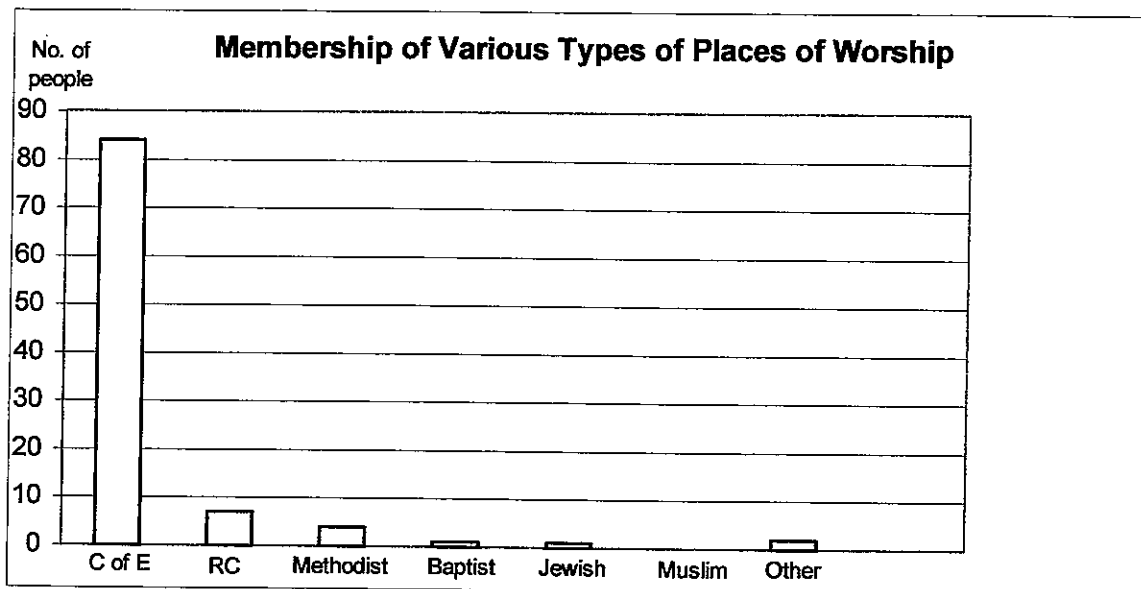
Forty seven respondents stated that they had previously attended a Parish Council meeting whilst 67 said that they had not, similarly 37 said that they had attended an Annual Parish Meeting and 76 said they had not.

Recommendations

- 1) That the Parish Council summarise its activities monthly in the Link magazine.
- 2) That the Parish Council continues to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in the Link magazine in addition to the statutory notices.

Section H Religion and Faith

H1/3



This shows that a very large percentage of the population of Holme considers itself as belonging to the Church of England. However, those who actually attend the church in Holme numbered just 38. Twenty eight respondents said that they attend churches outside Holme, although this number probably comprises mostly the same people attending additional services in Old Hunstanton and Thornham. Some Holme residents, however, said they attend places of worship outside Holme either because they preferred the service or because the times were more convenient. In a few cases (8), their denomination was not catered for. Seven people said they attended Holme church for special services only.

H4 *Asked about the importance of the local church*

1	For Sunday worship	39
2	For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	56
3	As a focal point for the community	54
4	As an historic building	68
5	Not important	12

It is evident that, although the church is not well attended, it is seen as an important asset in the village.

H5 *Invited comments about possible improvements*

A number of improvements were suggested for the church, with toilets being many peoples' choice, closely followed by a small kitchen and a car park. These recommendations will be passed on to the Parochial Church Council.

Section J General

J1 *If Natural Gas were available in Holme would you use it as your main source of energy?*

1	Yes	62
2	No	15

J2 *Would you like to see Broadband Internet facilities available in Holme?*

1	Yes	49
2	No	29

Section J was a general section, which first asked specific questions regarding the likely take-up of Natural Gas and Broadband, if and when they were available. 62 respondents would welcome the opportunity to use gas as their main source of energy and 49 would like Broadband internet facilities.

J3 *How would you like Holme to develop?*

The section then moved on to enquire how residents would like Holme to develop. Six choices were offered: 1. as a working community; 2. as a rural community; 3. as a commuter community; 4. as a tourist centre; 5. remain as it is and 6. other. The overwhelming majority (83 respondents) would prefer Holme to 'stay as it is', although, confusingly, four respondents ticked not only this box but also ticked 'as a working community' and/or 'as a commuter community'. Just one respondent wanted Holme to develop as a 'tourist centre'. Two respondents pointed out that cheaper housing would assist younger families and a couple bracketed all the options, indicating that a mixture would be ideal.

The final part of this section invited people to give three likes and three dislikes about living in Holme. The former showed considerable consensus of opinion: time and again, the same few responses were given in slightly different phraseology. So many appreciate the beautiful location of the village, with an A.O.N.B coastline and countryside so close; the peace and tranquillity; the proximity of the bird reserves and the sense of community in a friendly village. Local events, such as Open Gardens are appreciated, as is the work of the Parish Council. The opportunities for coastal and inland walks and bird watching were frequently mentioned, as was the attractiveness of the built environment in an area largely free of crime and vandalism. Several people commented that they felt Holme to be a safe environment in which to be out alone. Many people appreciated the small size of the village and the fact that much of it is sited away from the main road, coupled with the advantages of having a town close by. There was some concern that, whilst the village is currently relatively unspoiled, there is a danger that over-development and increasing numbers of holidaymakers could spoil the village.

Other 'likes' included: low rainfall and clean fresh air; nearness of boating facilities; the number of interesting places to visit within easy driving distance; the golf course and cricket pitch; 360° views from the beach; big skies; darkness at night; geese overhead; the beauty of the changing seasons; the ice cream kiosk; relatively low insurance; the church bells and the pub.

The following quotes are representative of the feelings of many residents:

'Friendly people'

'Good mix of people.'

'Can walk village in peace and security' 'Unusually peaceful village'

'Unspoiled surroundings within easy reach of beach and marshes.'

'Attractive built environment.'

'Twitcher's paradise.'

'The lovely rural setting with the Heritage Coast and Bird Sanctuary. A very special place.'

'Sitting in a south facing garden on a sunny afternoon, gin and tonic in hand, listening to the buzzing of the bees and the distant sound of church bells.'

The 'dislikes' were far more varied, although the lack of a shop and post office cropped up forty one times and the large percentage of second homes was cited seventeen times. The lack of local jobs was highlighted. Several people could find nothing to criticise whilst for a few, incomers were to blame for changing the ambience of the village.

Some 'likes' also appeared on the 'dislikes' list: sadly, there are a few who find the village an unfriendly place in which to live and took the opportunity to express their loneliness and their feeling of a lack of community spirit. Additionally, the church bells are disliked by a few and one respondent suggested that two one hour practice sessions would be preferable to a single two hour stretch each week. The pub was criticised by several for being unfriendly, noisy and aimed at youngsters from Hunstanton, rather than the locals.

Beyond these criticisms, there were some which were specific to certain areas of the village and likely to have been written by those directly affected. Hence, there was a number who felt that the traffic on the A149 was noisy and fast and dangerous and some who complained about the state of Broadwater Road and its lack of adequate sewerage, poorly maintained ditches and the nuisance of the coaches. The weak sea bank by the bird observatory was mentioned as representing a potential risk for flooding. Illegal parking and noisy holiday makers camping in the car park were also cited. Inconsiderate parking in Peddars Way and Kirkgate and horse boxes blocking the road were commented on. Some residents felt there to be a geographical divide between the Main Road area and the village centre and someone said that old maps of the area depict a footpath linking the two.

The absence of certain amenities, such as a play area, tennis court and lack of classes for yoga, badminton and keep fit were mentioned, as was the lack of swimming training facilities. Several drew attention to the paucity of useful public transport and pointed out the difficulties faced by schoolchildren who wish to take part in after school activities. A couple of respondents drew attention to the shortage of taxis in the area.

Some criticisms were directed at the appearance of the village. These included the overhead cables; mud on the roads in winter; horse manure on the roads; litter and dog fouling; poor pavements/lack of pavements; verges damaged by tractors and lorries; street lighting spoiling the night sky; obtrusive security lighting; too many road signs and the state of the village pond. A couple of people took the opportunity of the Appraisal to criticise the untidiness of their neighbours' front gardens and the increasing number of high fenced front gardens, making the village look unfriendly.

A few criticisms were levelled at the wider area, for example, the encroachment of the golf course on to the footpath and the increasing area being cordoned off by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Since the dislikes were so diverse, the following quotes were chosen because they touched on the sentiments of a number of villagers:

'If I didn't like it I would not live here...'

'We moved here when there was still a village shop and did use it and think that Holme is not the same without, as it was somewhere that people met and had a chat (particularly important for those who live alone)'

'There seems to be a perception of difference/contribution by the various village dwellers in categories i.e. original Holme born/bred (not many), permanent migrants/retirees, second home owners and holiday makers'.

'Lack of village spirit – it really is an unfriendly place and altogether unwelcoming'

'Takeover by NWT of areas that go with Common Rights.'

'No children's play area.'

'Too many second homes'

'Inadequate public transport – even a newspaper delivery would help.'

AND FINALLY...provided the opportunity for people to air their views on topics not previously covered by the Appraisal form. These comments tended to be a continuation of the 'dislikes' section and under this heading came Raves; a request for more frequent road sweeping; the danger posed by high hedging at road intersections; the confusion over the borders of Kirkgate and Eastgate; the high cost for parking in the Norfolk Wildlife Trust car park and a dislike of 4 x 4 cars. A couple of the most recent houses to be built in the village drew comment as being too large and out of character for the area. The re-numbering of Broadwater Road was requested, to help overcome confusion for post and parcel delivery.

Suggestions for improving the area included having a 'proper' village green, suitable for village activities and adequate parking for the church and village hall. One resident would like to see the ice cream kiosk developed into a café. The improvement of coastal defences was highlighted as essential to Holme's long term survival.

Lastly, the Parish Council was criticised as not being as well run as in the past. An annual Open Parish Meeting was requested, along with a published list of those houses with Common Rights.

Section K Facilities within the area.

Where do you go for the following services, and do you think that the facilities are Good, Adequate, or Poor.

Please tick those boxes which are appropriate to your family.

		Huns'ton	B.Mkt.	K.L.	Fkn.	Other.	Good	Adqt.	Poor
	Medical								
1	Doctors	45	45			13	49	17	12
2	Dentist	28	19	9	8	39	48	23	8
3	Optician	57	1	16	1	13	58	14	2
4	Chiropodist	8	1			25	16	9	
5	Vet	24		4	2	32	39	9	
	Shopping								
6	Wkly shop	81	3	20	4	7	48	33	3
7	Daily shop	52	2			16	25	16	3
8	Cloths/shoes	26	5	39	2	50	25	33	9
9	D.I.Y.	29	1	47	9	26	35	22	3
10	Gardening	17	2	12	17	60	44	25	1
11	Sport	23		9	2	13	14	11	8
	Leisure								
12	Theatre	36	1	22	1	24	24	17	5
13	Cinema	29	1	33	8	13	15	19	7
14	Restaurant	24	19	17	6	6	47	12	
15	Other	1	3	2	1	9	6	2	
16	School	12		1			9	2	1

The results indicate that Holme residents are evenly divided between those who use the doctors' surgery at Burnham Market and those who go to the practice in Hunstanton. Food shopping is largely done at Hunstanton and the town's facilities are also patronised by considerable numbers for sport, leisure and school. However, the data also show that people do also travel much further afield, particularly for clothes and shoes and for items for their gardens.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION by :-**HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

- 1) For the Parish Council to contact the Highways with regard to repairing the pavements.
- 2) For the Parish Council to meet with both the NWT and the Borough Council to see how access to the beach and reserve areas could be made easier.
- 3) The Parish Council should contact the Highways Department with a view to possible improvements at the junction of Eastgate and the A149.
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- 7) For the Parish Council to explore the possibility of providing a bus shelter.
- 8) The Parish Council should investigate the possibility of the provision of a skip for garden waste.
- 9) The Parish Council should try to ensure that the verges are well maintained but that sufficient margins are left for wildlife habitats.
- 10) The Parish Council should approach the Borough Council to see how improvements could be made to both refuse and re-cycling collections.
- 11) The Parish Council should approach the Borough Council with regard to the provision of a second Ladies' lavatory
- 12) The footpaths are well used by the villagers. It may be appropriate for the P.C. to regularly monitor current paths.
- 13) That the Parish Council summarise its activities monthly in the Link magazine.
- 14) That the Parish Council continues to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in the Link magazine in addition to the statutory notices.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION by :-

HOLME VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- 1) For the Village Hall Committee to encourage volunteers to come forward and together, explore how the activities mentioned could become a reality, ie. Keep Fit, Creative Arts for Adults, Badminton, Pool and Snooker. The Sport For All group at the Borough Council should be able to help with ideas and the loan of equipment.
- 2) The Village Hall Committee should consider the improvements suggested for the hall ie. Upgrading the kitchen and the problem of car parking.
- 3) For the committee to review how they advertise events and to consider ways of making it easier for people who live on their own to attend.

St. MARY'S P.C.C. / HELP HOLME CHURCH GROUP

- 1) For the PCC and HHCG to consider the suggestions made for the improvement of facilities at the church ie. Provision of toilets, a small kitchen, and car parking.
- 2) For the PCC and HHCG to review how they advertise events and to consider ways of making it easier for people who live on their own to attend.

THE APPRAISAL GROUP

- 1) The existing Appraisal Group should meet in 12 months time to review progress on the recommendations of this Appraisal and to make their findings public.

THE PARISHIONERS OF HOLME

You have spoken loud and clear about your feelings for Holme and there is much that needs attention. Progress will only be made if more people are prepared to become more involved and work with and support the existing volunteers in the community. Without more involvement change is likely to be very slow.

DISTRIBUTION.

A copy of this appraisal has been delivered to all households shown on the Electoral Role as at May 2004.

Copies have also been sent to:-

Mr Brian Bullivant, Borough Councillor.

Mr John Dobson, Leader Borough Council

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