

LIKES and DISLIKES

Business & Employment; Crime & safety

Business & Employment

Like :

The Post Office, the bank, library and small shops.
Grahams on Green.

Dislike:

Difficulty of promoting more jobs.
Fear of losing Post Office and bank (the bank has now been lost)

Suggestions:

Retain shops and garage
Need to encourage employment locally - e.g. at Writtle college
Encourage small businesses
Use the businesses that are currently here or else they will close

Crime and safety

Like

The new Police Community Support Officer
General feeling that crime is low

Dislike

Vandalism, esp. by Paradise Road playing area
Anti social behaviour on the Green

Suggestions

Remove dumped cars as they encourage vandalism
Fines for litter louts
More fining for illegal parking

Education & Learning; Environment & Conservation

Education

Like

Schools and links with community

Suggestion

Better provision for students without compromising existing residents or first time buyers

Environment and Conservation

Like

The gap between village and Chelmsford

The village centre, church, heritage buildings

Good community spirit

Dislike

Too much dog poo on streets

Cock and Bell pub looks a mess; bad impression for village entrance - now refurbished and renamed as the Blue Bridge

Smell from fish and chip shop

Noise from pubs at night, also broken glass outside Rose and Crown at times

Infilling in back gardens

State of Old Mill, unsightly fencing

Suggestions

More dog litter bins

Severe fines on litter louts

More litter collection from outlying parts of village, e.g. Lawford lane

Restriction on feeding ducks when pond is full of bread, encourages rats

Replace street lighting with heritage style

Health & Well-being; Heritage & Culture

Health and Well Being

Like

Good doctors' surgery and pharmacy, friendly and efficient staff

Lovely place to live, work and visit

Very friendly and welcoming village

Dislike

Too much dog litter

Bins left on footpath rather than driveways

Suggestions

Empty dog bins more often

Heritage and Culture

Like

Separate village from Chelmsford

Attractive village green with old buildings

Church and bells

Proximity to Hylands Park

Suggestions

Preserve essential character of village. Enhance and protect assets

Provide heritage trail notice board on Green

Housing & Development; Leisure & Recreation

Housing and Planning

Like

The defined boundaries of the village, distinct from Chelmsford

Present size of village

Variety of housing

Dislike

Infilling and too much pressure for new houses

Insufficient number of affordable homes and starter homes for the young

Suggestions

Old Mill should be developed

Convert part of Longmeads into flats

More bungalows for elderly

Council to enforce planning breaches, e.g. Rose and Crown

Poor standard of most public houses

More rights of way, involve farmers

Develop land for riverside walk from Co-Op to sports ground

New housing to have good parking

No development on Old Mill site

No linking with Chelmsford

No development on sunflower field at top of Lordship Road

No development on Skeggs farm

Leisure and Recreation

Like

Open spaces for walking, the cycle way, pond and the Hoppit

Wide range of clubs, associations

Good community spirit

Skate board

Dislike

Lack of swimming pool and other sports facilities

Concern over future of Longmeads House

Lack of facilities for youth

Excessive noise from Paradise road playing fields

Lack of purpose community centre

Suggestions

Youth centre attractive to today's teenagers

Heritage trail - static display board

Improve land behind the Co-op

Services & Facilities; Writtle College

Services, Facilities, communications

Dislike

Only one bus route, Sunday service inadequate

Pavement in Bridge Street too narrow

Poor state of play area by Long Brandocks shops

Poor state of flower beds by shops

Over grown vegetation on alleyways and along footpaths

Loss of shops

Suggestions

Flower beds outside Long Brandocks shops

More cycle racks by shops and surgery

Purpose built community centre

More communication about Parish Plan

Land behind Co-Op could be used for recreation

New clean WC's

Writtle College

Like

Being able to walk through grounds

College provides jobs

Cycle ways and footpaths through grounds looked after

Dislike

Fear of housing development on college land

Spread of college buildings

Future plans for development not clear

Minimal links with local community

Suggestions

More information on events at college

Transport, Traffic and Footpaths

Like

The cycle way

Bus service

Dislike

Speed of traffic through village, esp Ongar Road, Lordship Road and the Green

Parking around the Green

Mayfield Road exit

Parking problems along Ongar Road

Access to St. John's Road

Parking near school

Lorries ignoring weight limit

Lack of enforcement of double yellow lines

Poor road surfaces

Congestion in Bridge Street

Parking problems over V concert weekend

Pub layouts are poor

Traffic speed in Paradise road, visitors to club

Cock and Bell Junction

Cyclists on footpaths

Suggestions

Reduce speed limit to 30mph in Lordship Road

Extend cycle way to Roxwell and Highwood and more cycle paths in general in village.

Provide laybys for Ongar Road residents , possible contra flow system in Ongar road, restricted access.

Speed restrictions

Additional parking at Doctors' surgery

Mini roundabouts at Cock and Bell and Preston's

Remove cars from Green

Residents only parking in certain areas such as St. John's Green

Install slow down signs at entrances to village, more 30mph signs

More traffic wardens to enforce parking regulations

New by pass to north of village

Park and Ride at Roxwell Road

More traffic calming measures, chicanes rather than bumps

Underground parking, esp for any new houses

Access only for St. John's Road

More free car parking, e.g. behind Co-Op

Linking footpaths to all parts of the village

End V concert

Duck crossing sign on Green