

All Literal Comments by area

Gobowen:

Q4 Please tell us what you think is the best thing about living in the area?

- Convenient for travelling. Good local shops.
- We have only lived in the area having moved from South London. We are impressed with how clean things are without graffiti. We are enjoying living in a beautiful area with friendly people.
- We are close to some good amenities such as the playing fields, library and shops whilst still being in a rural location where you can go for a walk along quiet lanes or across fields.
- Good transport links. Good local facilities; retail; chemist; Post Office; dentist; hairdresser's; alcoholic premises; takeaways; Junior School; Churches; library
- Surrounding countryside Transport network - easy to get to other places
- Rural community Good bus and train services Local shops
- Good friendly area, people friendly and helpful
- Very friendly people Close to lovely countryside & canal Lots of local amenities
- Friendly neighbours, also friendly area. Handy for village shops, buses and trains.
- Post Office, shop, chip shop, bus, train, school
- Ease of access to Oswestry and friendliness of local people
- Friendly Shops/post office/library - everything you need
- Good transport services
- Close to town, everything you need in walking distance, nice neighbours
- Lovely country walks on your doorstep Railway station close to hand Prefer village community to town
- Good road access to local towns Fine surrounding countryside
- I am disabled so cannot get out to see the glorious countryside - ??????
- Gobowen Railway Station
- Public transport, shops, library
- Accessibility to work/schools/family/shops/trains
- Proximity to countryside; railway station
- I enjoy Gobowen. I have been here for 35 years, my children were brought up here and now my grandchildren can enjoy it.
- Most essential services are to hand and swift access to the open countryside. Established shops and businesses have been augmented with a pharmacy and dental practice. Plus a station.
- Most essentials are to hand with the addition of a pharmacy and dental practice in addition to established post office and village shops.
- Beeches Avenue is secluded so it is quiet
- We have a really great community on the estate and an open space right outside.
- Easy access to countryside as well as good bus, rail and road systems
- Area is nice. Playing field area is good. Peaceful. Handy for local buses. Not far from shops
- Just about have a village 'feel' Train station, bus service
- Convenience - rail, national express, buses, local shop, chemist, dentist etc The peace & quiet, wild life, easy access to motorways
- At my age (90), peace & quiet
- Quiet area, good bus and train service
- On edge of village, field at rear.
- The train station, Post Office, shops, pharmacy, dentist, takeaways etc.
- Village has good amenities - shops, post office, chemist, hairdresser - Excellent train/bus service
- Pleasant outlook Nice trees People tend to look after property
- Transport links, especially train station. Good shop which stocks most items School
- Easy access to lovely walks. Good bus service and train service (apart from no buses in evenings or Sundays) Also local facilities - shops, pharmacy, Post Office etc
- Friendly
- Nice walks in countryside and canal side. Station. Shop
- Local shops, train station, playing field for children

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- I love living in a village (not town) because of the countryside around, but also where I live we still have a sense of old family values looking out for each other, which does not seem to exist anymore.
- The easy access to most areas and the transport links
- Central to various amenities in Oswestry, Wrexham, Shrewsbury and Chester and further by rail if required
- The public services/provision
- Countryside views and green open spaces
- We have good facilities, shops, hairdresser very good library. Bus service, walks.
- We feel like living in the country although close to a lovely Market Town. We also have a village post office and of course our Railway Station
- Good transport links. Good village amenities. Post office, dentist, shops, take aways, pharmacy, shame about the pubs.
- Convenience - most shops for basic essentials within walking distance e.g. Coop supermarket, hairdressers, post office etc. Also good access to main road routes and rail station especially convenient.
- Pleasant countryside
- Countryside. Good transport links
- Good facilities - station, buses, post office, shop. Easy access to country walks
- The train station
- Nice and quiet
- It's quiet, not much trouble, safe place to live.
- The train station, countryside, local shops and post office
- The orthopaedic hospital
- The friendliness of the community
- Bus service. Local school. Shop, clubs. Railway station
- Feels safe, nice walks around and park has improved a lot.
- The friendly people. Not much crime
- Rhewl is a pleasant, quiet residential area. Gobowen itself is convenient as regards travelling to other parts of the country.
- The playing field and going to Gobowen Scouts
- Everything to hand, shops, post office, public transport, bus, train, takeaways, chemist, dentist, pubs etc.
- My home is in a very pleasant cul-de-sac, with a reasonable size garden to suit a pensioner. Gobowen has good transport links to bigger towns. But, having lived for the last ten years, social life is still St Martins based
- Good access to road and rail links. Easy access to beautiful countryside
- Free bus service. All essential amenities e.g. library, chemist, post office, shop
- Central to Cities
- Access to the surrounding countryside
- Good amenities e.g. post office, dentist, railways, pharmacy, shop, chip shop, library etc
- Transport connection to North Wales and the Midlands. Facilities at the Derwen College
- Rail station - available links. Convenient amenities
- Moving from a flat to a bungalow
- It has got everything which one needs
- Railway station, good bus service
- Most people keep themselves to themselves and give you your privacy
- Having just relocated from London being on the edge of the countryside, but still in a village with a shop.
- Very convenient for buses and trains
- Very helpful people living in the area. Has plenty of shops. Stans shop close by.
- Good train and bus service. Post office and co-op
- Near Railway station. On a good bus route
- Convenience. Easy access with buses and trains. Shopping is easy and we now have a dentist.
- Semi rural. Local shop (co-op). Bus service to Oswestry (not used yet)
- I think that it is very convenient for buses and trains.

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- Convenience - shop, pharmacy, churches, rail, bus
- Peaceful, quiet, convenient
- Peace and Quiet
- The quiet most of the time, the open spaces
- Friendly people, lovely area. Good village facilities. Transport links
- We have everything in this village. Shops, pubs, a library, post office and a railway station. Oh and a pharmacy.
- Convenient for bus and trains
- The facilities down the village playing fields.
- Good transport links (although school bus to Rhyn Park seems very expensive as it's too far for younger pupils to walk). Use of local library. Good supportive primary school within walking distance.
- Friendly people - good NHS services. Convenient to Oswestry- buses and trains. Central for London, Wales or Scotland by train. Good shops and churches and playing fields.
- Good communications (bus/train) shops especially co-op and post office. The library.
- Playing field
- Quiet area - peaceful. Safety around the site
- Quick access to the countryside. Convenient local shops
- It's just a wonderful place
- Peaceful
- Quiet
- Surrounding countryside
- Good transport facilities.
- Good place to live with all we need
- Amenities. Transport-train and close to roads. Lovely walks at edge of village.
- Near the station for Chester - Shrewsbury. Frequent bus service, good roads to Chester, midlands or Wales
- Close to Oswestry and easy to get north, i.e. Liverpool and Manchester! (but local facilities started to improve)
- Gobowen has easy access to everywhere
- Train station, access to bypass, local shops/pubs
- Quiet, peaceful rural idyll
- Need more facilities for children i.e. skate park
- Railway links to parts of country. Lovely County close to hospital. Good bus service.
- Close to Station
- Good place to live. We get peace and quiet that's how we like it.
- Railway station, bus stops, chemists, shop are very reachable when we are no longer able to drive.
- Good transport links e.g. bus, train
- Railway station. Close to towns - cities and airports. Famous hospital on our doorstep.
- Amenities - shop, post office, library, train station, great Indian takeaway. Derwen Garden Centre/Orthopaedic hospital and nursery, countryside, pharmacy, allotments
- Peace and quiet
- Nice and quiet not too far from countryside and local shops
- Access to country. Good public transport
- Quiet, rural location. Easy access to bus service. Good village amenities - library, shop, train station
- Excellent facilities. Beautiful countryside. Peaceful
- Friendly neighbourhood, beautiful surrounding area.
- Countryside. Quiet. Good facilities/services
- Not far from the Orthopaedic hospital and Park Hall and the Venue
- The library and the co-op shop
- Open fields. Feeling of space.
- Central to amenities beyond the village. Good commuting links to Birmingham, Chester, Shrewsbury etc. Easy access to country walks and beautiful scenery. The potential to have an attractive thriving village centre. The Railway Station, Chemist, Post Office and Take Away

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outlets are an asset to the village, attracting a diversity of clientele beyond the indigenous population.

- Easy access to Rail and Road. Good shopping facilities amenities

Q5. Please tell us which three things you think are the least attractive features

- Dog fouling on the pavements especially on the way to the school. Traffic speeding on the Chirk Road.
- We don't know all areas of Gobowen but we have noticed that there is an area of ground next to platform 2 at Gobowen railway station that need smartening up also the boarded up shop and the Hart and Trumpet Pub are not very pleasing on the eye.
- Run down, neglected and even burnt building make the village look very scruffy. Buildings should be better maintained or action taken against people who refuse. Dog faeces and litter - more bins & dog bins needed and people encouraged to use them. Pubs in the village are not that good or attractive looking. Would be good to have a nice pub.
- Land by the little hut requires developing Scrapyard in Fernhill Lane to be relocated Boarded up Kebab premises should be brought back into use.
- Village centre around shops & Post Office - do up neglected properties & encourage flower displays The village roundabout - almost always looks unkempt - better maintenance Wat's Dyke - requires better maintenance & grazing
- Busy road with no crossing - from shops to Post Office
- Area around the station & shops needs a bit of TLC Not sure how this could be improved without owners of properties spending lots of money
- For non-drivers no buses after 7pm so not able to get to occasions like 'Music Live' and other functions in town and other areas, throughout the year. Have a skeleton bus service on the occasions when there are things going on in town.
- Footpath not wide for wheelchairs and prams. On end paint yellow for night time.
- The old Indian which is still a burnt out shell! Exterior of Hart & Trumpet - both are first seen as people get off the train and bus services.
- Unoccupied buildings by Gobowen roundabout - should be developed, anything - housing or commercial. Undeveloped housing estate - Wat's Dyke
- Gobowen village centre needs tidying up, too many scruffy buildings Scruffy pubs West Place/Hammonds Place - Council houses
- There aren't any
- The area opposite to window/conservatory building, very untidy, not good aspect when entering village. MUGA - spoilt a lovely playing field Shelter by railway in memory of David Lloyd (we are sure something else could have been thought of).
- Dilapidated building and shed near Gobowen roundabout needs to be redeveloped, or removed. Public House opposite the station is in a very poor state and should be demolished. Ask Rail Authority to paint the signal box
- Racing cars & bikes bus stops often a disgusting place to be in
- Cross Foxes Pub Hart & Trumpet Pub Boarded Up Takeaway
- Area around the roundabout, tidied up and old cars removed.
- Kebab House; renovation Vehicle speeds in Whittington and St Martins Road - more 'slow' detectors War Memorial needs tidying up
- People carrying on car repair business on a public road in Fernhill Lane
- The most is you can walk out of village to the Meadows and many other walks. The playing fields have been improved but the Brook is a mess, full of rubbish
- The village centre could do with a special feature but a proposed pedestrian crossing may help. There is an urgent need to bring the abandoned coal yard at the station into use. And provide much needed additional car parking.
- The village centre lacks a feature to give it added character and this is reflected at Christmas time with no tree and few lights. Giving a purpose to the derelict coal yard at Gobowen station where there is a lack of car parking despite its popularity. Better use made of the playing field for organised team sports in addition to football.

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- 1, The meadows being privately owned so it is now overgrown and not very safe. Buy it and make it into a nature reserve/ explorer area 2, School lane being used in the incorrect manner. Enforce the traffic laws!!!
- I find the area around the roundabout, opposite the Indian where the cars are always being vandalised and the building almost burnt down are really unsightly and do nothing to promote our village at all, it would be great if that could be tidied up or stopped being used as a bargain car lot. Dog poop is always a problem along Whittington road and Chirk road. Planting of the main roundabout is lovely in flowering season but maybe a more permanent piece of artwork created by the kids in Gobowen school would add something unique to the village -like in Chester where they use old bikes and metals etc.
- Gobowen centre derelict properties and scrap vehicles. Tear properties down and put in affordable housing for young families.
- Too many cars parked on the road. St Martins Road is a very busy road. No speed limit for very many cars.
- Parking outside Co-op, very dangerous at times - need to stop this, and the speed in which some cars travel is too fast. Litter, dog fouling - and untidy hedgerows and gardens belonging to council residents - and council owned walkways and rights of way. River Perry - very overgrown.
- Gobowen Centre - tired, decrepid, needs painting of old buildings, repairing others, tidying up
- Cars speeding through the village. Lack of pedestrian crossings Very few benches or seats for elderly.
- Takeaway opposite the Coop (refurbishment needed) Hart and Trumpet public house (knock it down) Railway station signal box (needs painting)
- The centre of Gobowen i.e. Kebab house Waste land opposite Jardine Leisure All the dog mess on the St Martins Road pavement
- The area by the zebra crossing - boarded up housing/cars left on pathways - get owner to tidy it up. The kebab burnt out shop makes village look untidy - get the owner to take responsibility and tidy it up. The areas around village centre/shop area need to be made smarter like the centre of Chirk/planters etc.
- Dogs barking Dogs fouling pavements Scrapyard at top of road in Fernhill Road should not be allowed
- Properties by the roundabout are a complete eyesore. Hart & Trumpet pub is disgusting and filthy - could be made into a lovely family pub. The children's park needs to be fenced off for the safety of our children from dogs fouling and there are no bins down on the field. Obviously people don't read signs, keep dogs on leads. Speed of traffic on St Martins Road
- Litter & dog fouling, especially in vicinity of the school. Not sure if it is easy though to enforce fines or change attitudes apart from through the schools but mainly teaching through the generations and good examples. Vandalism which is also counter productive.
- MUGA - demolish it
- The Roundabout area - burnt out shops. Caravan site down A5 - rubbish and litter in lanes
- Roundabout, pubs, property
- 1= The roundabout does not look good, Gobowen is known for the roundabout could the council out proper flower beds in so passing visitors to the village think it looks nice. 2= Railway station old coal yard - please make it look tidy!! 3=The Hare and Trumpet Pub and car park are an eye sore!!
- The area opposite the Indian takeaway by the roundabout is a complete eyesore and spoils Gobowen! The amount of dog mess is shocking especially along the St Martins Road.
- 1= Large characterless roundabout- cover with trees to slow traffic. 2=Caravans and cars by zebra crossing- enforce owner to tidy up the area. 3=Speeding on Chirk Road and St Martins Road, create speed bumps on both roads.
- 1= Littering including dog dirt in public places. 2= Lack of affordable housing. 3= Wanton vandalism especially of public property
- Tatty or missing road signs - replace. Tatty public benches - paint.
- Cars on the Road down Fern Hill Lane are being repaired on the Road and some garages on the right hand side look untidy.
- Hart & Trumpet pub is an eyesore so close to our very popular railway station- needs a complete renovation. The Kebab house (now boarded up after fire) is a terrible eyesore for our village centre.

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- 'Idris Roberts' corner has been a disgrace for over 30 years.
- 1- Scruffy- too many untidy scruffy buildings especially around this village main roundabout - demolish and tidy up. 2= shelter by rail crossing a gathering place for jobs, litter and empty bottles left - remove it. 3= 2 pubs in village both down-at-heel and unappealing and in the village centre - smarten up, sell good food (put a restaurant in one) and an outside area for summer.
- Untidy gardens - competition with prizes (annual). Overgrown hedges - encouragement to consider others. The public houses
- The island in the village, it reminds of a scrap yard. Too much litter. More litter bins.
- Fast traffic through the village on St Martins Road, bypass road, Chirk Road and village centre. Some footpaths are not usable. Little provision for cyclists.
- Playing field too much dog muck and stray dogs.
- Park
- The boarded up takeaway
- Nothing I like it the way it is
- Not enough things for kids to do
- No school crossing
- 1= The shopping area looks scruffy. Would benefit from shops having similar style (shop names/signs). Flowers like Chirk. 2= Speed measures on St Martins Road - busy road for school children - put flashing 30 sign if over 30mph.
- Kebab shop new business or decorate it. The pavilion is old fashioned
- 1. The boarded-up takeaway in the village centre. 2. The area around the 'hut' near the zebra crossing. 3. The two public houses in the centre of the village.
- No ramps, no zebra crossings or lack of. We need to slow the traffic down, lack of community get up and go
- 1= Lack of dual carriageway from Shrewsbury through Llangollen on A5. Dual carriageway available after Ruabon(??) on A483. 2= Lack of support from Shropshire Primary Care Trust for NHS Dental Surgery in Chirk necessary as Gobowen and St Martin did not have one (Gobowen just got one (last 8 weeks) but why should people have to change surgeries when they have settled with a good dentist? It was bad when the previous NHS dentists in Chirk went to Oswestry and turned private.
- 1. Buildings which are not looked after e.g. those opposite Jardine Leisure 2. Burnt out kebab shop. How to change this - public pressure?? Overall I think Gobowen is quite attractive as a small village.
- Fly tipping- Gobowen to St Martins. To save fuel etc - we think it is not necessary to sweep streets in our area weekly.
- N/A to most except house in Old Whittington Road opposite Club. An absolute disgrace and full of rats. Also House on corner of Old St Martins Road
- 1= Petty vandalism i.e. scratching car and damaging mirrors. 2= Public transport (buses) stop far too early. You HAVE to drive to go out in Oswestry. 3= REALLY dangerous and difficult to cross to A5 by foot.
- Boarded up shop in village, youngsters hanging around the shop in village centre. Working men's club needs attention (lick of paint wouldn't go amiss). Parking around post office, a real nuisance.
- 1. Wrecked cars, caravans and buildings on the corner of Old St Martins Road. 2. Poor maintenance of the footpath leading into the village on old Whittington Road during winter. 3. Poor noticeboards advertising community events.
- 1. Lack of community activities - firework night/yearly summer fairs. 2. How expensive local bus service is. 3. How dangerous parked cars outside preeshenelle(??) chapel- there needs to be a car park for attendees
- Having big trees outside your window blocking the light. Having a dog bin by us and having dog dirt thrown at your window. Having a walk way outside your window.
- 1= Young people drinking on the streets. Get the police to drive around more. 2= People letting their dog poo on the streets and not picking it up after them. Put more dog bins around more places. 3= Get people to look after their gardens better.
- Village 'growing too quickly' - nothing can be done! Little sense of community - lack of communication more involvement and better leadership!!
- People whom take drugs (police to sort out). Lack of parking (put in driveways). Car speeding on the estate. No help for people whom are no classed disabled, but they can't do things.

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- 1= The noise from the A5: if this could be minimised this would be a huge boon. 2= the derelict building opposite the Co-op: get it occupied somehow! 3- there isn't really a single focus or heart to the village.
- Had trouble at the allotments, shed damaged
- We object to the Gypsy site opposite the Henlle Park Golf Club. This is a case for moving them on. The site is an eyesore and I can't see it getting any better.
- Speeding cars - Whittington Road - speed camera! Too many street lights! Turn off 25-50%
- 1. Roundabout, they have planted trees it still has no flowers for Spring and Summer around the outside. 2. Rubbish on the road and pavements. 3. Breweries tidy up outside of pubs. Make them look welcoming . Smoking areas to the rear of the pubs.
- No surgery. No pedestrian crossing at Post Office/co-op. difficult exit from B5009 onto A5.
- More for young people
- Don't know
- Child behaviour - give them something to do and somewhere to play at the top end of the village. The shack and area by roundabout. Clear area do up house to provide housing. Kebab house- make owners clean it up.
- Centre of Gobowen looks run down. Need yellow lines by post office. Difficult to get through in car sometimes. Speeding cars on Whittington Road.
- Youngsters hanging about by the co-op and the railway station, we need CSOs or policemen more often. Dog mess on the paths and grass verges again more CSO/police patrols.
- Lack of [???] footpaths- utilise more of grass verges. Litter round Co-op and war memorial - organise the older children into a litter collecting corps
- Litter in playing fields and other parts of village. Opposite Jardine conservatories, cars, caravans smashed up, and the yellow building needs demolishing.
- Lots of 'dog mess' always on walking routes to school (particularly on road alongside all Saints Church). Cars speeding along Chirk Road and parking on school 'zigzags' and in school lane - speed cameras to visit and CSO to be visible at school times on regular basis
- Centre of village scruffy and needing re-planning
- Unsightly area near roundabout (opposite conservatory shop). Parking problems especially along stretch of road from fish and chip shop to main road, both sides of road. Suggest there should be no parking here.
- Dog fouling on pavements - place bins
- The area on bypass road by roundabout - old cars- old cabin- looks a mess
- 1. Environmental dirt - suspect from orthopaedic hospital chimney. 2. Bad paving outside MC therefore unsafe for wheelchairs. 3 Unhelpful dustbin service
- 1. Road noise - put more trees (all year trees) along A5. 2 Not enough dog muck bins on local roads e.g. Gobowen - Ebnal- Hindford
- More traffic than ever passing through due to large vehicles cutting through bypass road instead of going direct to new motorway.
- Cars and caravans by the roundabout are spoiling the area.
- Nasty smells (from dishonest management). Snobby neighbours. Huge service charges
- Village centre needs tidying up. Memorial is a disgrace. Perhaps it would be more noticeable in centre of roundabout. Dog fouling is still a problem - more dog litter bins needed in noticeable places.
- Unoccupied shops ensure owners take measures to tidy up and 2 public houses in centre made to look more attractive. Taxi - car breaking business in Fernhill Lane very unsightly and hazardous approach to Fernhill area. Needs to be moved to industrial estate.
- The amount of traffic that comes through the village.
- Gobowen roundabout area and opposite co-op - do up, flatten. The pavilion on playing fields - do up and extend. The Hart and Trumpet.
- Stop parking outside working men's club. Not enough room for our buses to get through especially when folks park on the corner by post office. Double yellow lines outside co-op. Cars park right in front of you when standing to cross the road and its difficult seeing traffic coming from rail crossings.
- Neglected properties, such as the fish and chips shop
- The old kebab shop - need to be tidied up

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- Land just off the roundabout (????). Speed limit in Old Whittington Road should be 20 (speed ramps required)
- Litter - including rolls of foil!! Presumable drug paraphernalia. Overgrown verges. Drivers who use the narrow lane from the St Martins Road to the Derwen as a shortcut.
- The amount of older children (10+) having very little to keep them busy and out of trouble.
- As an ex service man Royal Navy I would like the War Memorial placed within church boundaries. Peace in God's House
- The former kebab shop is an eyesore. The roundabout is drab - proper seasonal planting would improve it. The playing field is unappealing - no where for a picnic except sitting on grass covered in glass or dog muck
- All the traffic that comes through the village
- Village centre, Gobowen. Stricter rules of enforcement to big rundown properties to a reasonable standard of care.
- Litter about the village/ litter bins. untidy gardens. No where to dine out in the village,
- 1. Corner shop on Old St Martins Road and by pass road, 2 Dog poo and litter. 3. Cars on our road (going to Dentist)
- Building outside co-op was burnt out, need new shop etc. Building behind you when crossing zebra crossing near roundabout. The building is a complete mess needs teenager cafe/shop
- Cars parked on the road so the children can't play safely, park on drives
- 1. Road through village dangerous to cross - traffic is increasing year by year. 2. Parking - forward planning needed now. 3. Litter - educate children from early age in social responsibility (currently they copy parents)
- 1. Area near the zebra crossing in Gobowen - lay-by and takeaway, caravans etc. Generally make the village look tatty. They should be removed or the owners made to improve the appearance. 2. Pavement widths - they are very narrow in some areas and should be widened- especially the hill on St Martins road in Gobowen nr Brynafon Close. This is very difficult to walk down with 2 children. 3. Traffic and speeding - the cars travel too fast through Gobowen village along St Martins Road as they are leaving the village towards St Martins. Also School Lane should be made 'one way'
- Roundabout in Gobowen. Derelict house and disused chip shop hut. Sell/renovate house and pull down hut. They make the roundabout look awful.
- 1. Noise from A5 - erect soundproof fence as per many of Britain's motorways. 2. Poor broadband speed. 3. Not enough facilities for youth (11-16)
- Unemployment in this area - lack of jobs. Encourage employers to take on young apprentices. Slow broadband speed - persuade BT to do something. Run down condition of priorities in village centre.
- Parking in Twmpath lane - recolour the yellow lines otherwise there could be a car crash. Fields with the broken fence brand new fence. Broken sign - have new signs.
- The old kebab house
- The entrance to Gobowen. The Hart and Trumpet very scruffy looking. Paint and flowers would make a difference - to the Railway station also. The kebab shop (as way) make village ugly.
- There is a lack of inclusion, facilities and information are disparate and leaves one feeling a stranger or 'not for me'. In terms of cultural expectations, there is a divide between the established indigenous population and those of newcomers 'outsiders'. Small groups with a specific focus do successfully operate, but are often isolated, and lack inclusion. The Gobowen 'Roundabout Magazine' attempts to alleviate some of these barriers to communication but for the majority of the time I have little idea what events or community initiatives are currently in place. Change by creating a centralised information resource. Gobowen has a high percentage of older individuals yet there are few facilities designed to enhance their quality of life. E.g. access to green spaces, benches at regular intervals. Youth, only mention of sport at the playing fields and computers. Could be so much more on offer. Art, Cinema, Music need to raise aspirations.

Q6. What are your top 3 suggestions for how the money from the Big Local could be spent

- We can't really make suggestions because we have not lived here long enough, but facilities for young people would be a good idea.

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- Create employment Community centre run by a trust, not the parish council, or church. Open at all times for the elderly, day centre, mums & toddler groups, evening bingo, youth centre etc. Minibus to transport residents (young & old) to Rhyn Park Sports Hall, Swimming Pool, St Martins, Weston Rhyn, evening transport
- Provision for education of parenting skills Events aimed at whole families
- Youth club Pedestrian Crossing Swimming pool
- More help & amenities for younger residents
- We definitely need faster broadband. Less than 2 megabytes most of the time. Extra waste bins on playing field. Perry River is a disgrace with rubbish thrown in it. Wat's Dyke field should be publicly owned - would be a lovely area if cared for.
- Improve the village area - more colour - flowers i.e. hanging baskets, more litter bins As you enter the village instead of just a sign 'Gobowen', why not a floral base to brighten and welcome visitors, and people passing through. Complete the rail link with Oswestry (Cambrian) Enterprise
- Zebra crossing by post office & shop Buy school
- Extend hard pitch on playing field and flood lights to extend time using them
- Community Centre for Gobowen With organised day time activities Especially a coffee shop
- New car park on Oswestry side of railway station More hanging baskets in village centre A special feature in the centre of the village, i.e. clock/water fountain etc
- Improving the look of the coppice for walkers. Youth centre/attractions for kids.
- Bowling Green - which could be used by all age groups Flashing speed warning signs entering Gobowen on St Martins Road Community Police support
- Provide Gobowen-Rhewl with High Speed Broadband Provide Gobowen-Rhewl with High Speed Broadband Provide Gobowen-Rhewl with High Speed Broadband
- Local transport facilities ????????
- Tidy the whole village up, it used to be a pretty village but it is the worst village in this area now.
- Central meeting place & old village hall
- Care for elderly Improvements to park Effective crime deterrent
- Improving walks; improving the brook at the playing fields - clean the rubbish up, put some proper bridges over the brook, where the children walk through. The Cubs, Scouts and Village Hall need improving.
- Environment enhancement such as bringing the meadows opposite the playing field into use as public open space. Extending the pavilion to offer social as well as sporting use, especially team games in addition to football. Possible remodelling of the area surrounding the roundabout.
- Environmental enhancement e.g. making the meadows opposite the playing field into public open space. Giving the village centre more character and maybe something done to improve the roundabout. Adding to the size of the pavilion to make it a community/social facility rather than just a changing room for footballers and partial use for youth activities.
- As stated above buy the meadows in Gobowen and make it into a nature reserve/ explorer area
- Tidying the car lot opposite the window place and removing the shack. Making a pedestrian crossing gobowen side of the railway on the B5069 from the Post office to the co-op shop. Making the roundabout more attractive.
- Sleeping policemen on the St Martins road to stop speeding Perry river needs cleaning badly Rubbish is thrown in from houses - needs a good clean.
- Purchase 'The Meadows' to make it a dog walking area with bins. Tidy up the river Perry. Proper paths. Adventure playground. Cycle routes around village. Sort the eyesore by zebra crossing. Modernize the pavilion and expand it. Looks really run down. Needs to be 2 storey, shower block and changing rooms revamped, meeting room upstairs, broadband and Youth drop in centre. Continue path all the way around playing field. Purchase some dugouts for football teams. Fence off play equipment. Litter bins needed by play equipment. Film screenings in village hall.
- Tidy up & beautify (flower tubs)centre. Railway station - make the meadows a 'wildlife' sanctuary/protected area Clear footpaths and lower stiles, not 21 anymore
- A modern clubhouse for residents. A social club for youngsters.
- More swings etc on playing field Employ a dog warden to stop stray dogs Educate people to pick up their pets mess
- A walnut tree planted in the centre of the roundabout. Planters in village centre by shops, post office. A drop in centre for young & elderly - to encourage sharing skills

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- More outings for housebound people. More Day Centres Organised theatre trips or seaside outings
- Speed ramps on St Martins Road, as this is the route most parents walk their children to school. Fence the park off from dogs Tidy properties by roundabout
- Subsidised evening classes for those who want to increase their skills - especially as no bus service in the evenings. Continued support for activities for families and young people.
- Use it to help the elderly - meals on wheels etc
- Speed control on main routes Gobowen to St Martins to Whittington
- Clean up roundabouts make more presentable. Property in centre of village needs tidying up.
- Gobowen Village Hall could do with re-vamping up, new kitchen and bar and stage. So the village could have a place fit for lots more community events. E.g. old time dancing, flower arrange classes, computer classes to use the hall more for more village and community events.
- See above comment. And there's not much for young children to do. Park should be fenced off. If Gobowen was made tidier and cleaner it would be a much nicer place to live. And also some sort of speed restriction along the St Martins Road as cars speed down there without a care!
- Speed bumps in roads as above (Chirk Road and St Martins Road). Trees on roundabout. More litter bins by shops.
- 1= Setting up of a housing association to provide housing for sale or rent. 2= Parenting courses (client friendly) for expectant and 'young' parents with an attendant crèche. 3= Acquisition of 'the Meadows' as a community and conservation park.
- Put more bulbs(??) around Gobowen and trees try and make it more attractive.
- 1= Extend the Pavilion to make a community centre. 2= Build a cycle path from Gobowen station into Oswestry (along disused track). 3= Play equipment for park.
- Compulsory purchase of Idris Roberts property and some proper housing and proper youth facilities - like the silo in its place
- 1= Smarten up centre of village. 2= Improve car parking for station and co-op supermarket (use old station coal yard for a car park). 3= A pedestrian crossing in centre of village by co-op/post office/station area, busy road with no safe crossing point.
- Continued improvements on the playing field. Subsidise classes - various- in village halls at various times. Help/advice on money/jobs in the village.
- More for pensioners to do, it seems everything is for teenagers. More for young children they are our future. In other places I have lived they had a scheme where if you were a pensioner and if you needed to have some decorating done, such as painting a ceiling or walls if you supplied the paint it would be done for free.
- Traffic calming measures to reduce speeds. Should there be a 20mph limit in the village centre? Better provision for cyclists- link to proposed provision in Oswestry. Bring footpath network to better standard.
- Things for younger children to do.
- More things for children to do or get involved in.
- Better waiting areas at the train station, more zebra crossings
- 1. The Playing fields. 2. More trees. 3. The Orthopaedics' bus shelters
- 1. Kids. 2. New business. 3. Tidying the area
- 1= A community leader who is motivated and promotes the community and gets people involved. 2= Better promotion of what's on e.g. library, in the park, at the community halls. 3= Children suggested a cycle path around the park
- Skate Park. Bike Park. Gym
- 1. More facilities should be provided for the young people of the village i.e. a drop-in centre. 2. Better street lighting in West Place and Hammonds Place. 3. A pedestrian crossing in the centre of Gobowen.
- 1= More activities for children. 2= AQ local police officer on the beat. 3= security
- A community allotment not just for the few who can afford it, but a massive one so everyone can work and reap the fruits of its/there labour, with chickens and shops to sell things that we could possibly make benefit from
- Libraries (part time if necessary like Gobowen) for Weston Rhyn and St Martins
- 1. Community takes over one of the pubs and turns it into a proper family pub that sells good food as well as good beer. 2. Far more simple metal benches throughout the village on side of roads for older people to rest for short periods when walking out. I know of a large no. of elderly

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residents who would be able to go for more purposeful and interesting walks if such facilities existed. For not so much money the health and welfare of many people could be improved

- Maintain library. Community areas. Activities for the young.
- Entertain teenagers
- 1= A footbridge from Gobowen over the A5 to enable safe walking to Hengoed/Weston Rhyn/Selattyn etc. 2= A measured running track at Gobowen playing fields. 3= Protection of Gobowen meadows - possibly to become nature reserve/country park etc.
- Youth club or something for teenagers to do saving them from hanging around the co-op.
- 1. Better cycle route into Oswestry. 2. A permanent BMX/Skateboard track. 3. Better footpath maintenance for routes into village used by Derwen College Students
- Creation of several local community activities - bringing to community to a whole for instance have firework display at bonfire night and have annual fairs for both adults and children - have more participation with Gobowen school
- Cut down the trees blocking the light. Have a warden at night to close off footpath get rid of empty places.
- 1= Get police to patrol more often. 2= Lay sleeping policemen on the roads around housing estates. 3= Tidy the housing estates up more wild flowers and make a place for the young people to go to.
- Better communication from local council and leaders!
- Putting in driveways. Putting sleeping policemen on roads to calm speed down. Helping those whom cannot do certain jobs in garden even if not classed disabled.
- 1= to solve the noise from the A5- plant trees. Good for the environment too? 2= Concentrate on making more of the village centre so there's place to walk/sit/drink a coffee 3= make a feature of the grassed areas near Perry Road and the St Martins Road - plant flowers and trees perhaps. Attract walkers, cyclists etc, canal boaters to use the shop/pub etc
- Money should be spent on lights, cleaning, drains
- More police on duty at night
- Not having a car. Would be grand if Morrisons supermarket Oswestry could have a delivery service like Somerfields used to
- Extra lighting in West Place. In winter it is dark coming off the well lit St Martins Road (for pedestrians)
- Plant more trees and wildlife habitat. Is the ambulance service 999 - adequate? Community police.
- 1. Skate park at far end of playing field between brook and wood. 2. Speed cameras or humps on St Martin's road and by pass road/Whittington Road. 3. More litter bins plus some on playing fields by equipment.
- As above- no surgery, no pedestrian crossing at post office/coop, difficult exit from B5009 onto A5. We have had several questionnaires of this kind in recent years e.g. for the Parish Plan and at Let's Talk meetings - but little effect.
- More for young people
- Don't know
- Provide play area at top of village. Provide village centre open to all. Clean up certain areas of village.
- Speed cameras. Double yellow lines. Youth projects. Modernise and tidy up centre of Gobowen.
- 1. I think that there should be speed ramps, to slow down mad drivers through the village. Particularly over the railway crossing! Or CCTV cameras right on the crossing. 2. Wider paths for unable bodied people mainly from the Derwen College. 3. Zebra crossings in several places.
- Build on youth activities that are beginning in village and fund resource bank of equipment that could be loaned to youth groups in area (or other relevant groups)
- Applying for advice to re-plan the village and make it worthy of the existing excellent post office, station and shops.
- Services for young people - youth cafes, drop in centres etc.
- Zebra crossing on main road by co-op. Wider pavement near Gobowen Working Men's Club
- Increased public transport. Remove the above (the area on bypass road by roundabout old cars, old cabin - looks a mess). More social activities in community for elderly
- More trees along A5. More dog muck bins

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- Needy cases and getting our youth to behave, much improved lately than it was. Youth group, disappointed at SILO closed.
- Keep village tidy
- Give it to Greenpeace
- 1. Tidy up village centre. 2. Further develop sports field (more organised sports activities for teenagers). 3. More allotments
- To ensure we keep library facilities. Funding to help young peoples activities e.g. Scouts, football clubs or any other coaching schemes.
- We need a zebra crossing in the village by the post office and the co-op. I have £2500 towards this crossing and will give to you if you could fund the rest. Someone will get hurt here one day and I think the people of this village would like this to happen. I am only too willing to speak to you about this.
- Community hall and facilities with parking. Business space for offices, retail units and cafe. Fencing around playground to stop dogs and keep children secure when playing.
- Landscape land on the corner of By Pass Road it's an eyesore. Traffic lights on Chirk Road A5 junction.
- Improved broadband speed - Oswestry is much faster. Do everything possible to preserve green belt areas.
- The money should be used to help keep all the youngsters off the street
- Lower speed limits through village. Local Police Station. Youth Centre
- Provide Broadband for outlying areas of parish. Maintain rural areas to a comparable standard as villages. Additional comment written on front of survey = Will any of the money be allocated to improving the rural areas of the parishes?
- It would be nice to see it invested in the local play area, something for older children. A skate park or BMX track would be nice.
- Safe crossing for older people in village, Christmas lights and tree lit at Christmas
- Providing picnic benches for the field. Better - 'more up to date' playing equipment. Nature trails using the woodland/stream areas. Better parking arrangements for the co-op.
- We need a village hall for functions and zebra crossing in village because have a disability have trouble crossing in village with scooter.
- Make village more attractive with flowers in summer - think looks much better now there are flowers around and about. Extra seats in various places.
- Help for all young people e.g. employment firstly, leisure facilities
- Speed camera on the Whittington Road. Improving the pavements and roads and more police seen around and about.
- More dog/litter bins. Better play area/pleasant green space/gardens. Maintain footpath network and advertise routes. Tidy up area on corner of old St Martins Road and By Pass road (opposite Indian)
- Sharing money for teenagers who want skate park at Gobowen instead of walking to St Martins and children under 10 who need to do something.
- More things for young and old people to do. Tidying up the village shops that have been damaged or run down. Bringing the village community together.
- 1. Improve Broadband services to the area by installing cabled broadband. 2. Additional facilities for children and young people - sports clubs, training etc making use of the MUGA. 3. Reduce traffic on school Lane
- Improve the mobile phone signal. All providers have dreadful signal. Coffee machine at Gobowen station
- 1. Erect soundproof fence to shield village from A5 traffic noise. 2. Offer a percentage of infrastructure cost of providing faster broadband as an incentive to potential supplier. 3. Subsidise organisations wishing to start projects which engage village youth.
- Community schemes such as encouraging youngsters to learn skills such as DIY jobs - decorating - gardening- whilst helping the elderly with these skills (could pay unemployed tradesmen to teach these skills)
- More things (park toys) in the Gobowen Park. Give the co-op a re-furbishes. Help poor people get back on their feet.
- More facilities for children i.e. skate park, baby area, a local cafe

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- Paint makeover to entrance of Gobowen. Clear up of the brook in the playing field of rubbish. More activities during evening i.e. aerobic classes etc.
- Centralised information point with good PR and a web resource Further research based on the findings from this questionnaire as to how existing facilities could co-operate to expand their range of activities and become more attractive and inclusive leading to and initiative for older individuals, ambitious initiatives for youth that raise aspirations

St Martins

Q4 Please tell us what you think is the best thing about living in the area?

- A reasonable amount of peace and quiet
- Living in a rural area but which is close to amenities.
- The best thing is living in this Mining Community with the heritage of my Grandad and Father being Miners. The lovely old building The Miners Institute is a testament to the heritage of the village and should be valued by the Community. The building itself is almost 80 years old & could do with some attention. The people who care about it have limited resources to help maintain it. But they do a very good job! Well done.
- St Martins is ideal for me as I am a hill walker; from here reach the Peak District, the Shropshire hills, the whole of the Snowdonia National Park, the Lake District and Brecon within a few hours. The people are friendly and retail access is good.
- friendly people , pleasant environment , rural location
- It is a country setting but with many of the necessary amenities of 21st century life of a large store, doctors/prescription service, schools and good road links to the motorway network
- It's so close to beautiful countryside
- Canal, Primary School, nice walks
- Good school (Rhyn Park). Stans Shop/Post Office. Doctors within easy reach.
- The people, the scenery, ease of getting around. Stans.
- Quiet peaceful and mostly trouble free.
- Good walks, not too many kids noise etc
- Rural area/green fields/quiet
- Friendly atmosphere
- Countryside walks. Friendly people
- Average
- It's very quiet here
- Easy access to countryside, 1 1/2 hours from beach, easy access to big towns/city. Shopping, airports. Doctors and pharmacy, good schools
- Local countryside, clean and tidy village (some of it) local amenities i.e. Stans
- Community feel, good neighbours, clean area
- Walking distance of several amenities. Near A483. Lovely countryside for walking.
- St Martins is a very nice area
- Easy access to shops, schools and amenities
- Near to the mountains, close to major road networks, friendly people, good shop (Stans)
- Family live close by. Being an ex miner it is good to be part of history of the village. I am a member of the Parish Council
- I have lived here for nearly 50yrs and I would not like to move away
- Walks and Ifton Heath
- Good supermarket, cheap petrol, 2 good pubs, good bus service
- Friendly most of the time. Beautiful countryside
- Everything for us without having to leave the village
- Quiet, lovely surroundings, knowing everyone
- Supermarket. Doctors surgery. Buses
- Access to countryside and canal paths for walking and relaxation
- Living where I live
- Access to shop, doctors, vets and country walks. People very friendly

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- View
- Good bus service. Good shopping- good views. But poor local workplaces since the closing of the mine
- The countryside around village!
- Quiet friendly neighbourhood with first clean supermarket nearby, also nature reserve and countryside
- Closer to family. Reasonable services
- Rural location. Proximity to good roads. Local shops
- It was the friendship and good neighbours - but since so many people from outside the village have moved in its not got the same atmosphere
- Near amenities and open countryside
- Countryside but not remote. Good transport links - bus and train. Excellent shopping nearby at Stans. Sense of community
- Canal and countryside. Keeping the villages as rural as possible
- None. The road out
- Nothing
- The village is just the right size
- The Keys and Stans Shop
- not too much crime (break ins etc)
- Rural Views. Access by bus to main towns Wrexham and Oswestry. Limited access to St Martins
- Shropshire is a good place to live. We don't live in a town or a city. The countryside
- Rural countryside, pleasant place to live
- Stans supermarket in close proximity
- Peaceful quiet - no heavy traffic
- quiet
- Peace and quiet
- Bus service. Stans superstore
- Friendliness/Quietness/Lovely area
- Friendly community, beautiful countryside
- Being so close to the countryside
- Stans Shop! Good bus routes. Primary and secondary schools at present!
- Countryside, views, quiet roads, access to major rail and road routes.
- Good neighbours. Rural. Views. Convenient to station, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, London
- Bus service
- Peace, lovely countryside in easy reach. Safe. Good facilities: post office, shop, garage
- Stans superstore. Easy access to both glorious countryside and big cities.
- 1= The beautiful countryside. 2= The regular bus service. 3= Low crime rate
- Living with people that know me. Take an interest in me. Near my work at bus route
- Being near Ellesmere and the many walks in the area around it
- Quiet/safe/good transport connections
- The View
- Easy access to lots of open country and lovely scenery. Good road access to other parts of the country. Supermarket close by. Doctors surgery in the village
- I have got Stans superstore in walking distance and also because we have a doctors surgery five days a week
- Friendly village, neighbours kind and Stans store
- Ifton Primary School
- Living in the countryside but with the convenience of Stans, petrol station etc - rural but not isolated
- The beautiful countryside. Bus service. Crime free
- Stans, schools and it's quiet
- Country aspects along main road throughout village. Lowish crime rate relatively safe environment. A child friendly primary school in pleasant setting
- Living in the countryside
- People are very friendly. Nice quiet area. Good shopping at local supermarket.

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- The best things about living in St Martins are: primary school, local supermarket, scout group
- Its quiet, tidy
- The semi ruralness of the village
- Fairly good facilities yet a lovely rural setting

Q5. Please tell us which three things you think are the least attractive features of the area, and you would change them?

- Can't really pin point any one problem
- 1. Rhyn Park School which looks like a hotchpotch of huts. 2. Some of the council built houses are not very well kept. Some incentive to motivate people to tidy up gardens and be proud of their homes and village. 3. A notice board incorporating all the business names on the entrance of Top Bank Industrial Estate instead of small signs all over the place, as this is the entrance to the village.
- Children play area is not very attractive to younger children. Maybe it could be enhanced to make it more attractive to children and parents alike. The Community centre itself could do with the litter tidying up it is becoming a bit of an eyesore in the village. Also the memorial garden is not as nice as it used to be. I agree the fencing around the Miners Institute needs attention and so does the car park. The Miners Institute provides a very good service to the Community and the Villagers should be proud of this beautiful building.
- The answer is in two parts 1. Natural 2. Physical: 1. There are no unattractive features. 2.i. Seeing litter in hedgerows and discarded without thought into managed farmland - crops/cattle/sheep - causes harm and could be improved by education. 2.ii. Insufficient pavements adj to highways within a village fence and approaching same, I am sure landowners could assist with provision through ad-hoc negotiation - carrot dangling. 2.iii. Traffic Management could improve with clean and clear signs, trimming hedges and trees more frequently and encouraging people not to leave refuse bins adj to footways the night before collection is due.
- Some vandalism but not a lot - need activities for young persons such as sports facilities which are lacking in St Martins . Untidiness and Dog excrement on Footpaths also Litter , fly posting and tipping - legal action to combat . St Martins Miners Institute and grounds - in need of a major refurbishment
- Serious issues with broadband as live streaming or virtual conferencing is almost impossible and as more people work from home this is a major inconvenience. This will probably only change with persistent lobbying of the need for this facility in rural areas. There are some good community organisations within the area however apart from events such as the Summer Fayre they are segregated from each other by/and into age or interest. To create more cohesive community life they need to interact across generations and pastimes/hobbies etc Even in a relatively small area people can become isolated from community life for a variety of reasons e.g. lack of mobility, illness, low income and with local authority decisions such closing local facilities such as ifton opportunities and relocating them a bus trip away. For some people this means less community involvement on a local daily basis. In previous eras this would have been compensated by having lifelong local friend s/connections. Modern life means there are now people of all ages living here who have none of these and usually rely on outside agencies for support. Identifying this as an issue and attempting to collate data for how many people it affects would go a long way towards creating a more inclusive community.
- 1= Entrance to community centre. 2= Children's play area. 3= Parking area next to Institute.
- The 3 shops built on the way into St Martins, vets, burger shop etc. The property looks unclean needs painting, weeding and a good tidy up! (The keys pub now looks much better)
- Litter around village. Poor grass cutting. Lack of police
- speed of traffic - improve road services - too noisy, 30mph throughout village, enforce 30mph
- Dog mess - more bins. Speeding cars.
- Speeding cars down Ellsemere Road, dog mess
- Litter/dog fouling - provide more bins
- Miners Institute car park - improve surface and install lighting. Lack of youth facilities - consult youth for views. Broadband signal - lobby BT/MP
- Poor transport system - get buses to connect with trains. Closing primary school
- Don't know

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- We don't have a library call here
- Rubbish dumped and just left everywhere, educate people to look after what a good place we have
- Heavy Goods Vehicles speeding through the village. Water pressure - crap. Parks/green areas looking unkempt
- Sound pollution from pub on main road that's recently undergone a facelift. Speeding traffic and volume of HGV going through (introduce speed calming measures)
- School Lane needs re-surfacing. Poor street lighting. Mosaic at Ifton Meadows needs renovating and frostproofing
- Footpath up to Ifton Primary School, covered in dog faeces and also the hedges on same route. Children's park - equipment constantly vandalised and glass smashed everywhere
- Litter - council to extend post-recycling pick up to Colliery Lane and Glyn Morles Lane. Dog poo - reintroduce dog licence. Visible fining
- 1= Too much traffic through the village. 2= Miners Institute requires renovation/upgrading
- The Miners Institute wants tidying up apart from that I cannot think of anything else
- Noisy dogs fine owners. Traffic travelling well above speed limit more police speed traps. House break ins more police on street
- Young/underage drinkers. Litter. mouthy youths
- No clubs like gymnastics, karate, horseriding for the kids
- New Ifton Road is a disgrace it is used by ambulances, fire engines, police as a cut through for Cedar Close and Greenfields and Pootax is the same as anyone else. More amenities for teenagers and younger students in the evening's cycle track for all ages.
- Pavements overgrown by hedges - letter to people concerned. Heavy lorries to industrial estate-make new road to industrial estate Clarkes Lane or area
- Increasing traffic - speed and noise
- Footpath along Ellesmere Road, narrow, hedges overgrown. No library, no activities e.g. keep fit classes, yoga etc
- Dog muck. Speeding traffic. under age drinking, speed checks
- Speed of traffic using mini Island, lack of footpaths uneven to walk on and worse for pushing wheelchairs. Also unsafe to walk owing to young cyclists overtaking. Entertainment for older people other than pubs
- Institute car park and surrounding areas. Gardens at community centre very untidy and overgrown not looked after.
- 1= mini roundabout by Stans is confusing in use- new layout might help. 2= St Martins business park is not attractive or much use in attracting new business - WW2 sheds need improving. 3= Lack of a centre or central identifying feature in village
- Litter and drunkards. Speeding traffic. Cliques
- 1= Glyn Morlas does not need street lights - they detract from the rural atmosphere. 2= Some cars not residents use the narrow lanes as race tracks - a 15-20mph speed limit needs to be introduced. 3= Local youths cause trouble - more policing needed.
- Bowling Green with overgrown hedges and rubbish - the railings falling to pieces and the back of it on Green Lane is disgusting
- Get rid of so called Playing Field which in reality is just a football field and get a recreational field for major sports. Traffic calming - fast HGVs and cars. Improve access (widen pavements) to Rhyn Park school
- Rubbish everywhere especially from Stans down to Rhyn Park School. The unadopted roads in the village are an eyesore. Visitors must be appalled when they have to drive on them. On pavement parking and cars for sale in inappropriate places
- More floral decorations in St Martin's village. Clearer notice boards providing information about what's on in the 3 parishes. New feature/sculpture for St Martins
- In my opinion the house on the corner of Mount Bradford Lane should not have been built there as it is more dangerous now. The toilet at the allotments would be better at the 'Meadows Nature Reserve'. The fishing pool should be left to the 'Water Bailiff' and his judgement as there are no longer many fish due to stagnation of water
- Rubbish in street
- Closing Ifton School - STOP IT!! Building in every spare bit of land - STOP IT!

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- The darkness of School Lane at night. I would install more street lights. The Community Centre gardens. I would tidy them up. The proposed empty building at Ifton School - I would keep it open
- Broken glass etc on children's play area near Stans. No bus service near Cedar Close
- Very busy roundabout. No bus connection to St Martins from Chirk Weston Rhyn. Would like to see more individual shops
- Over development. Litter dropped by morons. Dog mess
- Potholes in Greenfields/Ifton gardens in this area are an eyesore. Memorial gardens is unkempt.
- Nil
- Litter and unruly behaviour of youths in the play area. Road through village- fast- pavements too narrow
- Speeding traffic along Ellesmere Road. Cars parked on footpath causing pedestrians to walk in road. Cars parked too close to mini island on Ellesmere Road near Stans.
- Litter. Parked vehicles. General untidy areas (posters left after the event)
- Banktop industrial estate - modernise. Rear of Ifton Miners club ground, put to better use. New Ifton Road resurface
- People not working together - don't know. Bored youths - better equipment and clubs. Dog poo - don't know
- 1= Dog mess on the Green - Warden. 2= Stan's Chicken shops - get tidied and cleaned up. 3= Memorial garden - get some flowers planted
- Vandalism of play areas. Road through New Ifton. Area behind bowling green, opposite entrance to Cherry Tree Drive.
- Dog fouling of pavements and public spaces. Decay of Miner's Institute. Poor community cohesion
- Very larger trucks through village. No proper centre i.e. village green
- Litter in the village. Parked cars near junctions e.g. Halls Corner, old coop roundabout
- Kronospan, Chirk - solution unprintable! Mini roundabout at Overton Road/Ellesmere Road Junction - take it away! Prevent traffic travelling south on A5 turning right into Shell garage and/or Moreton Hall dangerous!
- 1= Speeding vehicles
- The front park area not very inviting would like to see modern exercise equipment as they have at [???] play area. The centre is becoming better used could have cafe shop for young more access to them. youth club do a great job is well attended
- The park, the rubbish and broken bottles in the park are unsafe for my young children
- Not enough though being put into siting of new houses- too many gardens being ruined by development. Lots of buildings looking run down
- Heavy lorries going through the village
- Yob culture. Fear to go out alone at night
- The building that used to be Miners' Welfare is being allowed to decay. It should be purchased and turned into the Community Centre etc. Cars being offered for sale are frequently parked by the mini roundabout in the Ellesmere Road. Ban parking within 50yds of the roundabout and ban selling of cars on public highway altogether. Enforce the rules.
- Nothing
- Poor pavements and street lighting. Overwhelmed by gypsies
- housing - the council allow people to build in their gardens and there are no more open spaces between, we've all been squashed together - feels claustrophobic sometimes
- Speed of traffic. Low employment opportunities. No public transport in evening or weekends
- Rhyn Park School - outside decor is so dark and dismal. Building looks temporary and dated. Rebuild purpose built fresh modern facility to allow concept of a through school to have long term appeal and success without major investment idea is a no brainer
- 1= Interfering neighbours and noisy neighbours - get them to move. 2= British waterways [???] and some flowers which grow along the canal bank. The bank should be left alone to be wild and not made to look like a park. 3= The awful ugly metal gates and hedges that have been erected on the footpaths
- Least attractive things are: rubbish around park, proposed school merger, amount of dog fouling.
- The park at stans, got no swings, old climbing frames and nothing to do there. behind stans only 2 goals on goal's crossbar is bent with no nets

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- The miner's institute (need updating). Lack of post office (needs opening back up) no local newspaper shop (again the village needs this)
- Litter and fly tipping area around the institute is an eyesore
- Improvements to Miners Institute car park and to the buildings to make it more usable for local community.

Q6. What are your top 3 suggestions for how the money from the Big Local Project could be spent?

- Bus shelter opposite Texaco garage
- Something for the younger generation to get involved with.
- The Miners Institute is a must. If the local Parish are proud of the Heritage of this Mining village then some funding should be spent on this building. Disabled facilities are required also for this beautiful building. The function room as just been recently decorated due to the care and respect of a handful of volunteers who actually care about the place. This is an ideal venue for concerts and parties in the community, also meetings. I am very proud to be part of this Historical building and so should the rest of the true people who have lived in this village for over 50 years.
- This depends on the criteria for the expenditure for without knowing what that is an idea would be futile.
- Provide suitable Play and recreational facilities i.e. , Football / Cricket / Tennis / with changing and showers etc for St Martins.
- New initiatives - community cohesion projects - community integration projects
- Tidy up entrance to community centre. Improve children's play area. Fill in pot holes in parking area next to institute.
- Kids activities. Speed camera down Moors Bank on way to Gobowen. School bus to Lakeland School elsewhere.
- Take the money off Parish Precept that way everyone will benefit. Regular grass cutting down Moors Bank and to the three churches}(??) in the village.
- For the young particularly 11-16 year olds. For the elderly, improve bus transport. Gag the moaners who complain about the young
- More good bins, more to keep young kids occupied
- More local play areas e.g. at Meads/Ashlands Road. Fenced area for children's play. Activities - programmes on our local area - history-wildlife - plants etc
- Youth facilities. Provide funds to provide person to run community centre and enable residents to use facilities. Children's play area to be improved.
- Youth worker. Organiser of community events. Public transport
- Don't know
- Repair and make better pavements. Road markings to slow traffic through village. Make zebra crossing more visible
- Re-open Post Office and Newsagents. Enforce speed limits in the village. Tidy up parks/green areas
- Speed bumps through village - slow traffic and deter some of it. Bring back 'Chat About' magazine. Invest in the youth - their futures are bleak. It will give them something to look forward to!
- More evenings of interest at Community Centre e.g. Michael Leach Wildlife talks. Flicks in the Sticks. Over 60s luncheon club. Buy Jinny Ring, currently for sale and convert subject to PP to visitor/heritage canal/mining centre
- Street lighting. Better play equipment for under 10s. More seating on Ifton meadows (dog and street warden would be good also)
- Youth projects. Grants to local groups for own projects e.g. Guides/Brownies
- 1= New sports field for the village. The lease is almost up on existing one. 2= Refurbish miners institute and install library inside as it used to be
- I would like to see a Chemist Shop
- Divide it between all of us- help us to pay off some of our debts/credit cards etc. I get somewhat cheesed off with how all this money is spent or should I say miss spent when the likes of myself are struggling to make ends meet!!

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- Another park up my end of village for the kids to play at
- Swimming clubs for all. Night and day hours. More entertainment institute or keys. More clubs for all
- Wisely, not wasted, no tin pot ideas
- Traffic calming. Improved maintenance of children's play ground. Definite map of footpaths for just local area
- More police walking around
- Sitting up a community library using volunteers and donated books, we have moved here from France where it worked well in a very small community. Setting up keep fit classes/yoga/Tai Chi. Making dog friendly stiles on the public footpaths to give circular walks. Elderly and large dogs can't get through the stiles
- My first suggestion is the road through New Ifton should be adopted by the Council owing to the fact that it is a through road unlike Garden Villages, it is an eyesore and a danger to traffic also the ground to the old Tennis Courts needs tidying
- Multi purpose sports/activity ground (Astro Turf or similar for older children), more safe crossings. Re vamp of village swimming pool
- 1= Improved facilities for young people. 2= Improved opportunities for local employment. 3= Improved transport/recreation/local needs housing. No lack of ways to spend!
- 1= Making St Martins more attractive with flower displays etc. 2= Better Playground facilities for children
- 1= Bring St Martins football team back on the village - so get lights and pitch altered for next season. 2= Try to find a green area for children up to 10. Oak drive, church fields area have somewhere to play without being shouted at. 3= A decent play area by community centre to replace vandalised one.
- Recreational field. Traffic calming - speed bumps, pedestrian traffic lights. Better access to RP School
- Divide it up between all the groups who already run all the amenities (youth club/scouts/village hall etc) and trust them to spend it where they know it will do most good
- 1= Improving existing community facilities through grant allocations. 2= Better services for young people new full time youth worker post. 3= Increase in community activities for winter months
- Little bit more street lighting on outskirts of St Martins. Anything that helps community keep children off the streets. Ensuring schools are of exceptional standard. NOT SPENDING THE MONEY ON ART/SCULPTURE ETC!!
- In my opinion the Parish Council and the clerk should resign en bloc and the money should be used by an elected body of people to provide a park etc and not just the parish council
- Something for kids to do.
- Secure a home base for the scouts/cubs etc. Widen uses of community hall. Stop exclusivity of miners club
- Keep Ifton School open. Install street lights on school lane. Tidy up the community centre
- Children's activities near Institute. Provide 'caretaker' for above [children's play area by stans]
- care for elderly and maximum help in their homes
- A new pedestrian crossing outside Ifton Heath Primary School. It should be a pelican crossing NOT a zebra crossing. This is very urgent. when Ifton Heath school gets Academy status this should be a priority
- Provision of indoor gym facilities for adults young and older adults. Cater for the elderly in the village social activities
- Fix roads in greenfields and wherever else they are in disrepair. Improve community centre. Pay for litter in hedges/paths to be picked up especially in Overton Road
- I would be happy with how the money was spent
- Improve play area for toddlers/youngsters. Improve pavements where narrow
- Improve footpath along Ellesmere Road. Keep footpaths frost and snow free in winter
- Make land available for a public car park. Chiropody service (toe nail cutting free OAP now national health no longer give that help)
- Upgrade/modernise Ifton Miners Club. Rubbish clearance around community centre. Improve amenities at community centre and play area.
- Pay someone to organise things - based at Centre maybe - act as sec/trees etc for organisations. Upgrade Centre and play facilities. Pay someone to clean up and monitor leisure areas.

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- More activities in community centre such as keep fit classes (~evening) Keep Ifton Primary School open! Rhyn Park Pool open to public. Restart village magazine.
- Fund a community leadership post at the community centre to include support for the children and youth of the village.
- 5 a side facilities. Permanent person to run community centres at St Martins and Weston rhyn to enhance community spirit
- Evening classes for young people e.g. cookery. Car maintenance, finance, building
- Provision of apprenticeships for school leavers in this area. Support for local businesses, financial and information
- Running a mobile shop from Stans to outlying settlements. Resurfacing the Institute car park. More allotments at the other end of the village.
- 1= More allotments 2= A place where young people can learn skills from older people
- 1= on rhyn park and Ifton Heath Schools, so this merger would not have to happen!!!
- Public footpaths need signs more visible. More green areas kept. A general face lift would help
- Turn the Miners Welfare building into facilities for the village. Switch off the street lights after midnight and have more money to spend.
- 1= Road signs to be erected in and along Ellesmere Road to slow down traffic/large trucks etc go much too fast
- Improve street lighting and pavements. Provide and maintain a youth club
- Plant more trees. Provide big play areas for children and youths to keep them off the streets. Free bus travel/rail for over 60s
- 1= Workshop where skills could be passed to younger generation. 2= More allotments
- A decent park for young children
- Supporting drama, theatre groups, music, entertainment into area. Soft sports facility. Ensuring transport links remain
- 1= Widen the junction where Gobowen Road from ellesmere road by the school and these are bad hold ups there and there should be a filter lane -plenty of room. 2= Stop huge lorries using the way through St Martins as a route to wherever. These lorries are just too big.
- Improving skate park and park, more youth facilities, outdoor gym
- Do activities to keep teenagers off street and getting into trouble, activities like football. Improve the community centre and get things for older teenage people aged 10-17. Improve parks and update everything in St Martins
- A better play area for all ages, more activities for older children, better meeting areas for such things as picnics
- Employ professionals to work with young people to increase aspirations. Funding to enable better and more use of village centres
- Road safety. Improve play area by community centre. Sports area in centre of village

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Q4. Please tell us what you think is the best thing about living in the area?

- Good houses (not too many). Friendly neighbourhood. Quiet area with good links to road and rail.
- The canal, aquaduct/viaduct. nice walks, good local real pubs.
- Close to work place, beautiful surroundings
- It is a rural, scenic area, relatively crime and vandalism free. Added bonus of being a World Heritage site and having lots of historical buildings in the locality.
- The peace and quiet of a semi rural location
- Pleasant countryside within easy reach
- Friendly people, near countryside, able to access shopping areas when needed
- GREENERY - COUNTRYSIDE FRIENDLY PEOPLE
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- Quiet, picturesque, rural area with access to several footpaths and some bridleways
- Nice Small Village
- Quiet Village, Not Too Far From Town
- community spirit
- Generally quite an attractive rural area within close proximity of towns, and major links to cities, airports etc.
- Peace and quiet, but easy access to bypass
- Pretty surrounding countryside with walks. Close to larger towns. Close to good facilities in Gledrid area/Garden Centre, Far, and Pet, Poachers Pocket, Lion Quays etc
- Nice peaceful village, nice walks and central to shopping towns
- Countryside. Closeness to North Wales and major cities
- The view. Friendly neighbourhood. The welcome from village businesses.
- Nice village atmosphere, close to town and other places on bus routes, basic amenities such as shop, pub, school, village hall, generally a quiet village, not expanding or over commercialised.
- Nice village, good school, beautiful countryside
- Lovely countryside. Good shop and post office in Weston Rhyn. Easy train access to Shrewsbury and Chester. Plenty of social activity in area. Good shopping in Oswestry. Medical centre not too far away.
- Pretty quiet and pretty views and walks
- Friendly people
- Good road links. Good local restaurants. Plenty of walks. Rural area but good size towns near by - Oswestry, Wrexham. Generally quiet, unhurried compared to towns and cities.
- Being able to live along but feel secure - my neighbours are friendly and kind and the children are a joy - they play outside together and therefore also feel and are safe.
- It is peaceful and quiet
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- The sunshine
- On the outskirts of village but not too far to the town or country
- Very peaceful and the neighbours are friendly.
- Close to most family members. Close to organisations we are involved with.
- Semi-rural location
- The peace, unspoilt countryside. Friendly neighbourhood
- In the country but easy to get to towns - major cities
- Relatively safe and quiet
- Could be very nice if we were not troubled with Anti Social Behaviour Problems
- Clean - friendly people
- Lovely countryside, good rail and bus links. Nice walks.
- Reasonably pleasant, good amenities (shops, post office) take away
- Rural setting. Reasonable access to local shop and Post Office. Beautiful local woods (Oliver's Wood and Trehowell) and canal walks
- Living near the Llangollen Canal and the 2 beautiful aqueducts at Chirk and Frongsylite. Living in the country but near to main routes.
- Surroundings - people of the community
- Weston Rhyn is always where I have lived I was born and bred here, and wouldn't move out of the area, even though it's not good.
- The rural location
- Peace and quiet. Near enough to catch a bus and not too far from the towns.
- Security, our home, bus service regular to Chirk, surgery and shops, low crime rate.
- Peaceful
- Quiet, friendly, clean and tidy - Rhoswiell
- Rural but with good road links. Friendly neighbourhood
- It's a quiet area and the village people are friendly. Close to all amenities in Oswestry and Wrexham
- Peaceful and quiet. Canal and aqueduct. Community spirit
- A school Weston Rhyn Juniors County Primary
- It's nice and quiet in Rhoswiell

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- Good friendly neighbours within a small village.
- Friendly people, rural atmosphere but near enough facilities
- There is nothing best round here only the people well some nothing for kids at all.
- Friendly neighbours
- The countryside
- It is a safe and friendly community
- You don't have to travel very far to get to any beauty spots
- Community spirit, feel safe
- Lovely countryside and community spirit
- The countryside - views and walks etc. Good driving distance from Wrexham, Chester, Shrewsbury and Coast
- We get on really well with our neighbours. It is quiet and safe here and it is a beautiful area.
- Rural position, family live locally
- Safe, quiet, good 'A' road access. Clean, nice neighbours, pleasant outlook well maintained by local council.
- Rural, pleasant, no extreme problems i.e. youths, drinking etc.
- Looking out over lovely fields and lovely neighbours
- Scenery, walks, canal, pubs, location
- Canal Walks
- Quiet area.
- Tranquillity, scenery, good neighbours, footpaths and canal, accessibility to surrounding towns and villages
- It's not Wrexham, Weston Rhyn or St Martins
- Quiet, not overpopulated, close to amenities
- It is quiet and the front gardens are relatively well kept
- Lived here for 43 years wouldn't want to live anywhere else. You've got canal, aqueduct, garden centre and many other places of interest
- Rural but easy access to main road
- Close to amenities
- Location, access to canal, reasonably price accommodation.
- Good local primary school, local post office
- Plenty of activities
- The beautiful countryside. Regular bus service
- It used to be quiet until Jones brothers opened the footpath link alongside my house
- Peaceful - easy access to towns - Oswestry to Wrexham. Village shops- or in hall. Post Office - Churches - Bus route
- Rural environment. Small shops - especially the post office and general stores. Good transport links both road and rail. Good NHS facilities - GP and orthopaedic.
- The part of the village I live in is clean and tidy and the countryside all around me
- Friendly neighbours
- Close to bypass for community, nearby family and local town
- Bungalow as we are disabled Grandson is autistic
- The peace and quiet
- The community spirit. The activities, the [???] and the crew.
- We really enjoy living in Chirk Bank, it has a lovely friendly feel and Weston Rhyn Primary School is excellent.
- Scenery, walks, canal, accessibility to railway station, post office, shops on foot
- Rural feeling - not many crowds. Good walks
- Closeness to the beautiful scenery of North Wales and mid Shropshire
- Good bus service. Doctor's surgery twice weekly. Peaceful area.
- Rural living - peaceful
- Great walks and views
- The countryside - amazing wildlife, walks, biking... Community spirit (most of)
- Not far from the countryside.
- Peaceful
- Quiet area- but convenient to shops etc.

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- It's very beautiful/peaceful/undeveloped
- Not much crime
- Peaceful.
- Scenery/countryside
- Born and bred here
- Peace and quiet
- 1= Good quality primary school. 2= Post office facilities
- Nothing
- Lovely walks and peaceful
- Rural
- Convenience - half way between Oswestry and Wrexham access to bus (only used occasionally). Reasonably quiet although village increasing in size now. Village shop (Top End) well stocked and friendly.
- Country district with good connections to local towns for major shopping facilities.
- We moved to this area because we did not want to live in a large town and neither did we want to be too isolated.
- Lovely countryside - fresh air and peace. Really good neighbours who look out for one another.
- View
- I have excellent neighbours
- Open space, woodlands, recreational grounds
- Village location and clean environment. Access to doctors surgery at the Institute
- A village with a post office and local shops and doctor
- Countryside and relative peace and quiet, convenient for shops and amenities
- Good transport links to all parts of the country. Easy access to fantastic countryside. Good churches
- Quiet rural location with easily accessible routes to major towns and cities
- Natural countryside. Access to good transport links
- The countryside
- I have lived here all my life so know most people, everyone in shops, post office etc very friendly and helpful. The primary school
- A very pleasant rural village
- The countryside
- Housing lived here for 42 years it is a quiet area also friendly
- Nice and quiet where we live
- Good road access to main towns. Safe area for crime. Plenty of nice footpath walks
- Quiet not built up. Nice and green
- Countryside nearby
- Good bus service. Neighbourly
- Facilities - shops and bus if needed. Local walks. WREN magazine (although dates/events could be improved)
- Peace and quiet. Rural setting. Friendly people
- Post Office, shops etc. Also live in reasonably quiet part of the village
- Living by the canal, very busy social scene.
- Walks along the canal
- Peaceful and general quiet of area. Good neighbours
- It's close to some nice countryside and towns
- Beautiful landscapes and views, friendly neighbours
- Low crime rate. Location
- Rural
- Living in a quiet country village away from traffic and business of town.
- Part of a small community with access to a wonderful countryside whilst being close to amenities that towns have to offer. Also having post office, shops, school, doctor, institute make the village a 'working village'
- Nothing
- Scenic and quiet close to shop and post office
- Countryside on doorstep

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- Peaceful countryside
- Beautiful scenic area. Good community spirit
- Country area, with decent people
- Peaceful
- Quiet in countryside
- Quietness
- Close to town but in the country. Village community and feeling safe!
- Close to town for a good selection of shops, but most of all you are in the country. Village community and feeling safe
- Open countryside and beautiful views
- Very quiet and peaceful
- Serenity of the landscape and the friendliness of local people
- Nice people with a good community spirit. Good village facilities (in the main)
- A very good bus service to Oswestry, Chirk, Wrexham
- Peace to the countryside
- Close access to hills, canal and bypass for quick getaway.
- Attractive peaceful countryside - good access to range of local towns and their shops
- Sense of community, good neighbours. Regular bus service to Oswestry. Village surgery, local activities
- Nice and quiet - not too built up in Chirk Bank
- Fairly quiet, friendly village.
- Rural area friendly people. Not many of us. Has its own post office/Church hairdresser and chip shop and shops - a nice community
- The canal and aqueduct. Walks in the Ceirog Valley. Chirk Castle. The quinta tunnels and monument (mini stone henge)
- Nothing
- Friendliness of people. Closeness of towns. Good bus service. Quietness
- Scenery and people
- Good transport links countryside good churches
- Rural location

Q5. Please tell us which three things you think are the least attractive features of the area, and how would you change them?

- The white lodge house on the main road next to Bramblewood Court! Could do with clearing the garden and have a lick of paint. Maybe the council could help?
- Litter, run down areas.
- poor public transport, lack of activities for children and youth, poor lighting in some areas smaller, more frequent buses; transport to clubs/sports centres; review street lighting
- Being a tourist area along the canal, not many bins available for general rubbish or for dog owners to dispose of dog mess. In general there is a lot of rubbish strewn in hedgerows all around the parishes. In gobowen especially, there are a number of dilapidated buildings in a poor state of repair in the centre of the village which are an eyesore. Surely they could be put to good use.
- 1. The speed of vehicular traffic along Old Chirk Road through the hamlet, the road could be considered for reduction to 20 mph limit 2. Pedestrian safety over Old Chirk Road Railway Bridge. Construct a proper foot path and pedestrian barrier over the bridge.
- Unfinished building projects Rubbish Gangs (approx aged 14 - 19 years)
- Parking on streets and pavements - possibly provide off-street parking areas
- LITTER - PARTICULARLY DOG WASTE - MORE BINS OR PATROLS BORED TEENAGERS - MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVES THEM / ENCOURAGES THEM / GIVES THEM LIFE SKILLS / MAKES THEM FEEL WORTHWHILE SPEEDING DRIVERS - SIGNS THAT FLASH '30' (OR RELEVANT SPEED)
- *Lack of public transport and lack of things to do locally (leisure/education/sport). Develop affordable evening transport and support activities taking place in villages (with transport laid on/car share system? *No big library or university nearby. Change by lobbying to get rid of price

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- 1. Cars parked outside Post Office hold up traffic - create small off road parking area? 2. Heavy vehicles cutting through Bronygarth on route to and from Glyn Ceiriog to Oswestry & travelling at speed - ban heavy traffic 3. Litter along lanes around The Quinta - provide volunteers with equipment to keep area clear.
- 1) Fast Traffic in The Village, I live by the railway line and the young drivers like to wheelspin and see how fast they can go over the railway line. 2) Nothing for younger children, no play equipment or clubs, have to go to Chirk. 3) Poor Parking Facilities, i.e. outside school, outside local shop, parking on pavements, making you have to go on the road with children and pram.
- Fast Traffic, No Play Equipment for Children, School is stretched poor play area.
- expecting ill people to travel to Shrewsbury & Telford for hospitals
- On the whole I think Weston Rhyn is quite an attractive village of the area. The institute should always be prime condition as it's an obvious focal point of the village. Sadly the Cross Keys pub is now in a sad state of repair, it's been a centre piece of the village for many years and really it's sad to see old buildings and our heritage disappears. In this time, land for housing is always a premium so without a thriving pub using it then it has to go. (If someone has bought it then it should be tidied up) The playing field is looking a bit sad, the MUGA is good and you can see it is well used, although it's tucked right down the bottom of the field. Sadly I guess it's a case of NIMBY, but then if you buy a house that your back yard is next to playing field what do you expect. The football pavilion could do with a tidy up. It's always been, a place where young people hang out so why don't we embrace that rather than fight it.
- Football pavilion - total restructure. Institute - extension built for family functions etc. Bar licence. Institute grounds - make it more family friendly
- Lack of community spirit (fundraising is disappointing always same people). Boarded up House (Public) get the builders to sort it out. Parking in Station Road - more passing places or double yellow lines. Drab Village lack of any floral displays. Competition for displays/planting of bulbs on entrances to village.
- Dog poo on main streets and school run
- krou[??] - industrial looking. Speed of drivers on Bron-y-Garth rd = speed bumps
- The boarded up public house (Cross Keys) is something of an eyesore. Progress on its future doesn't seem to have moved in over 12 months
- 1= Dog Poo - more bins, more police/CSO presence. 2= Anti social behaviour - more police/CSO presence, something for them to do! 3= Vandalism - on empty buildings - as above. 4= Car crime
- Dogs fouling on pavements. Brookfields Close - houses instead of flats
- Parking in Weston Rhyn outside Post Office. Speeding through traffic in Bronygarth.
- derelict pub. Dog fouling of footpaths by dog owners from other areas of the village.
- Living on the border has advantages (healthcare V.G) but disadvantages (school transport to Welsh school - none). Little amenities for pre teens and teens (youth cafes, clubs etc) but improving with bowling and cinema pending.
- 1= The amount of litter I find, collect, and dispose of every time I walk up to the village shop/post office. 2= The amount of dog poo left on pavement, verges- especially down Trehavell Lane- very rarely when out walking do I see any owners carrying their dog's mess to deposit in bins. I often have a friend's dog to visit and I do use the bins. 3= The eyesore that the empty pub has become - being in the centre and on the main road through the village it speaks volumes.
- 1= Cars parked along the kerb. 2= Dog muck. 3= Litter
- Too old (91) to take an active interest
- Loss of privacy with World Heritage Status - I would reverse status. A local shop in Chirk Bank would be good.
- 1= Pub - boarded up. 2= Parking outside W/Rhyn post office, chip shop

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- Brookfield Flats and immediate area. Derelict properties, woodbine cottage and cross keys. Loss of village show- although without proper accounting[???] better with no show.
- Warehouse near the railway crossing clear up the land and make it into useful units or housing
- Litter at the side of the road. Road surfaces (poor). Policing (more of it/visible)
- Kronospan. New flats on Gobowen Road, Oswestry. Empty shop premises - put rates down in Oswestry for shop premises
- Influx of traffic and speeding vehicles on station road in Weston Rhyn. Putting speed bumps from beyond the canal bridge, past the school to slow cars.
- Derelict house on station road. Derelict pub. They need pulling down and area cleared as house backs onto my house
- Dog dirt not cleaned up, litter dropped on paths and roads. Empty buildings with windows broken.
- 1= Parking around school - create parking area on unused area of school field. 2= Parking on high street - double yellow lines. 3= Brookfields Close - knock it down.
- The influx of families from regions like Telford, Wolverhampton where their ways of living are different from village life. They mostly bring problems with them, drinking, babies, single parents and DRUGS.
- Boarded up pub is an eyesore and spoils Weston Rhyn. Would be nice to have a small shop/post office and cafe in Chirk Bank- at least to get milk and a paper.
- The Kronospan factory in Chirk which I consider a major blot on the landscape, and, I suspect, a health hazard. Living on a road (Oaklands Road) which is a 'rat run' as well as being 'single track' at 2 points. I would make the road 'one way only'.
- Cross Keys pub - re-develop the site. Brookfields - re develop the site. House half way down village (100 yds from Cross Keys towards St Martins on same side of road). This building site needs to be finished and house lived in!
- No play equipment, put multiple small play areas around the village.
- Dog owners that don't pick up their dog mess more bins please Oaklands Road. Still need a lot of work on them hedges need cutting back.
- Whole approach to Chirk Bank from the Bridge Pub Chirk Bank, 'eyesore' left side of bank and corner turning off main road, parked cars on the grass verges 'eyesore'. Children's play areas not really baby friendly or parent friendly. NOTHING IN CHIRK BANK THERE IS ONLY A CHAPEL. A community centre, for functions, or a building for villages to hold playgroups. The parking is a problem around the Chapel. Plant a tree and bench on the verge. Clear whole left side approach re plant it. Bus shelter (not horrible modern) but a nice covered over bus shelter stone one.
- 1= Cross Keys Pub in centre of village being empty and boarded up - build houses or nice flats. 2= Not enough colour/flower baskets in village like other villages - put flower pots around village. 3= no speed humps anywhere - put speed bumps in.
- Speed of traffic - road down to bypass through 30mph limit is dangerous, enforce speed limit.
- Parking around the school and around the village shops. Speeding through the village
- Narrow roads. School parking at Weston Rhyn. Narrow roads could be widened at certain points. School parking on old Chirk Road could be put in the field on Station Road, Weston Rhyn
- 1= The school is not big enough to accommodate our up and coming children. 2= The fly tipping at PReesgween Colliery Yard. 3= The approach to the village, by Rhos Wiel, canal bridge (18), some traffic coming from A5 roundabout too fast.
- Pubs boarded up. Brookfields. Dog poo
- Speeding cars. More police. Speed bumps
- Pavements in village uneven - some make you walk on road! need levelling. Closed pub - unfinished house on station road - council to take over house etc - finish and rent out.
- Parking in Station Road/near school which makes it difficult to get through little roundabout at shop - people don't give way.
- There isn't anything only for a playground for kids and better buses
- 1= dog mess on the roads. 2= speeding cars through the village 3= unfinished buildings on station road.
- 1= Kids throwing snowballs at cars by The Meads and Ashlands area. Parents need to take more responsibility. 2= Dog fouling, maybe enforcing fines for this. 3= Congestion at WR Primary School around 9a, and 3pm Would a mini roundabout help?
- Buildings that have not been completed. People that do not pick up after the dogs. Cars parked on grass outside [???].

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- The Cross Keys pubs - needs renovation. The half finished abandoned house near the pub - needs tidying up. The Institute looks shabby not even any hanging baskets this year.
- The house on the main road by the alley which is an eyesore!! More facilities for children on the rec!! Youth club for youngsters. Bring back the carnival very much missed
- Farmers who own/rent land in our area not near their own farms who don't maintain it in a responsible way e.g. hedges uncut, fields' untended, inappropriate growth of trees in wrong environment. New extension not checked to make sure they are in keeping with existing buildings and are fully completed. Hedges and pavements need to be kept tidy.
- 1= Level of crime - vandalism, theft. 2= Anti social behaviour- stronger police presence. 3= Less facilities than all the other villages put together; more buses to the villages that have all the swimming pools etc.
- Unfinished roads and uneven road surfaces. Empty and unfinished buildings - house and pub on Station Road. All the cars parked on Station Road by the shops.
- Brookfields Close - eyesore, some residents drug users etc. don't feel safe in your own village lived in for over 40 years. Not enough amenities in the village - unlike Chirk we have no Butchers, Chemist, Greengrocer, Bakers, Vets, lottery point etc. No play equipment for children of the village, vandalism apparent needs better policing and more charges/fines.
- Roundabout by TOP HOUSE (The Lodge) crossing unsafe need speed bumps or traffic calming.
- Not enough things to do i.e. cinema, bowling etc. lack of eating places. not very good bus service, local transport service.
- Boarded up pubs - remaining 2 pubs low key. At one time all pubs served food and were pleasant places to go!
- Kronospan
- Speeding cars, speeding cars,, speeding cars
- No bus shelters, no village shop
- Parking on the canal at weekends. Kronospan. Badly behaved teenagers we are moving from area.
- Speed of traffic on main road (speed cameras)!
- Parking of cars on the road, when people have driveways for this use
- Put double lines on bypass from Geldrid roundabout to McDonald's roundabout. Also traffic lights on Gledrid roundabout
- revamp of pavement areas near canal. Improvements near railway line re disused warehouse. Busy main road requires pedestrian bridge or pedestrian traffic lights
- Facilities - notice board. Community meeting point. Attitudes of neighbours- nimbyism
- Untidiness. Unattractive boarded up pub. Dog mess everywhere
- No complaints
- Pubs looking derelict
- Close the footpath link - the people on that estate can get out to the village via the end of the estate.
- Dog fouling
- Brookfield flats. Boarded up pubs and nearby house. Kronospan discharges.
- Brookfield Close, dog poo (even though there's a bin). Empty dwelling in Station Road and the surrounding garden not very attractive with visitors travelling through the village it has been like this for a number of years.
- Dog mess on footpaths. Young people roaming the streets at night. Speeding cars in village.
- 1= Cross Keys pub - half knocked down. 2= No flowers - should be more like Chirk. 3= Dog poo/mess and litter
- Group/groups of younger people who are not out on the streets all night, vandalising property, littering and making a lot of noise. Car/property crime - smashed windscreens, scratched cars and cars broken into - and the fear of these things happening again
- The traffic outside the post office. The way people park on the mini roundabout at the shop
- Parking - especially at the top shop. There needs to be a brain storm about this.
- 1= Litter - casually dropped along roadside verges e.g. fast-food containers etc. 2= Public rights of way have gates and stiles which are not dog walker friendly e.g. footpath re-directed from Temple Wood. 3= Speed of some vehicles through Chirk Bank.
- More bus action (non existent). Reduce speed through village

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- 1= The Meads need renovating. 2= Need to stop drug addicts and alcoholics living in Brookfields. 3= Half built house in centre of village needs finishing. 4= Make decision as to future of derelict public house in centre of village.
- 1= Road conditions - appropriate treatment in winter through the night. 2= Traffic speed - repainting 'slow' on road. 3= Noise from the Quinta disallow microphones.
- Parking at school - clogs up all roads. Perhaps field opposite can be acquired
- Walker/campers who litter - they need educating! Empty holiday homes/incomes who contribute nothing to the village - tax 2nd homes.! The Quinta Christian Centres lack of sharing facilities (football pitches, the red church (derelict) with the community - get them to!
- Brookfields close/Albert square - knock it down. Waste ground to the front of properties ideal parking area stop parking outside post office etc.
- Kronospan - smoke that rises high in the area. Badgers - who ruin all lawns and fields. Fast moving traffic and daily school/work run.
- No public transport- bus service stopped many years ago. Population tends to be elderly
- Unused and unkempt buildings. Fly tipping in old yard.
- Smoke from Chirk factory
- High street traffic - parking outside hairdressers, chip shop etc - yellow lines needed URGENTLY to avoid accidents - traffic currently use footpath to squeeze through.
- Very happy with the area
- Brookfields Close. Cross Keys pub
- Busy speeding traffic - reduce speed limit. Noisy drunk youths at night - police presence at night. Littering of grass verges.
- 1= Poor amenities for litter/dog fouling- provide more bins. 2= Dangerous parking throughout e.g. school, post office - more strict policing to monitor
- Flats in Brookfield. Derelict house on Station Road
- Some of the buildings i.e. the local pubs are really run down in appearance and this spoils the village
- Derelict pubs
- No central 'heart of village'. Litter caused by youths and careless adults around Institute and stream running by it. Lot of cars - parking a bit of a problem by post office and school.
- The speed of cars using the main village as a shortcut to Oswestry and return journey. Lack of facilities for young people. Large number of vehicles particularly commercial cars parking on pavements and streets overnight.
- We are unable to answer this because we only relocated from France on 1st September
- Rubbish on roads - take it home or put in bins provided. Speed of traffic all 30mph
- Excess buildings for profit. Lack of amenities (shop, post office) Poor bus service
- Houses just left to ruin untidy 'dog' mess on pavements and in parks and nothing done about it.
- Parking- restrict parking on Station Road and traffic calming at Parkfields. Fast traffic through the village is a problem. To provide allotments
- The flats in Brookfield being knocked down will improve things a lot. Dog dirt on pavements and litter
- Traffic morning and night, travelling faster than 30mph
- Poor public transport/cost. High unemployment. Unattractive parts of village and entrance to village with many road and name signs, missing, dirty, overgrown.
- 1= Village Centre looks run down - needs planting scheme - seating etc. 2= Litter and dog fouling - beautiful canalside needs litter bins. 3= Very dangerous Gledrid roundabout - traffic control at busiest times
- Dog mess - more bins/bags. Litter - more bins/bags. Cars mounting pavements - better parking to ease congestion
- Very young children cycling around the area over gardens and driveways often until 11pm (mainly in the summer)
- The number of large lorries now on our narrow roads.
- Lots of litter left on roads
- Don't have a problem with anything.
- Brookfields - I don't know. The Plough - paint it a better colour
- Some buildings are in disrepair. Poor street lighting. Derelict property concern over rats.

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- Noise from Quinta camps - loud booming music. Trains from Gobowen are too infrequent and unreliable - have had to hitch hike to get to the airport. Services are marked as 'on time' - then the train does not appear. Direct service to London should be subsidised so it can compete fairly. Groups of loitering youths smoking outside pubs
- Parking by bridge near canal and road up from The Trap - double yellow lines. Parking by school - police presence to stop parking near junctions. Litter from takeaway outlets apparently thrown from vehicles
- Kids doing damage and annoying people and more policing on foot
- Area by canal - waterways parking area by aqueduct. Cottages near Chirk aqueduct are shabby. Needs tidying and painting.
- Too many cars parking on Oaklands Road - mainly outside our property. People using Oaklands Road to shortcut from other parts of Chirk Bank - including over 2T vans, lorries etc.
- None at the present time
- 1= Gangs of bored children and associated mischief. Solution - a revival of parental responsibility. 2= Speeding - through traffic. Solution - speed humps. 3= Cheap rental housing seen as a dumping ground for troublesome families from other areas. Solution - in your hands!
- 1. Parking around the Weston Rhyn stores and the houses on Bronygarth Road (first few)- designated parking for residents and shop customers. 2. Parking along main road (Post Office, Wong Wong etc) very poor - as above designated parking area for residents and customers.
- Litter
- Traffic speed in village - sleeping policemen. Recreation ground - remove dilapidated swing frame. Litter - more bins
- Disproportionate number of social housing units which are housed by people with behaviour problems - reduce number or make condition of tenancy that at least 1 person must have a job. Too much loud music in pubs - limit noise produced. Improve width of road to Quinta Christian Centre as too narrow for buses.
- Rec - play equipment similar to Chirk Bank or [???]. Cross Keys pub - hopefully will be developed soon. Village Green - Ashlands Road-could develop into a park/play area.
- Rec (park) putting swings and stuff there where the chippy and post office is where cars are parked, where it's not safe for children to cross the road- to put double yellow lines.
- Area on approach to village from Oswestry i.e. Village Institute land
- Too many houses not enough countryside
- The Quinta Sunday School (listed buildings) is not being maintained or used by the community as it was intended by Ellen Barnes - the trustees are failing.
- Boarded up pub. Speed of traffic through village day and night.
- Some housing areas new development
- No decent play equipment for children
- No allotments, Chirk Bank and Oswestry do.
- Not having an area where you can do gardening. Allotments where all can go and share areas, Chirk Bank Lane have them Oswestry too, so we can have land to get on going.
- Recreation ground - no teenagers after 6pm due to amount of rubbish and cans, alcohol bottles. No dogs to be allowed for their walks as too much dog excrement. Rundown property on Station Road previously owned by Montec. Clean it up- festering rubbish dump and home to large rats. Cross keys ex public house eyesore, knock it down and rebuild
- 1= People from outside the local area living in good accommodation while on benefits. 2= No play area facilities
- Leave to the young carer generation
- 1= Smell from Kronospan and Cadburys. 2= Increase in rural crime - need more visible police presence. 3= Fireworks and Chinese Lanterns and their irresponsible use all year round - enforce strict ban.
- Run down properties, unfurnished buildings abandoned, the amount of litter and dog mess on streets. Enforce clean up campaign
- 1= Increase in rural crime - greater community cooperation. 2- Irresponsible use of fireworks/Chinese lantern - ban them. 3= Smell from Kronospan and Canburys - greater control of pollution

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- 1= Cross Keys Pub - become very derelict and a meeting place for local youths - needs development. 2= Young groups of children can be a nuisance especially during dark nights - not sure what could be done. 3= Dog mess on paths - clean them more often?
- Some areas too built up, derelict buildings in Weston rhyn, empty shops
- The Playing fields 'Wreck' needs cleaning up new play equipment. CCTV maybe to stop vandalism and high fines for dog fouling or ban all dogs off the area.
- People with dogs do not pick up - name and shame them. Some people leave litter about and do not care.
- The Sawmill chimneys and the noise at night from the sawmill- disguise them and plant more trees around and contain the noise. Litter and dog mess on footpaths - clean up and impose more fines. Boarded up house next to the canal car park area - convert it into a visitor centre or tearoom/crafts
- Cross Keys. Brookfields. Wrech recreation ground
- Parking in many areas of the village, especially around the school - more parking areas. Brookfield estate needs tidying
- Some of the surrounding fields on the canal side just behind the industrial park and opposite Moreton garden centre could be improved.
- Closure of post office and local shops
- Very bad parking, potential danger. 1= Station Road (Cross Keys to St Johns church)2= Outside the school 3= by the mini roundabout 4= High Street

Q6. What are your top 3 suggestions for how the money from the Big Local Trust could be spent?

- More grit boxes in the area please! When we had really bad snow last year and this year, there was no grit in any boxes to be found. Also, we could do with extra ones if the Winter months are as bad as they have been the last couple of years. Can anything be done about the traffic in the morning joining onto the main roundabout which links Oswestry/Wrexham/Chirk/W.Rhyn & St.Martins? Some type of traffic control?
- community clean up projects, community centres.
- play park in Weston Rhyn support present and new clubs, churches & groups who provide services improve public transport
- More benches available at local beauty spots and litter bins. Gobowen railway station no longer has a footbridge to cross from one side to the other so if the barriers are down and you need to get across to catch a train you can't.
- 1. The provision of some allotments for the local residents. 2. Improved pedestrian safety over the Old Chirk Road railway bridge.
- More facilities for 14 - 19 year olds
- Improvements to Weston Rhyn Institute
- SET UP A 'PAY IT FORWARD' SYSTEM. EVERYONE CONTRIBUTING TIME / INTERESTS TO REST OF COMMUNITY, WHO GO ON TO TEACH IT / OR DO SOMETHING ELSE FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
- *Aim to re-invigorate the community... Investigate providing for the future and for young people, such as developing nice sustainable live/work units, e.g. community land trusts (using BL money as seed to draw in more), encouraging training locally in key skills/ e.g. financial support for apprenticeships and classes in the community' and putting play and sport facilities into the villages. *Support the use of current facilities more widely by using some of the money as revenue expenses for the various village halls allowing them to open more often (staffing costs), and provide for services such as photocopying/printing/paper/power/computer training/filming/music/exercise etc. using current underused equipment. *Support transport provision so that the villages are in a position to share what they already have.
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- 1. Making gates along footpaths more dog friendly and bridleway gates more horse friendly. 2. Set up 'village market' in village hall where local gardeners can sell surplus fruit & veg/plants/jams etc. 3. Providing local landowners/woodland owners with funding to set up safe off road walking/riding paths
- 1. Traffic Calming, trying to cross the road with your children, where I cross is just after the plough pub, you have to cross on the corner as the payment ends after a while, its worse on the way back I have to get to middle of road with the buggy jutting out to see if I can cross. 2. Play Equipment for the Children, the local REC has nothing for children, we have to walk to chirk bank and that's a busy road and a nightmare to cross before the bridge. 3. Spent on the School, make some of the field across the road into a car park or expansion, facilities for sports activities with it being such a busy road it would help if they had a changing block with toilets on to save the teachers having to cross the busy road to take younger children back and to the toilet.
- Traffic Calming System Play Area For Children Invested In Local School
- To continue improvement to local communities - housing; local groups e.g. child/youth, senior citizen, disabled groups; meeting areas/buildings; landscaping i.e. projects such as 'village in bloom' to add to pride in area
- Literally the million pound question. Well I think, giving some to sort the issues mentioned in my least attractive features would be a good start, apart from the Cross Keys pub that is! Some real rejuvenation of the playing field would be great, and no not tucked right down the bottom end. Maybe an extension to or even a new pavilion that could possibly incorporate a youth club facility. I think something, I am not sure at the moment what that is, needs to be done to really bring the community together. I recall the days when the village carnival literally brought everyone out, and now I am not even sure if we have one.
- As above concerning the Institute [extension built for family functions]. Make the inside more up to date and more welcome. The road design by the paper shop, 5 exits and nobody knows where to go first. How there's not been an accident there yet, I don't know.
- Somewhere for the youth to go other than the Institute where it appears they are not wanted. Money to fund a youth club and pay youth staff. New sports pavilion that can be shared with other groups.
- More dog bins - down lanes as well maybe? Decent play area on rec maybe?
- Speed humps. Multi activity gym on the rec (vandal proof). More dog poop bins - especially along the canal and entrance to the woods
- Having only lived in the village for 12 months most of that time spent doing up property we have not formed an opinion on what would benefit the residents apart from the installation of broadband along parkfields.
- Lighting along canal and hill down to Bridge Inn. More waste bins on canal side
- 1= Play ground - every other village has a good one, why don't we? 2= Activities/clubs for younger people (under 12) e.g. Brownies, Rainbows, Dance, Scouts. 3= Metal or concrete skate ramp to replace the one that burnt down.
- Play area for kids
- Make a car park in Weston Rhyn where pub used to be or where land is available. Helping and improving youth club and village football teams, also clubs for younger children and the elderly.
- The Green on hill views be equipped with swings at least for all children from this area.
- 1= Turn one of empty pubs in village to youth activity. Ask teens/pre teens what they want. 2= Better safer cycle routes paths to encourage safe bike riding. 3= better parking for Weston Rhyn Primary School- unsafe parking and traffic congestion around school at peak times.
- 1= More appropriately placed litter bins and a campaign to promote their use. 2= Signage to dog owners of their responsibilities and some enforcement? 3= Do whatever is required to obtain 'Flicks in the Sticks' showings at the village hall which would improve usage of the Hall and in turn raise awareness of what a useful place it is/could be.
- A bus shelter. I have noticed many getting soaked while waiting for a bus on the way to the shop.
- I don't have suggestions currently. Ensure that green spaces are maintained as they are.
- Parking area and garden area
- More things for the young people

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- Improve recreation area to include CCTV. A far better response to crime and 'proper' officers dealing with same speed control/monitoring at the right time of day and that works!
- A playground facility that's going to last in a safe and secure area. Help groups and schools. Help local charities.
- Better facilities for children and better facilities for the elderly.
- Facilities at the Village Hall - Weston Rhyn- new classes for young adults. Bus shelters in Village. Tidy village up
- Camera. Money paid to people who have been the victim of Anti social behaviour as when this happens it is down to us to put it right.
- The youth club has it own building so more can be done for kids. More street lights through village. Full time warden to control checking dog poo.
- Making the village more attractive. Keeping police support officers. CCTV.
- 1= Assist school to create off road parking to create a safer environment!!! 2= Training for councillors to help residents with issues properly as nothing or little is done at the moment. 3= re-instate gully and brook cleaning it looks good and helps the eco system.
- Keep the village for people of the village. NO more social housing. Don't keep dumping city/large town rubbish into rural areas, we don't want them.
- Youth facilities. Improving/repairing community hall and grounds.
- 1= Peak-hour signals at the Gledrid Roundabout. 2= More seats along the canal at Chirk Bank area. 3= Provision of 'Doggie Bins' and litter bins along canal from Chirk Tunnel to the Lion Quays.
- Develop sports/games facilities for young people. Better bus provision for those with no cars. Bring back Weston Rhyn carnival to get the village spirit back.
- 1= Bus stops - shelters. 2= Making it colourful. 3= Stop cars from parking by Chinese could make a car park (traffic collision)
- Not on paperwork. Play areas for the children with seating for adults to improve social inclusion.
- More going on for youngsters and OAP. A few more police around perhaps more buses running.
- Finish the work on institute Weston Rhyn. Provide Chirk Bank with their own 'function building'. Replant left side of road approaching from old A5 Bridge Pub end. Build a nice bus shelter for Chirk Bank stop parking on grass verges Chirk Bank (eliminate by planting 'a feature tree and a bench, walled area'. Provide a park for all garden area residents provide more litter bins. Plant a wooded area walk nature park Chirk Bank (Speaks Field) no-one wants re-build on it! Provide olde world street signs and lighting not modern unsympathetic ones they are a blot! on our landscape.
- 1= speed humps on entering the village as people come off the bypass and forget they are entering a small village and go very, very fast when they first come over the bridge in Rhoswiell and around the bend. 2= something more central for children/teenagers i.e. a decent playpark on front of meads or Weston Rhyn school field or front of Albert Square
- Facilities for teenagers. Community areas - improve canal from Rhoswiell to Ellesmere.
- Improving parking in the village
- 1= More benches in Chirk Bank, near the canal and half way up the hill when people are walking (on corner of Oaklands Road). 2= Community noticeboards 3= Traffic lights at Gledrid roundabout (entry onto roundabouts), as congestion getting worse
- 1= Enlarge the school. 2= Some form of traffic calmer on the A5 side coming from the A5. 3= A swimming baths on the recreation field
- Playground for children. Speed bumps in Rhoswiell. Dirt jumps
- 1= Security cameras to cover recreation ground and other specific areas. 2= Replace tennis court on recreation ground - high wire enclosed for use by all aged over 8. 3= Circular bus route connecting all villages to Oswestry - and each other to include hospital and railway station.
- Youth facilities
- Playground - kids. More rubbish bins in streets.
- 1= speed bumps along station road. 2= replace the old tennis court on the recreation ground 3= security cameras dotted around trouble areas.
- 1= Tarmac the drive to St Johns Church so it's nicer for weddings and easier for hearses and disabled peoples vehicles to get in and out. 2= Road needs to be widened around the school to make room for cars to park without blocking traffic. 3= More dog foul bins.
- More activities for the young and older population of the village.

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- Smarten up the Institute
- Speaks for itself
- To help the youth of the village. To help pensioners of the village. To increase community activities to make everyone feel welcome and want to embrace village life.
- Security cameras to enforce crime prevention, parking on school playing field to keep roads clear on the school runs. Speed bumps and speed indicators.
- There are lots of young families with children in the village and no playground! We need a good play area for children and something for young people such as a skate park.
- Better amenities for the village. Play equipment - vandal proof. Parking/road improvements
- Local community police station i.e. hut or shed. As mentioned in '5' [crossing or traffic calming at roundabout by Top House]. Local festival/carnival yearly
- More facilities for leisure activities. Might look at running bus to Gobowen Station. Late night transport i.e. last bus from Wrexham is 6.40!
- Improved parking on station road by Post Office and food takeaway - why not use former 'Cross Keys' site. Improve the Recreation Ground - perhaps some gardens with seats for the elderly (with CCTV)
- Refurbishing derelict pubs in Weston Rhyn - dance studio/drop in centre
- Visible access to canal. Speed control for traffic. More for the youth and adults such as an adult activity centre with rock climbing etc.
- Bus shelters, seats along canal route, flower planters along canal route. re-instatement of library service
- We've already complained to Shropshire Council about traffic speed (opposite Poachers) outside our house. I think speed bumps or cameras would be very welcome.
- Keeping the road useable during winter freeze ups
- Traffic lights on Gledrid Roundabout, it's very dangerous there.
- Better lighting, seats at different locations better signs for local features e.g. public footpaths, canal etc
- Large astro turf pitch would be top of my list also it would bring in great revenue as clubs hire all the time we pay £40 a week for our club
- Local facilities for children, young families- possibly mobile facilities.
- More play areas for children. More rubbish containers dotted around. More clubs for youngsters
- Bus shelter
- More for children i.e. play areas. Tennis court
- Replacing Brookfield flats with houses. General tidying up of derelict properties. Playing facilities for young people/children in appropriate places - not Recreation Ground.
- Speed ramps
- 1= Playing field for the children e.g. play equipment. 2= More dog mess bins. 3= Flowers around the village
- Bigger police/community support presence - after 10pm. Developing the football pitch/playground area - so teenagers have somewhere to go - that's not the streets
- Renovating the Institute, provide more secure storage space in it.
- Better and more play areas and facilities in Chirk Bank and Weston Rhyn area. Facilities for the older children too.
- 1= Install dog walker friendly stiles with slider doors on public footpaths/rights of way. 2= More dog waste bins in Weston Rhyn, Chirk Bank.
- Local transport. Allotments. Flicks in the Sticks
- 1= Speed cameras, people drive at 60mph through village. 2= Play area for kids but not on 'Rec'
3= We need more village shops.
- Saving the old Sunday School building which is a lovely unused building. Swimming pool.
- 1= Adventure playground for 3-12 years. 2= Improve traffic flows outside Weston Rhyn School (have a passing place on the verge). 3= Improve traffic flow outside Weston Rhyn Post Office.
- More dog waste bins. More extra waste and rubbish collections
- 1= Improvements to public footpaths. 2= Provide/create either land or village halls for each community so to run events on (Bronygarth doesn't have one) 3= Create more woods/forests via tree planting (of native species)
- Play area for kids. Local sports football, bowls etc. Improvements to properties.
- Bus shelter

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- 1= To educate parents/children on respect to others. 2= To educate drivers on how to use roundabouts - nobody knows that in Weston Rhyn! 3= Bus service through Bronygarth
- 1= services for young people. 2= Affordable housing
- Village institute. Youth. Garden allotments
- Could do with parking areas in Weston Rhyn
- 1= High street traffic - parking outside shops. 2= The Rec needs sorting out with equipment for children and more dog walking areas and bins
- Things for young people to do
- Getting cars off the road in Brookfields let them have their own parking lot
- Youth club. Parking on school fields. More benches along station road.
- 1= Play facilities for children - closest at moment Chirk Bank. 2= Install a physical roundabout - top of village by pub, shop, institute. 3- Floodlit MUGA - on recreation ground. 4= Recycling facilities required.
- Play area at top of school. Playing field
- A park for local young children. School
- Youth club
- Apart from litter problem I have no suggestions
- To be spent on things for young people on the playing fields
- Improve the Institute by providing more facilities for young people. Traffic calming measures as a main street to be installed.
- We are not qualified to answer this
- Village traffic calming. Better street lighting. More litter bins
- Lighting in Oaklands Road improved bus service, post office
- 'Play Area' for 'Weston Rhyn Park' young and older children. Need a place to play not just open field. Strong equipment to stop vandalism. Why should children suffer from other people's vandalism
- The Village Institute/Hall needs a large amount of money to preserve the building and update the facilities (new kitchen and storage). Bowling green- drainage. Bus shelters
- More should be spent for the elderly. The library has been stopped at the Post Office and the van's times have been restricted. More spending on dial-a-ride, to improve the vehicles and to encourage more volunteers.
- Cleaning and tidying villages. Make amenity areas/allotments. Support activities for whole community not just youth. Shropshire Council should provide youth club one night, each village, each week. Support local village halls.
- 1= Updating and improving facilities at Village Institute. 2= Luncheon Club for the elderly. 3= Investment in youth club
- Cycle trails. Website for local events
- Children's play equipment. Parking - by Albert Square or Cross Keys to stop congestion by Wong Wong and Post Office. More use of Village Institute - Clubs etc.
- Providing a central village play area for cycling, cricket, football etc and providing CCTV to prevent vandalism
- A bus service at least once a week to Oswestry and back.
- More rubbish bins. Extra equipment to playing fields. Further seats in villages
- Better play things in parks. Sorry don't know
- Making the public rights of way more accessible and clearly signpost them. Promote them more too. Paint the Plough
- Equipment for children on recreation ground. CCTV placed on Pavilion
- Noise restriction Quinta Camps. Pollution not very sociable. Trains. Repair tracks that have been roughed up by motor cross bikes - surfaces now slippy and rutted. Encourage more walking groups BUT at different fitness levels (free exercise and social!). More free parking at Gobowen - plan for the future. Car parking on road through Weston Rhyn. Outside Plough Pub- can't see oncoming vehicles. Too busy outside Chip Shop - and often too hard to see full stretch of road.
- [???] More money spent on leisure activity and also road safety.
- 1= Fingerpost at Bridge 21 over canal at Chirk Bank to indicate ways to Weston Rhyn, Chirk Shops, aqueduct, Bridge Inn and Poachers Pocket. People mill about on the road here trying to find the way very dangerous. 2= Clearance of area named in 5 above [area by canal and cottages near Chirk aqueduct] 3= Create a detailed footpath map of the area W. Rhyn and Chirk Bank.

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These could be free, or for sale locally or transferred to Tea Towels for fundraising. Create a footpaths maintenance group (volunteers) to walk paths and trim where necessary

- Calming of speeding cars and vans using Oaklands Road as shortcut.
- 1= Small local supermarket to meet local needs. 2= Better street lighting on Bronygarth Road. 3= Better off road parking on lower portion of Bronygarth Road.
- 1= Improving and protecting green areas. 2= relocating street furniture (phones, benches etc) to areas where gangs that gather around them can cause less disturbance. 3= Litter and fouling must be more strongly discouraged
- Village Hall
- Youth club - internet cafe. Play area on recreation ground. More facilities in Institute - public loos
- Improved bus services to pass railway stations in Chirk and Gobowen. Twice weekly bus service to Ellesmere for leisure purposes. Improve social housing estates to lessen car traffic and derelict gardens - improve play areas in estates.
- 1= Play equipment/park Rec or village green. 2= Improve pavement/Station Road for pedestrians. Invest in Institute. 3= Permanent flower beds/displays/village in bloom.
- Rec - things for children to play on. Bus shelter for children when the kids go to school and get bus. Shop - where kids can go to go to eat/computers catch up on computer
- Play equipment for children. Bus shelters, village institute
- On more things in the Rec. More business and more activities/places to go to
- Improving facilities for youngsters within village. Play equipment for older children at Chirk Bank (not toddlers)
- Community Centre or land for community on which to site our 3 yurts
- Better socialising facilities, local post office should be brought up to date in line with bigger offices, better policing
- More things for the children park, leisure centre
- 1= A small village library. 2= Improving public transportation. 3= Maintaining the facilities on the football pitch
- Youth of the area. Elderly and family's who need help in bringing up children of all ages, isolation, disability's and so on.
- The youth of the area, the elderly and family's who need help with day to day living and bringing up children of all ages, feelings of isolation, disability's and so on.
- Off road parking for elderly folk in bungalows outside where they reside. Eradicate dangerous parking at all approaches to Weston Rhyn school. Youth Club and recreation ground to be drastically improved for our young and teenage residents.
- For children
- I feel that money spent on youth clubs or other functions would be well spent
- 1= Play equipment for the sports field. 2= CCTV cameras. 3= Facilities improved and new resources for the Village Institute
- Again leave the younger generation to suggest
- Development of regular community market to sell surplus produce from local gardens - perhaps based at the Institute
- Massive tidy up and kept tidy more often. Reduced parking on the main street and main road especially on dangerous bends. More regular patrols of wardens say
- 1= Development of local community market to sell local produce based on Weston Rhyn Institute. 2= Creation of productive work opportunities locally for school leavers. 3= Promotion of tourist opportunities locally to promote local economy
- Organised activities/events for the young. Help for elderly of village.
- More amenities for local youths, more choice on shops. Some roads in need of urgent repair
- 1= Play equipment for children. 2= Invest in the young i.e. youth club etc. 3= new signage flower beds welcoming you to the village.
- Something constructive for young people. Improve the institute. Make use of the Quinta Sunday School
- 1= Better lighting around canal and aqueduct area and the road leading down to the bridge inn and up the road opposite. 2= traffic lights at Gledrid roundabout. 3= Pedestrian crossing by Bridge Inn. 4= Footpath from Bridge Inn up into Chirk Bank (continuation)
- Concrete skate park. New football pitch. Better shops
- Create more parking areas. Create better areas for children to play

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- Improve look of aforementioned areas. Focus on wildlife in area. Adopt lane of 'Gledrid Terrace' and repair and maintain it.
- Improve skills
- Some facilities for the young people of the village. Better doctor surgery facilities (booked appointments). Double yellow parking restrictions, station road upper, school, high street