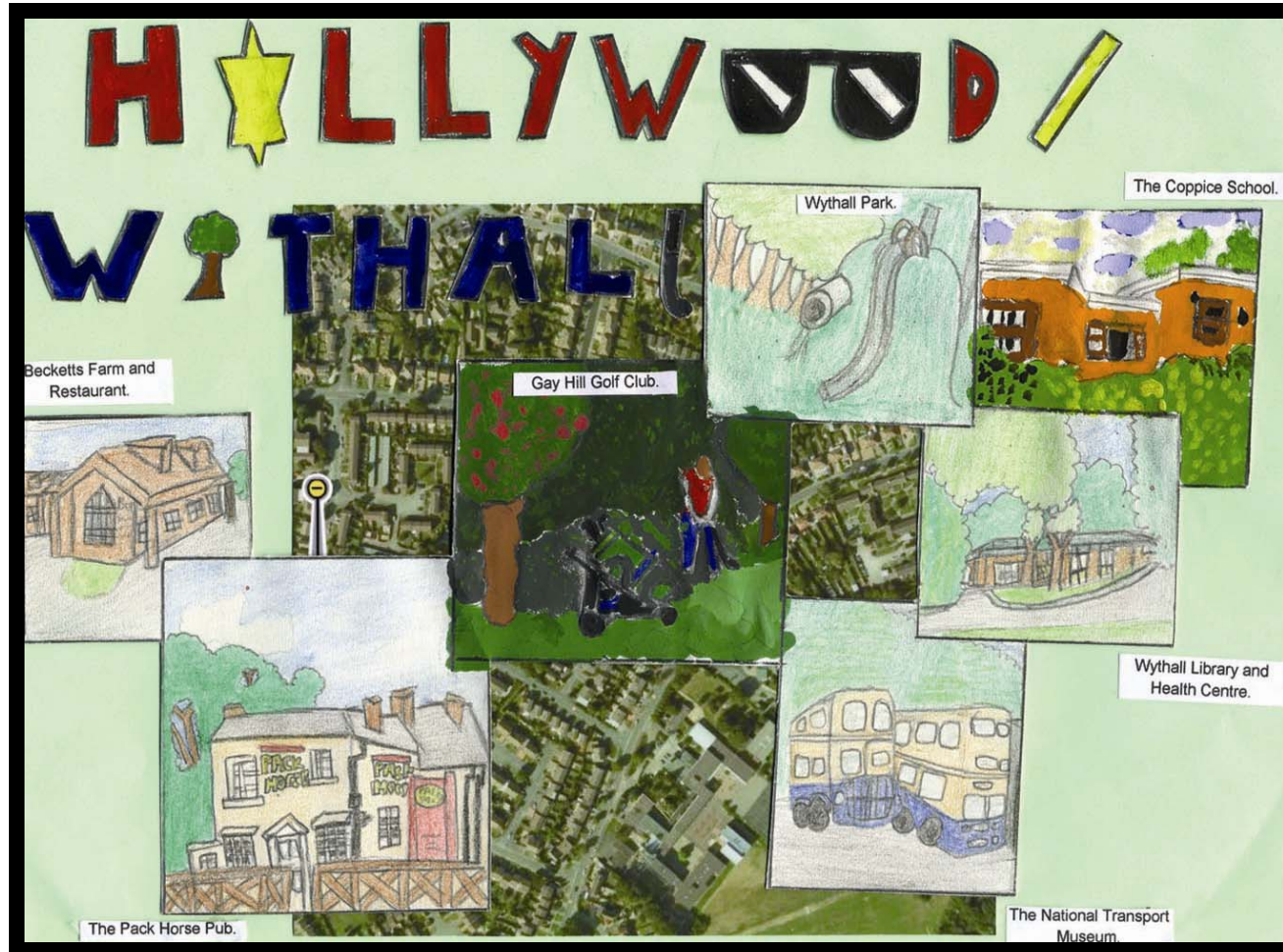


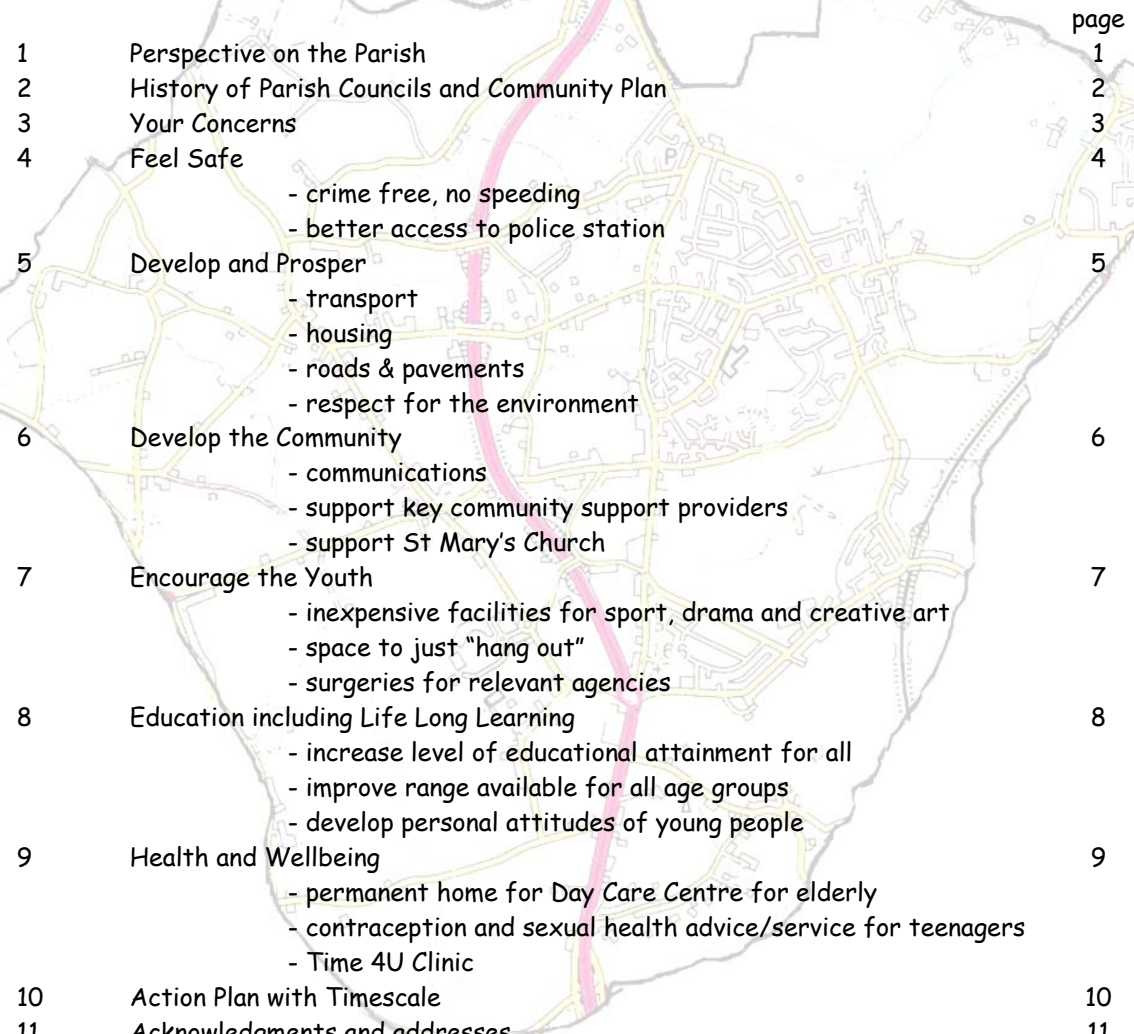
# WYTHALL COMMUNITY PLAN



**Wythall Parish Council in consultation with the Residents : 2005-2011**

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## PERSPECTIVE on the PARISH

Wythall, which covers 4,184 acres (1,930 hectares), is the largest parish in the Bromsgrove District and the most northerly in the county of Worcestershire. Roughly heart-shaped, it is bounded by Birmingham to the north and west and by Solihull to the east but is unmistakably rural in aspect. The busy A.35 bypass, carrying commuter traffic between Redditch and Birmingham, bisects the parish on a north-south axis and all housing development is to the eastern side of that road. To the west the landscape is lanes, farms and secluded dwellings. The M.42 runs just south of the parish. Wythall includes the districts of Inkford, Lea Green, Drakes Cross, Majors Green, Hollywood, Headley Heath, Trueman's Heath, Bateman's Green, Grimpits, part of Walkers Heath and part of Weatheroak but lacks an obvious centre point to the village. Local services are good. Wythall contains most of the requirements for day-to-day living:

### Public Transport

- **Bus services** to Redditch, Solihull and Birmingham.
- **A station** with frequent trains to Birmingham and Stratford and all stops in between.

### Retail

- 4 small **shopping complexes** including 23 shops, mainly food outlets and news agencies, plus 2 **post offices**, 2 **filling stations** a small **supermarket** but no fashion or hardware.
- 3 **pubs**, 6 **takeaways** and a large **farm shop** and restaurant
- The area is noted for the number of horses (recreational use) and pets in general, and there are several animal sanctuaries/**kennels/catteries/stables** plus 2 **vet surgeries**.

### Medical Services

- 2 **medical centres** and 2 **dentists**
- 2 **pharmacies**, several **support services** and 4 **residential nursing homes**

### Education

- 2 **Primary** and 1 **High School** and several **pre-school nurseries/play groups**

### Leisure

- A **Library** in May Lane
- A **Community Centre** at Wythall House, Silver Street, with a **37-acre recreational park**
- 6 **churches** - C of E, RC, Pentecostal, Unitarian, Baptist and Christian Life
- Over 50 local special interest **clubs/associations/societies** (sport, hobbies etc)

## PARISH PROFILE

(figures taken from 2001 census. See also [www.visionofbritain.com](http://www.visionofbritain.com))

Total population in 2001	11,377
Number of households	4,668
Av. no. per household	2.44
Persons under 18	20.1%
Persons aged 18-60	54.3%
Persons aged 60-64	6.9%
Persons aged 65+	25.9%
Population in 1920	1,400
Population in 1951	5,000
Population in 1971	10,500
Affected by long term illness	16%
Enjoying good health	70%
Of white ethnicity	97%
Full time housepersons	4.5%
Self-employed	11.1%
Jobs provided by local employers – in excess of	3,500
Households with car(s)	89%
Households with more than 1 car	51%
Average miles travelled to workplace	13
Walk/cycle to work	4.5%
Public transport to work	7.5%

## HISTORY of PARISH COUNCILS

The parish council is the lowest tier of government structure in the UK and has its origins over a thousand years ago as villages developed in the Saxon and Norman periods. Villages then were ruled by the Lords of the Manor, who would hold courts to manage the land, rotate crops and regulate agricultural work.

But the power of the Lords of the Manor declined and that of the Church ascended. Inhabitants began to meet together under the parson's direction for social and administrative purposes and these meetings became known as Vestries.

In 1601 legislation conferred upon the vestries the power of levying a poor rate on the population - the first instance of local taxation - and they also had responsibility for the maintenance of roads passing through the parish. The structure of these vestries was very loose until laws passed in the 1830s achieved a degree of regulation.

The next significant legislation affecting parishes was in 1894 when Parish Meetings and Parish Councils were created and the church was excluded from formal participation in local government. All parishes with over 200 on the electoral register were required to have a parish council. In 1894, however, only property owning men were allowed to vote and universal suffrage for all men and women aged over 21 was not achieved until 1928.

Wythall's first parish council meeting was not held until 1911. Prior to then it had been part of the much bigger parish of Kings Norton but, in that year, two thirds of Kings Norton transferred to Birmingham leaving Wythall independent and remaining in Worcestershire.

## COMMUNITY PLAN

Now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, many parish councils are developing formal Community Plans. Wythall Parish Council, in partnership with other local groups including St Mary's Church and local schools, and in consultation with the public, is doing the same. The aim of such a plan is to bring together ideas about how a community can be improved for the benefit of everyone. It is also a tool to support applications for external funding and can influence services over which there is no direct control (for example health and education).

Wythall's plan initially covers a 5 year period (2006-11) and progress will be monitored through a steering group.

Preparations for this plan began at the 2005 Wythall Carnival when people were asked how they would like to see the parish develop and improve. Since then a steering group has been set up by the Council, with additional focus groups to concentrate on specific themes. These groups have continued to collect evidence and consult with residents.

## YOUR CONCERNS

At the Wythall Carnivals in 2005 and 2006 this is what you said:

- We want to **feel safe**, in a crime free environment, with no antisocial behaviour, and roads where vehicles travel at the appropriate speed.
- We would like to **develop our community**, both the facilities we have and the activities they support.
- We would like Wythall to **develop and prosper**. To do this we need transport, housing, decent roads and pavements and respect for our environment.
- We want to **encourage our youth** to make a positive contribution to our community.
- We want to provide our children with the best **education** available and to support the whole community in its **lifelong learning needs**.
- **Health and wellbeing**. We want local people to have effective care and support when needed.

Key organisations involved

Police

Wythall Community Association  
Churches  
Schools  
Library

Railway and Roads Authorities  
Housing authorities  
District Council  
County Council

Schools, Churches  
Community Association, Police

Schools  
Education authorities

Medical Centres  
Health Authorities

## issue : FEEL SAFE

### what you said

Speeding was the major concern for our residents. The worst roads for speeding in their opinion were:

- Alcester Road
- Hollywood Lane
- Station Road
- Shawhurst Lane
- Truemans Heath Lane
- Middle Lane
- Houndsfield Lane
- Barkers Lane, particularly late at night.

Residents liked speed controls, but not speed humps.

They felt the lane markings at Wythall Island were confusing.

More policing was a common theme.

They felt that a centre for young people would help.

It was felt that young drinkers should be monitored, particularly outside Spar at Drakes Cross on Friday/Saturday nights.

By and large residents felt safe on the streets.

There was unanimous support for the engagement of a Community Support Officer, even though this would cost £2.50 per household on the rates.

### the community plan's proposals

- Hold weekly police surgeries away from the station, venue to be fixed
- Open up the front desk at the Police station, staffing it with volunteers
- Alter Wythall Police station, making a new entrance, with disabled access and facilities
- Open the Police station to the public, with Community Partners having an office they could use there
- Work with Community Partners to develop facilities for the youth
- Data collecting (evidence)
- Traffic calming and signs
- Education re speeding
- Promote more Neighbourhood Watch groups to help with crime prevention
- CCTV to help reduce crime. CCTV cameras to be installed at Drakes Cross Parade, May Lane shops and Station Road shops
- Full time Community Support Officer to be appointed, to be based at Wythall and to serve Wythall exclusively
- Gain better understanding of root causes of youth crime
- Extend the alcohol-free zone already in place in Drakes Cross area and Community Association Park to the whole of the Parish.

## issue : DEVELOP and PROSPER

### what you said

Our residents think the community should be developed and their concerns were **public transport, housing and environment.**

#### Public Transport:

More regular/reliable bus services were required.

Whereas only 60% of people use public transport now, 82% claimed they would do so if it were reliable and available.

A combined bus/rail pass for over 60s was requested.

A ring-and-ride bus service was mentioned.

The level of traffic in Station Road was an increasing problem.

#### Housing:

The two overriding concerns were the green belt and affordable housing.

Concern for the lack of affordable housing for young people (10% of Wythall's population are in the 18-30 age group) was overwhelming but this, you said, should be built on brownfield sites.

Residents unanimously rejected development in the green belt unless (said a minority) this was for affordable housing.

Many stated that there should be no new houses at all in Wythall, and particularly not if they involved garden infill.

#### Environment

Too much litter on streets, roundabouts and ditches.

There were concerns re fly tipping.

More entertainment - concerts, music clubs, cabaret - was requested.

A weekly market would be popular.

### the community plan's proposals

- Publish and publicise timetables so that residents know what is available. Use parish website.
- Find out where people want to go and when so that improvements can be targeted
- Look for funding for a park-and-ride service
- Support provision of car park at Wythall Station
- Support Rural Rides by encouraging volunteer drivers
  
- Ensure that Wythall gets its full quota of affordable housing
- Find a way to make developers build more starter homes in Wythall
- Build on derelict garage sites
- Seek a better way of accommodating homeless families than Wythall Hostel which is now closed
  
- Make people aware that the Council knows who is responsible for what, to enable pressure to be put on the right people
- More litter bins and regular street cleaning
- Educate people not to be litter louts, and promote a sense of pride in our environment
- "I love Wythall" car sticker

## issue : DEVELOP *the* COMMUNITY

### what you said

There was overwhelming support for developing the community.

- That said, the number of clubs, groups, societies and organisations that operate within Wythall should be a source of pride.
- A list of these may be seen in **Appendix A**.
- Wythall Community Association provides the largest complex of Community facilities, comprising spacious parkland and sports facilities, a variety of community rooms, a good sized hall and support for various Clubs, Societies and sporting activities, with a full time manager. Every year the Association provides the management for an excellent August Carnival Day and an autumn Fireworks evening. Facilities are well booked and there appears little space or time available to allow for an expansion of community use. Improvements in these facilities are needed and the cost of hiring them is relatively high.
- The Village Hall/Institute also provides space and facilities for Community Groups and is in much demand. It is a registered charitable trust. Management is by a small group of volunteers and the pricing structure is generous to groups.
- Churches often provide space for community activities but the RC Church Hall is essentially closed, St Mary's Church Hall will be sold. There is uncertainty about the future of Wythall Baptist Church, but the Unitarian Church and Hollywood Christian Life Centre both have facilities available and the latter is gradually expanding.
- The Red Cross building on Alcester Road has been closed.
- The Library provides a valuable community room.
- Woodrush, Coppice and Meadow Green Schools are actively looking at ways in which their facilities can be further opened up to the wider community. They have significant resources.

### the community plan's proposals

The community organisations and facilities we have can be given valuable backing as follows:

#### **Information and Communication**

- Maintain accurate, frequently updated information at the Library, Parish Council office and other key points.
- Update and optimise the Parish Council website as a source of communication
- A more frequent community magazine/newsletter to inform the parish of happenings, achievements and opportunities, to engender a spirit of pride in the locality

#### **Employ a Community Worker.**

A full time person who can support and build up community life.

**Co-ordinate and Support** all key community facilities providers in our area to avoid duplication and to use all resources in the most effective way.

Investment is needed in community buildings/ facilities to encourage existing and new organisations to grow and prosper.

#### **St. Mary's Church.**

Support the Church to provide not only a parish church but also complement and significantly add to our range of community buildings.

## issue : ENCOURAGE *the* YOUTH

### what you said

The general consensus was that youth needed "somewhere to go" and the public were in agreement that they needed encouragement.

Lack of access to amenities was a common theme. There were no buses for youth to get to Solihull, swimming, cinema, theatre etc. A bus to Shirley Station would open a number of avenues.

Sport on offer to young people is badly advertised and also expensive, and especially limited for young people aged 13-19.

An internet café was requested.

A boxing or boys' club would fill a need

There were concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in Pearman's Croft

### the community plan's proposals

**Provide safe places** for youth to "just hang out", perhaps CCTV protected, and with all weather shelter.

#### More for Youth to do

- Liaise with schools to improve facilities and provide access at weekends and evenings for young people.
- Establish sports instruction for youth
- Encourage existing clubs to advertise
- Encourage young people by setting up alternative sections for youth within their club, e.g. Drama or Creative Arts.

#### Information and Support

- Provide an internet café where access to the internet would be free of charge.
- This would enable job search, career exploration, information about benefits.
- Drinks and light snacks should be available for purchase.
- An ideal solution would be to have an I.T. Suite with a paid I.T. worker open to the public; possibly built on to the Library.
- Currently young people have to travel to Bromsgrove, Birmingham or Redditch to access probation, careers, housing, and health advice. Hopefully space could be found in the refurbished police station, or new health centre, for agencies such as probation, BDHT housing and health visitors to hold surgeries.

*issue* : EDUCATION *including* LIFE LONG LEARNING

**what you said**

There are 3 fine schools in Wythall.

However a community building is needed for use by the elderly only.

The elderly need for educational opportunities.

Any such initiative should be visible and well advertised.

Considerable interest was shown in attending adult education classes, particularly in hobbies and crafts, computers/internet and languages.

**the community plan's proposals**

The learning needs of those outside the school system need to be better understood.

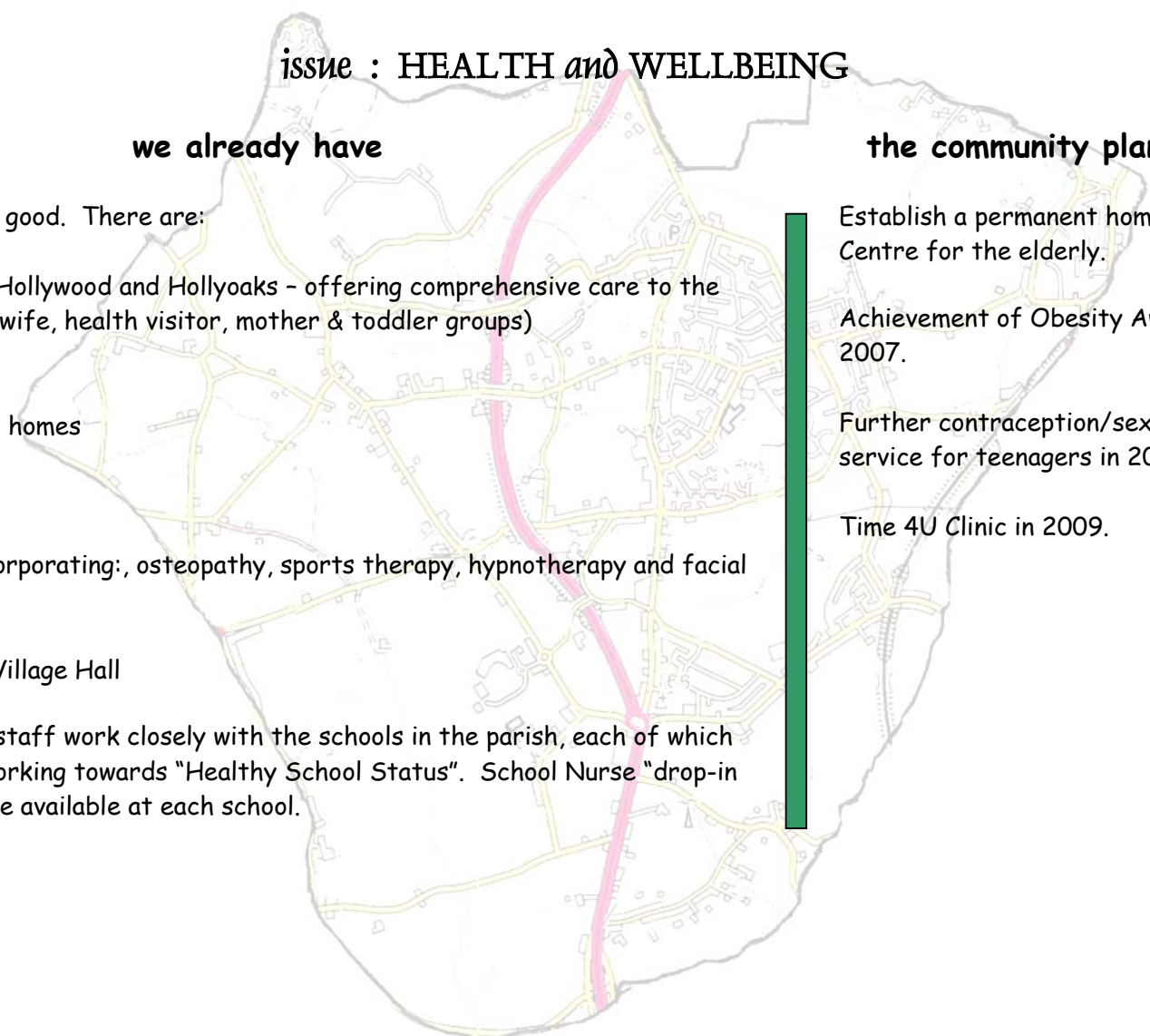
The education attainment of all within the community should be increased

A suitable base or location for students to meet and socialise outside the school environment is required: this could be achieved by developing enhanced youth services but increased funding and increased staffing will be required to achieve this.

There should be an improved range of co-ordinated provision for learners who are not in an education placement.

Life skill/personal tutors available.

Volunteer reading support.



**issue : HEALTH *and* WELLBEING**

**we already have**

Health facilities are good. There are:

2 medical centres - Hollywood and Hollyoaks - offering comprehensive care to the community (GPs, midwife, health visitor, mother & toddler groups)

2 dentists

2 pharmacies

4 residential nursing homes

1 optician

1 chiropodist

a holistic centre incorporating: osteopathy, sports therapy, hypnotherapy and facial aesthetics

"Extend" classes in Village Hall

The medical centre staff work closely with the schools in the parish, each of which has achieved or is working towards "Healthy School Status". School Nurse "drop-in service" or clinics are available at each school.

**the community plan's proposals**

Establish a permanent home for a Day Care Centre for the elderly.

Achievement of Obesity Awareness status in 2007.

Further contraception/sexual health advice service for teenagers in 2008.

Time 4U Clinic in 2009.

## ACTION PLAN *with* TIMESCALE

**action**

**year**

- Hold weekly police surgeries
  - CCTV cameras introduced at Drakes Cross Parade, May Lane and Station Road shops
  - Disabled access constructed at Wythall Police Station
  - Parish Council information available at Library and Parish Council office
  - Community Newsletter published four times a year
  - Police Station physically open to public, staffed with volunteers
  - Community Support Officer to serve Wythall exclusively
  - More and better speed control measures
  - Non Drinking Zone currently in force for Drakes Cross area and Community Association Park to be extended to whole Parish
  - Establish permanent home for a Day Centre for the elderly
  - Unsupervised venue provided for young people
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- Work with Partners (i.e. Community Groups) to develop facilities for the youth
  - Support "Rural Rides" by encouraging volunteer drivers
  - Support the provision of a car park at Wythall Station
  - Encourage people through education not to be "litter louts" and promote a sense of pride in our environment
  - Find out where people want to go and when so that requests for improved transport services can be targeted.

2006

2007

2008

2009

Ongoing

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Pupils of Woodrush and Coppice

Schools

For their entries to the Community Plan artwork competition. Congratulations to the winners: Daniel Thomas of Woodrush and Millie Wyles from The Coppice.

## APPENDIX A : Public Meeting Facilities and Local Organisations

Data correct as at June 2007

### Public Meeting Facilities



Organisation/Room	Location	Open for hire	Seating	Contact	Phone number
Baptist Church	Church Road	Yes	40	Mrs R Clarke	01564 822550
British Legion	Houndsfield Lane	Some	300	Mr B Clarke	01564 822550
Community Association	Silver Street (Park Hall)	Yes	180	Mr Alan Griffin	01564 823281
	Silver Street (Britannia Rm)	Yes	130	Mr Alan Griffin	01564 823281
Dennis Potter Court	Houndsfield Lane	Some	30	Pamela Hughes	01564 826185
Forest Way	Shawhurst Lane	Perhaps	50	BDHT	01527 557557
HCLC	Simms Lane	Yes	880	Mr A Wright	01564 822837
Headley Heath Pentecostal	Headley Heath	No		Malcolm Bull	01564 824863
Kingswood Meeting House	Packhorse Lane	Yes	-	Mr R Edwards	0121 4308004
Meadow Green Primary	Meadow Road	Yes	30	Mrs S Watkins	01564 823495
Scout Association	Wythall Park	No	100	David Harvey	01564 822882
St Aidans R C Church	Station Road	No		Father G Murray	0121 7441967
Transport Museum	Chapel Lane	Perhaps	36	Malcolm Keeley	01564 826471
Woodrush High School	Shawhurst Lane			Mark Loveday	08444 771814
Wythall Institute	Alcester Road	Yes	100	Barbara Cooke	0121 4307587
Wythall Library	May Lane				01564 882980
Youth Centre	Shawhurst Lane			Kay Parker	01564 823210

## Sports Activities

Description	Venue	Contact	Phone no.
Redhill Archers	Wythall park	Mrs Betsy Johnson	01564 823792
Bowling Club	Wythall Park	Mr P Richardson	01564 823281
Wythall Tennis Club	Wythall Park	Mr A White	01564 823467
Ladies W.I. Keep Fit	Village Hall	Mrs Laugharne	01564 822380
Park Hall Fitness Class	Park Hall		01564 823281
Kendo Martial Arts	Kingswood Hall	Stuart Hay	07720655376
Ceroc Modern Jive	Park Hall	Malcolm Bragg	01746 783185
Junior Disco Evening	Park Hall	Mr T Bill	0121 447 8451
Extend	Village Hall	Mrs J Chandler	01564 822537
Sequence & Line Dancing	Park Hall	Bob G Treadwell	01564 200498
Modern Sequence Class	Park Hall	Jim Mutch	0121 501 3586
Wythall Cricket Club			01564 200580

## Youth and Children

123 <sup>rd</sup> Brownies	Kingswood Meeting House	Mrs A Berry	01564 823708
123 <sup>rd</sup> Guides	Kingswood Meeting House	Mrs J Biddle	0121 430 2147
127 <sup>th</sup> Brownies	Kingswood Meeting House	Mrs J Hill	01564 823284
177 <sup>th</sup> Brownies	Scout Hut	Nicola Moody	01564 205525
177 <sup>th</sup> Guides	Scout Hut	Sam Rowland	0121 430 5327
177 <sup>th</sup> Rainbows	Scout Hut	Toni Warwood	01564 824941
1 <sup>st</sup> Tidbury Green Scouts Group	Wythall Park Scout Hut	David Harvey	01564 822882
1 <sup>st</sup> Wythall Rainbows	Kingwood Meeting House	Kira Warwood	01564 824941
249 <sup>th</sup> Brownies	Village Hall	Anne-Marie Sidwell	01564 823407
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wythall Rainbows	Kingswood Meeting House	Mrs G Astbury	01564 826608
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wythall Rainbows	Village Hall	Mandy Newton	0121 430 8664
Beavers	Wythall Park Scout Hut	David Harvey	01564 822882

Hollywood Christian Life Kids Zone	Simms Lane Church	Mr D Foster	0121 430 8181
Kingswood Boys Brigade	Kingswood Hall	Mrs Pam Tonks	01564 823463
Mothers & Toddlers	Beaudesert Road Surgery	Health Visitor	01564 822642
Noah's Ark	Youth Centre	Mrs C Walters	0121 430 6744
St Mary's Children's Activities		Dave & Sheri Gidney	01564 822216
St Mary's Pre School Play Group	St Aidan's Church		0121 6945737
St Mary's Toddler Group	St Aidan's Church		01564 824358
St. Mary's Youth Activities		Adrian Evans	0121 689 3313
Wythall Young Farmers Club	Wythall Institute	Jenny Dyke	07867 785774
Youth Club	Youth Centre		

**Adult Activities**

Amnesty International	Wythall House	Ms Donnelly	0121 474 3989
Chess Club	Wythall House	Dave Thomas	0121 744 5490
Countryside Carers	Varies	Mrs A Dale	0121 4742897
German Shepherd Dog Club	Wythall Park	Mr J Attwood	0121 244 7128
Ladies Fellowship	Village Hall	Miriam Knowles	01564 824487
Museum of Transport	Chapel Lane Museum	Mr Keeley	01564 826471
Parish Allotments	Parish Council Office		01564 823149
Photographic Society	Wythall House	Mr Ken Brown	01527 541525
Portway Homing Society	Wythall Park		01564 823281
Royal British Legion	Houndsfield Lane	Mr B Clarke	01564 822984
Smokey Mountain Music Club	Park Hall	Mr R Packham	0121 459 2401
St Mary's Wives Group	Village Hall	Pat Roach	0121 430 3242
W.I. (Drakes Cross)	Wythall Baptist Church Hall	Mrs C Holland	01564 200938
W.I. (Hollywood)	Kingswood Meeting House	Mrs M Matthews	0121 6898147
W.I. (Wythall)	Village Hall	Mrs J Warner	01564 824877
Weightwatchers	Wythall Park Community Hall		08457 123000
Woodrush Over 60s Club	Woodrush High School	Miss Simone Hitlan	0121 444 7816
Wythall Conservatives	181 Alcester Road, Wythall	Mrs J Dyer	01564 826640


Wythall & Hollywood Ladies Group	Library	Mrs J Cox	01564 823487
Wythall Flower Club	Village Hall	R Bond	0121 436 7623
Wythall Forum	Library	Mr H Nash	01564 822538
Wythall Gardening Club	Village Hall	Mrs J Virr	0121 474 6556
Wythall History Society	Baptist Church Hall	Mrs V Lewis	01564 822483
Wythall Labour Party		Chris Bloore	0121 430 7763
Wythall Neighbourhood Watch	Wythall House	Mr W Stewart	0121 474 5701
Wythall Radio Club	Wythall House	Chris Meadows	0121 705 8871
Wythall Residents	Wythall House	Mr A Pappin	01564 822326
Wythall Senior Men's Club	Wythall House	Mr Puckering	0121 436 7304
Wythall Theatre Company	Village Hall	Mrs Shutkever	01564 823350
Wythall Writers' Group	Library	Mrs Gill Hands	01564 824874

**Religious Activities**

Christian Viewpoint for Men	Packhorse Sizzler	Mr P Martin	01564 822091
HCLC Coffee Morning	Simms Lane Church	Dave & Wendy Patterson	0121 246 5905
HCLC Friends & Neighbours	Simms Lane Church	Annetta Drew	01564 822249
Hollywood Christian Life Centre	Simms Lane Church	Mr A Wright	01564 822837
Kingswood Unitarian Chapel	Kingswood Meeting House	Mr R Edwards	0121 430 8004
New Life Pentecostal	Pentecostal Church, Middle Lane, Headley Heath	Rev M Bull	01564 824863
St Aidan's Catholic Church	Station Road, Wythall	Father Gerry Murray	0121 744 1967
St Mary's Parish Church	Coppice School	Rev M Godfrey	0121 430 2775
Wythall Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Mrs R Clarke	01564 822550

**Tythe Map of Wythall 1838.**

**Historic Info.** Hollywood / Wythall are 7 miles south of the city of Birmingham. Hollywood was by-passed in 1969 by a dual carriageway way running from Maypole Island to Wythall. Up to the 1950's Hollywood was a very rural area with an abundance of fields and farms. Post war development saw a large increase in housing with new estates and schools emerging on many of these fields. Silvermead Junior School was on Silver Street but has now closed down. This site now contains houses. Wythall's population is over 14,000. Famous people born in Wythall are Nick Rhodes of Duran Duran.




**Tourist Attractions.** Hollywood / Wythall are home to many different tourist attractions. These include: Gay Hill Golf Club; The National Transport Museum; Wythall Park; Numerous countryside walks; and a variety of restaurants.

**Education.** It is quite easy to find education in Hollywood / Wythall, as there are many schools with high standards. Some of these schools are: The Coppice Primary, Meadow Green Primary and Woodrush Community High School.

**Transport.** Within Hollywood / Wythall it is easy to get around as there is lots of transport. These include; Wythall train station, a frequent bus service, and an available taxi services.

**Quotes.** These are quotes from the locals in the area. Barbara Dewett... 'Wythall / Hollywood is a very nice place to live as there is lots of places to go for food and leisure'. Charlie Thompson... 'Wythall is a peaceful place to live with a low crime rate'. Daniel Thomas... 'I love being able to play tennis at Wythall Park, it's a great place to make new friends'. Elaine Smith... 'Great pubs with a friendly atmosphere'. Max Robinson... 'Great homemade confectionary and farm products'



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A modern day map of Hollywood / Wythall.

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