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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is pleased to present the Grimsargh Parish Plan.

This Plan is an important first step toward achieving some of the hopes and aspirations of our parishioners for Grimsargh's future. The content of this Plan has come from the answers to the questions put to all residents in the Questionnaire circulated early in 2004. However, there have had to be some constraints and modifications caused by the practical problems of space, cost of structures and generally what people can do. Thus, not all our hopes and dreams will come true, but if we did not tell the world what we wanted, we may not get anything.

This is a Plan for the future and to turn the future into reality will require the active participation of Grimsargh residents and the Lancashire County Council, Preston City Council, The Home Office, The Countryside Agency and many more local and national agencies and officers. There will also be a need for some of our local businesses and institutions to join with the spirit of the Plan for the good of the community.

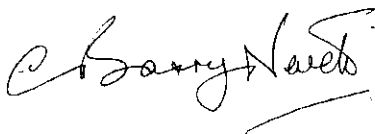
As you can see, people will carry the Plan forward and Action Groups and Partnerships will come together for this purpose. It is proposed that a successor to the Steering Committee be formed to help and encourage the "Grimsargh Grafters". People alone though, cannot achieve the Plan's objectives – another major element is cost. We have borne in mind the possibilities and realities of fundraising in framing this Plan. We are confident that the proposals are realistic enough to succeed on this account.

There is encouragement at a national level for local bodies

- to strive to improve the way communities can work together and express and meet their diverse needs
- to make it easier to use the support opportunities and resources of their communities
- to develop partnerships with voluntary groups and other organisations
- to tackle local needs and involve all those who have something to offer
- to encourage understanding by local people of Council services.

On behalf of Grimsargh, the Steering Committee endorses and adopts these community strategies.

We have tempered our enthusiasm with the realities of cost restraint, people's ability and willingness to help and time and space. Thus, the Steering Committee recommends the Parish Plan as a serviceable and realistic path to follow to a better Grimsargh.



Chairman
Grimsargh Parish Plan Steering Committee

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INTRODUCTION

Grimsargh Parish Council decided to investigate the Parish Plan process early in 2003 after considering information that was received from the Countryside Agency about its “Vital Villages” Programme. The Council met with staff from Community Futures who came to meetings to explain the Parish Plan process, what it did, what was required by the Council, the community and how it was intended to equip Parishes to shape their future.



Thereafter, the Parish Council agreed to the production of a Parish Plan and in May, 2003, formed a Steering Committee from a cross section of the community that was charged with the preparation of the Plan. The first meeting of the Steering Committee was held in June, 2003 and it has met regularly since. An application for funding to carry out the Parish Plan work was made to the Countryside Agency in November, 2003 and this application was approved just before Christmas, 2003. In the meantime, the Steering Committee had commenced the preparation of a Questionnaire to be

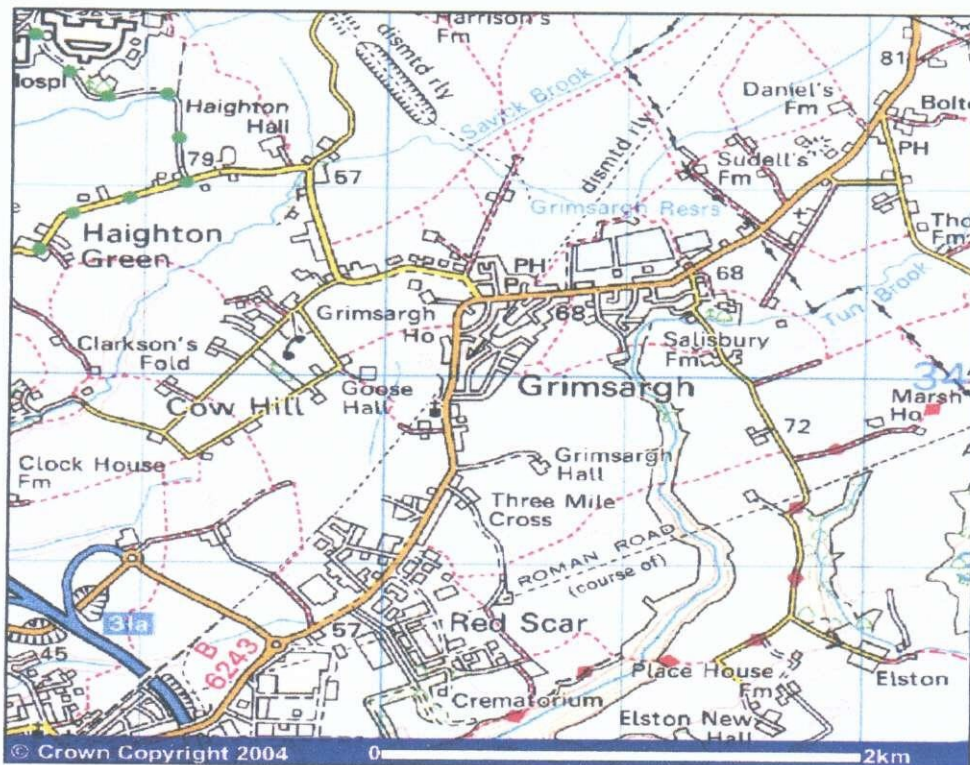
completed by all Grimsargh residents over eleven years of age. When the grant was received, the Questionnaire was printed, circulated to every household and, subsequently, 400 were collected or returned; a response of 45%, considered to be an excellent response in these times.

The answers and views of all the residents who responded have been analysed and incorporated in the Grimsargh Parish Plan. The residents of Grimsargh are firmly of the opinion that their “village” has seen sufficient expansion and development and should now be allowed to remain a semi-rural community. There is strong support for improvement of the environment whilst the village seeks to improve its facilities for all age groups.

THE PARISH OF GRIMSARGH - OUR VILLAGE AND COUNTRYSIDE

Grimsargh village is situated on the B.6243 road midway between Preston and Longridge and has rapidly expanded over recent years. The population of Grimsargh at the last census (2001) was approximately 2,200 living in approximately 680 dwellings. Although a large number of those 680 dwellings have been built over the last 35 years Grimsargh retains many small and medium farms whose fields, hedgerows and trees help to preserve a rural feel within the Parish. Grimsargh, originally the township of Grimsargh-with-Brockholes, has had its own Parish Council since 1894 when there was a major reform of local government. The old Parish Meeting minute book, which was completed in 1989, is now kept in the County Records Office as a record of all meetings of the Parish since that time. The outer cover of the Book announces the Parish as “The Parish of Grimsargh-with-Brockholes”, but recently, reference to Brockholes was dropped and the Parish came to be known as Grimsargh.

In 2003, the housing estate known locally as “The Hills” officially became part of Grimsargh as a result of a Local Government Boundary Review requested by the Parish Council; this increased the size of the Parish by a further 105 dwellings. Grimsargh is expanding even more as the development of a new Redrow housing estate of 200 dwellings is in progress. Grimsargh has one of the largest Village Greens in Lancashire and the village also contains an historic stretch of woodland, Tun Brook Wood, which stretches down to the River Ribble. This woodland is home to a wide range of animals including deer and badger.



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Grimsargh is visited by a Mobile Library, has a C.E. Primary School within its boundary and an R.C. Primary about ½ mile to the east. The centre of the Village is compact with a shop retailing newspapers, general groceries and off-licence products and which also contains the Post Office. The Village Hall, a Public House, Private Social Club, Car Showroom, Hairdressers, Chinese Take-Away, Photographer's, Beauty Salon and Physiotherapy clinic complete the centre.

AIMS OF THE PARISH PLAN

When it is completed, the Parish Plan is a document that

- Identifies local problems and opportunities
- Sets out an achievable and long term vision for the future of Grimsargh
- Prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision

The Parish Plan can

- Encourage community participation
- Be used to influence Service Providers e.g. Health, Youth and Community, the Police, etc.
- Form the initial information for Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Help access funding by providing evidence of need
- Be a Historical Document for the community

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

(As far as possible, the information within this report and Plan has been prepared on the same basis as the categories of questions in the Parish Plan Questionnaire circulated in early 2004. The report is based on an analysis of all the responses contained in that Questionnaire)

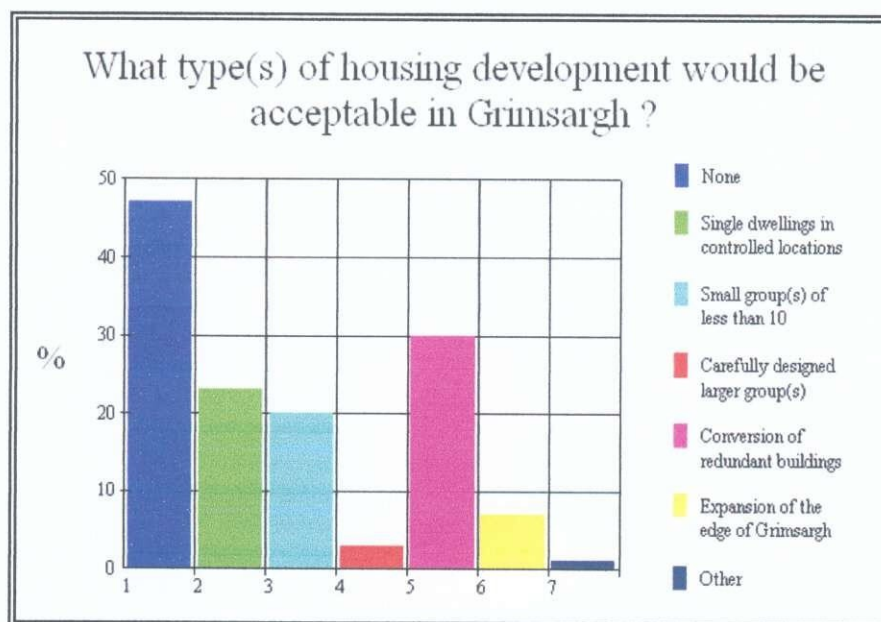
PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Personal Information Section of the Parish Plan gives details of the age and sex breakdown of those who responded to the Questionnaire. 400 questionnaires were returned having been completed by 856 persons (448 female and 408 male). In total, the 400 questionnaires represented 1019 persons which includes children under 11 years of age. The figures represent 234 persons (22.9%) under the age of 17 years, 521 persons (51.2%) between 18 and 59 years and 264 persons (25.9%) over the age of 60 years.

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
0 to 10 years	68	81
11 to 17 years	41	44
18 to 24 years	29	25
25 to 59 years	225	242
60 to 64 years	32	48
65 to 84 years	78	93
85 years and over	3	10

HOUSING (See also Environment)

It is clear from the Housing responses that the majority of Grimsargh residents feel the village has expanded enough to date and that no further significant new housing development should take place. However, there is some support for the erection of single dwellings in suitable locations and also for low-cost housing. It is not surprising, in view of the high percentage of respondents aged over 60 (over 30%), that there is considered to be a need for sheltered housing (21.9% of those responses).



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON HOUSING

Prevent any further large scale development

Prepare a scheme to denote areas of prohibition of development to preserve Rural aspects

Consider needs for Sheltered and possible Low Cost Housing schemes for local people

CRIME AND SAFETY

i) Crime

Although Crime is actually low in Grimsargh, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour are matters of concern to many residents, particularly vandalism and theft. Anti-Social Behaviour appears to relate, primarily, to youth activity (See Safety Section below). 72.7% of the replies were concerned about vandalism and 59.2% were concerned about theft. It was felt that an increased Police presence would significantly improve the situation. In addition, 56.2% of respondents support the introduction of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Grimsargh.

ii) Safety

This category is split into two further groups, Safety on the Highway and Personal Safety.



There are a number of perceived “danger spots” on the roads in Grimsargh. These relate to traffic speeds throughout Grimsargh on both Longridge Road and Preston Road extending out into the Ribble Valley. Parking is a matter of concern, principally on Preston Road outside St Michael’s Primary School and also in the centre of the Village near to the Post Office and Brown’s Garage. The narrow Railway Bridge is considered to be a danger, particularly in view of the number of road traffic accidents that have taken place over the years, although the bridge is seen as a traffic calming measure.

On-street parking has been highlighted as a possible danger in a number of side roads in Grimsargh. There is felt to be a need for traffic management schemes such as a car park and, possibly, a lay-by in the village centre.

(Quote: “...when pushing a pram I am constantly having to walk in the road due to narrow pavements, overgrown hedges and parked cars.”)

The Personal Safety issues that have arisen from the survey mainly relate to concerns about groups of youths that congregate in the village centre, on the Village Green and also on the Old Railway Footpath. Many people feel unsafe when these groups are in the area because of their intimidating and noisy behaviour at various times. The concerns appear to be greater at night, however, and this is borne out by many requests for lighting along the Old Railway Footpath.

(Quote: “Problems associated with anti-social behaviour appear to be increasing”)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTIONS ON CRIME AND SAFETY

Encourage the use of Community Volunteers/Officers to assist the Police

Lighting and improvement of Old Railway Walk

CCTV Cameras at appropriate locations

Re-launch manageable Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Hold regular Police and the Community Together (PACT) meetings

Interact with Youth Groups to minimise nuisance and disturbance to other residents

Create a Traffic Management Group for action on parking, speeding and all traffic concerns

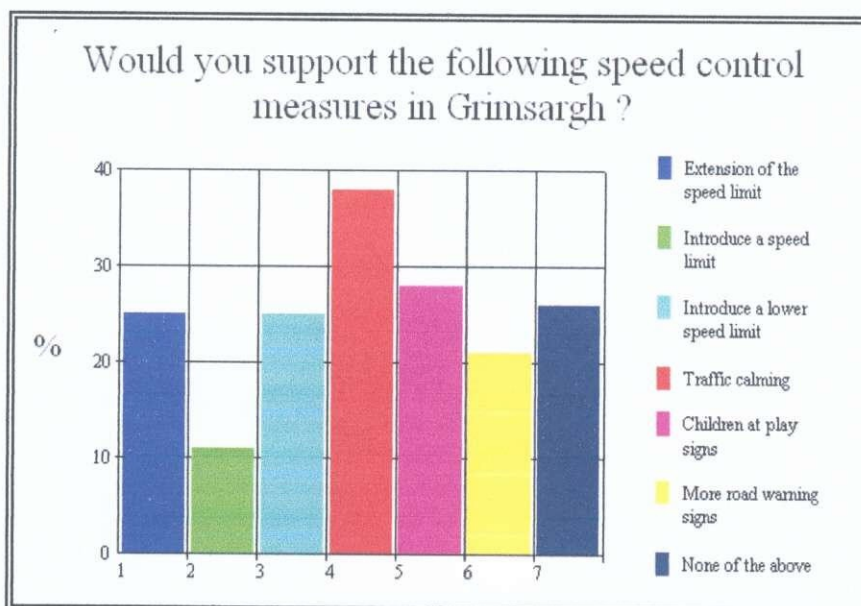
TRANSPORT

(Quote: "Village residents should be encouraged to leave cars at home and walk when only on village business")

Grimsargh lies along an increasingly busy main road where traffic speeds are a regular problem. The volume of traffic has increased to a considerable degree over recent years and Grimsargh becomes congested at peak times, partly due to "school run" and partly due to traffic volumes. Recently, there have been several road traffic accidents between Grimsargh and Longridge that have led to major traffic hold ups for several hours. These road problems also affect people from outside the Grimsargh area.

Street parking and the lack of a public car park are the most significant issues arising from the Parish Survey (67.6% believe that Grimsargh needs a car park). Street parking is a particular issue at "school run" times with vehicles parking on both sides of the narrow estate roads causing difficulties to residents requiring access to those roads.

Concern has been expressed about traffic volumes and speeds on the secondary and side roads in Grimsargh and there is considered to be a need for traffic calming measures to ensure reduced traffic speeds and greater safety for residents and for children at play. There is support for construction of a by pass around the village.



Public transport in Grimsargh is generally considered to be adequate, but some concerns have been expressed about costs, availability and reliability.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON TRANSPORT

Traffic Calming measures to be investigated by Traffic Management Group

Press for a Bypass

Provide car park or lay-bys in Village centre / near school

Improve facilities for cyclists

Increase number of sites for Community Safety cameras

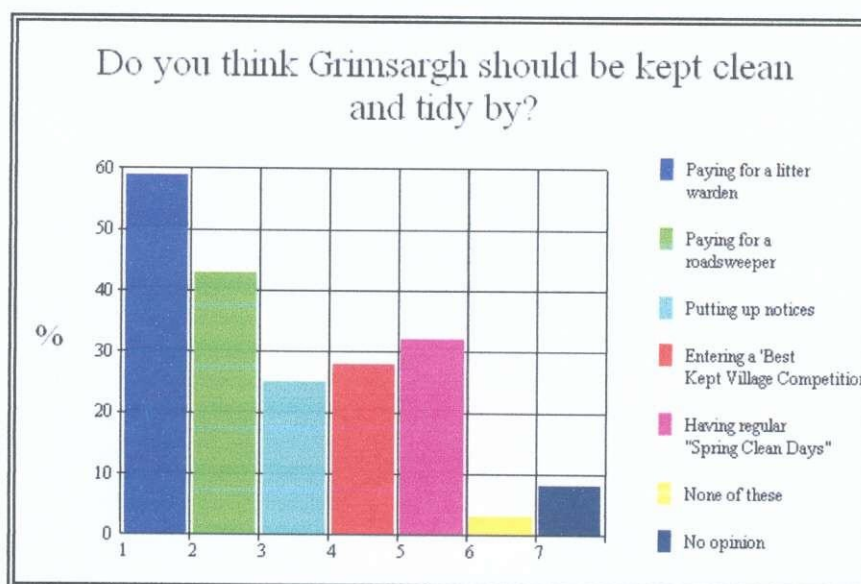
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

There is significant support for the protection of the landscapes of Grimsargh. These include the open spaces of meadows and fields, woodlands, copses and trees, the reservoirs and the many miles of hedgerows created historically by the type of farming carried out in the area.

There are particular difficulties in parts of Grimsargh. 182 people have highlighted problems of flooding and bad drainage in their gardens. Old Railway Walk is in poor condition and in need of major improvement – in particular, the provision of some form of lighting. In almost all parts of the village, litter is reported as a problem, the provision of more litterbins, it is felt, will make a significant difference. There is support for “spring cleaning schemes”. Dog-waste bins are considered to be essential on Old Railway Walk, parts of Preston Road and on secondary and side roads. The respondents support the employment of a Litter Warden (59.3%) and Road Sweeper (42.9%).

The overall appearance of the Village Green is felt to be of mediocre and not of a suitable standard, bearing in mind that it is a major feature in the centre of the village. The Children’s Play Area on the Green is considered by a number of people to be relatively poor. Use of the Village Green is inhibited by very poor drainage – there is standing water on the Green after only moderate rainfall at most times of the year (see also Leisure).

The signs at the entrances to Grimsargh could be improved. There is support for the installation of environmentally friendly lighting throughout the village to reduce light pollution. 62% of those who responded do not want to see a public toilet in Grimsargh.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

More litter and dog-waste bins

Further planting schemes

Improve the play equipment and seating on the Village Green

Form an Environment Study Group

Improve the Village name signs

Upgrade Old Railway Walk and its environs

Drainage of the Village Green

HEALTH AND SERVICES

The majority of respondents do not have any difficulty in getting to any of the Health Service providers that cover Grimsargh and, in fact, most people have not used any of the providers in the past year. However, of the few people who use the home help, meals-on-wheels and counselling services, as many people rate them poor as rate them good.

Most people have not called on any of the Emergency Services, but, of those who have, the majority feel that the services are good. The most used and, therefore, the most criticised service is the police (6% rate them as poor). Grimsargh is considered to be fortunate to have its own Rural Community Beat Officer because the village is fairly small and has a low crime rate. The general view is that this post must be maintained and, perhaps, augmented with Community Officers in view of the personal concerns of sections of the community.

Several people have suggested that they would welcome additional shopping facilities i.e. a greater number of shops serving a wider range of goods.

Again, the provision of more youth facilities is a high priority matter

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON HEALTH AND SERVICES

Police consultation

Possible use of Community wardens

Village Hall development to cater for youth activities

Form a Youth Study Group

Consideration of the crime and safety recommendations

LEISURE

There is a lot of support for the increased use of the Village Hall for all activities. The majority think Grimsargh needs an Indoor Sports Centre (52.6%) and there is also significant support for an Outdoor Sports Centre (40.3%). Social facilities in the village for the youth and young persons up to 25 years old are regarded as being very poor. Even the older age groups regard the facilities as being poor, although Young At Heart meetings each month provide a valuable and much welcomed service for older people.

There have been requests to form new or expand social or sports groups within the Village, including Keep Fit, Yoga, Badminton, Tennis, Rambling, Senior Citizen Group, Art Club, Gardening Club, Drama, Creative Arts for Children and Young People's Drama Group. The survey has also highlighted a number of people who are prepared to help with leisure time activities for young people, including a Summer Play Schemes, a Youth Club, Football, Swimming and Tennis. These people will be contacted in due course.



the village green is in a very poor condition and is nearly unusable after only light rainfall, thus requiring extensive drainage. The facilities on the Green are almost non-existent. The equipment in the Children's Play Area is considered by many to be poor, there is a need for this play equipment to be improved and additional play equipment provided. In addition, the provision of facilities on the Village Green for older ages needs to be addressed. There is poor provision for cyclists in the village and there is a perceived need for dedicated cycle paths in and around the village.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON LEISURE

Co-operate with Grimsargh Village Community Association, the management of the Village Hall with its future development proposals

Contact all volunteers and liaise on setting up new and expanded activities for all age groups.

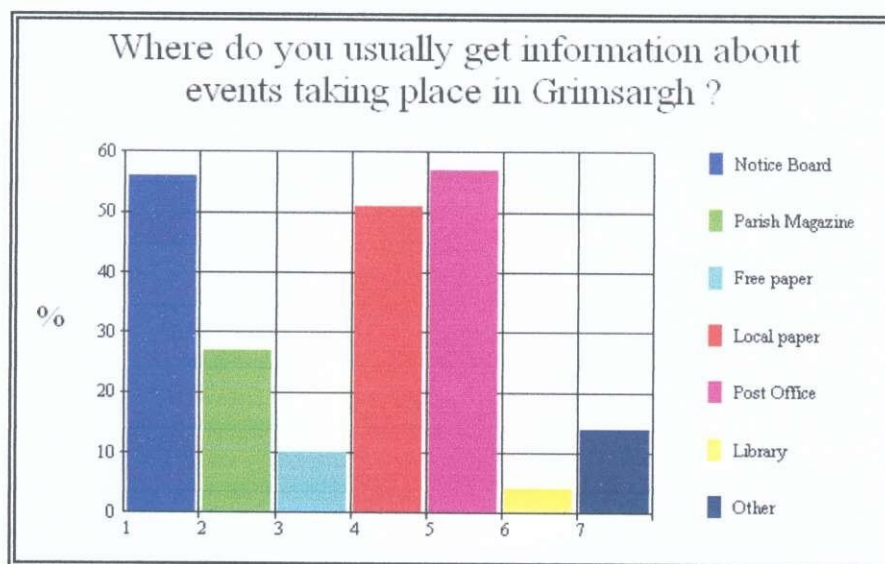
Press for drainage improvement of the Village Green and the upgrading of its equipment and facilities

Seek the employment/provision of a Qualified Youth Worker

GENERAL INFORMATION (COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

The most popular ways to get information about events taking place in Grimsargh are the Post Office, the Local Paper, the Parish Magazine, the Notice Board and by word of mouth. More than half of the people would like more information about the activities of the Grimsargh Parish Council and nearly half of the people feel that their representatives on the County Council and Preston City Council are not sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings.

In addition to the dominant issues outlined on this report, a range of more specific, even individual issues were highlighted. It is considered that these can be properly dealt with by the Parish Council.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON GENERAL INFORMATION

Produce more frequent and informative Newsletters

Improved information of Notice Boards

Advertise Police contact details on Notice boards and in Newsletters

RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Parish Council is asked to adopt the Grimsargh Parish Plan and to take it forward through a series of Working Groups aimed at determining priorities and using their best endeavours to ensure that these priorities are referred to the appropriate agencies for implementation and action. It is likely that the Parish Council will create a Committee to oversee these Action Groups.

Matters requiring action are likely to include:-

- Traffic calming and speed reduction within the Parish:
- Improvements to the visual amenity and tidiness of the village:
- Dealing with Litter and Dog Fouling matters:
- Seeking to remove Light Pollution:
- Improvements to Drainage and Facilities on the Village Green:
- Closer liaison with the Police and the re-introduction of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes:
- Improving the activities available for all age groups.
- Assistance for the Village Hall Group to upgrade and improve the Hall.

Members of the Steering Committee will be available to create an Overview Committee if the Parish Council should wish.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Firstly, our thanks go out to the residents of Grimsargh and immediate surrounding area for providing us with comments, views, support and assistance - without these, the Parish Plan project would not have been possible.

The Grimsargh Parish Council is indebted to all members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee who willingly gave up their time to see this project through for the benefit of the village. Thanks are also given to the Countryside Agency for providing much of the funding for the project; and to the staff at Community Futures for their help and guidance during the preparation of the Parish Plan. Finally, thanks are given to all of the various village based groups and organisations that helped with the consultations and discussions that were an essential part of this Parish Plan project.

THE NEEDS REVEALED

To ensure Grimsargh is an environmentally friendly place to live

To make roads safer for pedestrians, the elderly and children, cyclists and motorists

To provide better facilities and services, particularly for the youth of the village

Keep Grimsargh as a village. No more significant housing developments

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To reassure residents that Grimsargh is a safe place to live

To keep residents informed about the Parish Council and other agency activities

To improve the facilities for leisure pursuits, including improvements to the Village Hall. To encourage and recruit volunteers for youth activities

THE WAY FORWARD

The Parish Plan for Grimsargh has been undertaken enthusiastically and has been effective in engaging the community. The areas identified as important by the residents of Grimsargh have formed the basis of the Parish Plan.

This report sets out the matters which will be taken forward by the Action Groups formed by the Parish Council.

Areas that will be taken forward include

- The lack of facilities for young and old.
- The need to improve the Village Green and its facilities.
- The need for a higher police profile in the village
- Transport and road safety issues
- Concern for the environment
- The need to keep Grimsargh's village identity
- The need to engage the community in Grimsargh's future
- Development of the Village Hall

Local authorities, Agencies and the community all need to be engaged in the process to move the Plan forward through action based on the evidence of need so clearly defined in the report. However, this is only the beginning of the process.

Community engagement in the process is the key to success. Any resident who wishes to become involved should contact Peter Croft, the Clerk to the Parish Council on Preston 652037, or come along to meetings of the Parish Council which are held on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. Notification of meetings can be found in the Parish Council notice board outside the Post Office.

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Residents of Grimsargh
Grimsargh Parish Council
Community Futures
The Countryside Agency
The Parish Plan Steering Committee

Thanks are also given to the various Community Groups which have helped in the consultations that were essential as part of the Parish Plan process:-

Guides/Brownies/Scouts/Cubs
Grimsargh Village Hall Committee
Grimsargh W.I.
Grimsargh Young at Heart
Grimsargh Football Club
Grimsargh Cricket Club

The Steering Committee is indebted to Roger Best for analysing the data from the Questionnaires to enable the Parish Plan report to be completed.

Special thanks are also given to Tom Heginbotham who willingly provided his time, numerous photographs and other information that was used in the exhibitions and displays that have taken place.



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STATISTICAL INFORMATION



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The following data has been prepared on the same basis as the categories of questions in the Parish Plan Questionnaire that was originally prepared as part of the Parish Plan process. This report is based on an analysis of the responses to all the tabular questions contained in that Questionnaire.

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INDIVIDUAL QUESTION ANALYSIS (TABULAR QUESTIONS ONLY)

Question Number: 1 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDING - 400
 How many people including children normally live in your household? - 1019

Question Number: 2 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDING - 400

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
0-4	35	44
5-10	33	37
11-15	34	32
16-17	7	12
18-24	29	25
25-44	111	133
45-59	114	109
60-64	32	48
65-74	56	63
75-84	22	30
85+	3	10

Question Number: 3 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 856

Sex

Male	408 (47.7%)
Female	448 (52.3%)

Question Number: 4 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 861

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	64 (7.4%)
16-17	17 (2.0%)
18-24	54 (6.3%)
25-44	241 (28.0%)
45-59	221 (25.7%)
60-64	78 (9.1%)
65-74	123 (14.3%)
75-84	50 (5.8%)
85+	13 (1.5%)

Question Number: 5 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 703

Is any individual in your household, or your whole household, currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes	8 (1.1%)
No	695 (98.9%)

Question Number: 6 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 711

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Grimsargh?

Private rented	36 (5.1%)
Local authority/housing association rented	45 (6.3%)
Owner occupied	38 (5.3%)
Shared ownership	23 (3.2%)
By virtue of employment (e.g. MOD/tied)	5 (0.7%)
Sheltered housing	156 (21.9%)
Adapted housing	22 (3.1%)
Restricted sale to local people	137 (19.3%)
Low cost sale	167 (23.5%)
There is no need for any of these	332 (46.7%)
Other	11 (1.5%)

Question Number: 7 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 746

What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Grimsargh?

None	351 (47.1%)
Single dwellings in controlled locations	174 (23.3%)
Small group(s) of less than 10	151 (20.2%)
Carefully designed larger group(s)	25 (3.4%)
Conversion of redundant buildings	226 (30.3%)
Expansion of the edge of Grimsargh	54 (7.2%)
Other	8 (1.1%)

Question Number: 8 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 747

Would you have any objections in principle to a development which might help to meet the housing needs of local people?

Yes	241 (32.3%)
No	398 (53.3%)
No opinion	108 (14.5%)

Question Number: 9 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 767

Would you like to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Yes	431 (56.2%)
No	221 (28.8%)
No opinion	115 (15.0%)

Question Number: 10 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 763

Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Grimsargh?

Theft	452 (59.2%)
Street Crime	162 (21.2%)
Vandalism	555 (72.7%)
Drunkenness	198 (26.0%)
Other	110 (14.4%)
Not concerned	72 (9.4%)

Question Number: 12 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 765

Do you think that any of the following measures are needed?

A greater police presence	394 (51.5%)
Better consultation between police and local people	237 (31.0%)
A neighbourhood watch	341 (44.6%)
Improved street lighting	221 (28.9%)
More drug/drink education/prevention	187 (24.4%)
More activities for young people	581 (75.9%)
CCTV	211 (27.6%)
Other	9 (1.2%)

Question Number: 13 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 753

Do you think there are any major 'danger-spots' on the roads in Grimsargh?

Yes	558 (74.1%)
No	117 (15.5%)
No opinion	78 (10.4%)

Question Number: 14 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 744

Would you support the following speed control measures in Grimsargh?

Extension of the speed limit	186 (25.0%)
Introduce a speed limit	84 (11.3%)
Introduce a lower speed limit	188 (25.3%)
Traffic calming	281 (37.8%)
Children at play signs	212 (28.5%)
More road warning signs	158 (21.2%)
None of the above	190 (25.5%)

Question Number: 15 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 768

How user-friendly are the pavements in Grimsargh to people with disabilities, pushchairs or wheelchairs?

Good	41 (5.3%)
Reasonable	390 (50.8%)
Poor	180 (23.4%)
No Opinion	157 (20.4%)

Question Number: 16 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 779

In relation to paths and street lights, would you like to see any of the following in Grimsargh?

Cycle paths	305 (39.2%)
More footpaths	149 (19.1%)
More street lights	231 (29.7%)
More environmentally sensitive street lights	245 (31.5%)
More pavements	104 (13.4%)
A by-pass	331 (42.5%)
Pelican crossings	272 (34.9%)
Dropped kerbs	129 (16.6%)
Traffic islands	128 (16.4%)
Roundabouts	181 (23.2%)
None of the above	69 (8.9%)

Question Number: 17 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 748

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Grimsargh to other places?

Often	94 (12.6%)
Occasionally	230 (30.7%)
Never	424 (56.7%)

Question Number: 18 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 682

If you have a vehicle, do you have problems parking in Grimsargh?

Often	135 (19.8%)
Occasionally	244 (35.8%)
Never	303 (44.4%)

Question Number: 19 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 758

Is street parking a safety risk in Grimsargh?

Yes	446 (58.8%)
No	150 (19.8%)
No opinion	162 (21.4%)

Question Number: 20 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 744

Would you like to see some form of parking control introduced in Grimsargh?

Yes	265 (35.6%)
No	294 (39.5%)
No opinion	185 (24.9%)

Question Number: 21 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 756

Does Grimsargh need a car park?

Yes	511 (67.6%)
No	175 (23.1%)
No opinion	70 (9.3%)

Question Number: 22 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 674

If you have a car, would you be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service?

Yes	57 (8.5%)
No	617 (91.5%)

Question Number: 23 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 729

Would you use a voluntary car service as a passenger?

Weekly	7 (1.0%)
Monthly	4 (0.5%)
Occasionally	118 (16.2%)
Never	600 (82.3%)

Question Number: 24 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 775

Which of the following is your major means of transport?

Car	672 (86.7%)
Bike	15 (1.9%)
Bus	87 (11.2%)
Coach	1 (0.1%)
Community Bus	0 (0.0%)
Train	0 (0.0%)

Question Number: 25 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 592

If you use the bus, what do you use it for and how often?

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Never</u>
Work	38 (6.4%)	39 (6.6%)	297 (50.2%)
Shopping	62 (10.5%)	179 (30.2%)	235 (39.7%)
Medical Visits	29 (4.9%)	73 (12.3%)	276 (46.6%)
Social or Leisure	49 (8.3%)	171 (28.9%)	216 (36.5%)
Other	26 (4.4%)	31 (5.2%)	170 (28.7%)

Question Number: 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 681

Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to?

Routes	60 (8.8%)
Timetable	141 (20.7%)
Cost	170 (25.0%)
Reliability	116 (17.0%)
Bus Stop location	24 (3.5%)
Access for those with disabilities	86 (12.6%)
Community bus/Dial-a-ride	59 (8.7%)
No opinion	363 (53.3%)

Question Number: 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 759

Are facilities for cyclists in Grimsargh ?

Good	21 (2.8%)
Reasonable	161 (21.2%)
Poor	317 (41.8%)
No Opinion	260 (34.3%)

Question Number: 28 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 512

Does your household have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?

Many problems	39 (7.6%)
Few problems	143 (27.9%)
No problems	302 (59.0%)
No opinion	28 (5.5%)

Question Number: 29 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 748

What do you think of the state of the following?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Roads	100 (13.4%)	414 (55.3%)	183 (24.5%)	22 (2.9%)
Pavements	101 (13.5%)	461 (61.6%)	138 (18.4%)	21 (2.8%)
Verges	72 (9.6%)	418 (55.9%)	148 (19.8%)	53 (7.1%)
Street lighting	122 (16.3%)	435 (58.2%)	105 (14.0%)	36 (4.8%)

Question Number: 30 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 773

Do you think Grimsargh needs a public toilet?

Yes	207 (26.8%)
No	479 (62.0%)
No opinion	87 (11.3%)

Question Number: 32 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 765

Is the number and location of litter bins in Grimsargh ?

Good	54 (7.1%)
Reasonable	291 (38.0%)
Poor	276 (36.1%)
No Opinion	144 (18.8%)

Question Number: 33 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 596

Are 'dog mess' bins required in the following locations?

The Old Railway Footpath	457 (76.7%)
The Main Road	381 (63.9%)
Side Roads	305 (51.2%)
Other	72 (12.1%)

Question Number: 34 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 626

Do you think that any of the following landscape features in Grimsargh need to be protected?

Hedges	381 (60.9%)
Ponds	338 (54.0%)
Trees or Groups of Trees	486 (77.6%)
Open spaces	493 (78.8%)
Ditches	221 (35.3%)
Streams	319 (51.0%)
Rivers	266 (42.5%)
Reservoirs	406 (64.9%)
Other	25 (4.0%)

Question Number: 35 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 707

What do you think could be done to improve the environment of Grimsargh ?

	<u>very important</u>	<u>worth doing</u>	<u>not necessary</u>	<u>don't know</u>
Plant more trees	201 (28.4%)	231 (32.7%)	73 (10.3%)	31 (4.4%)
Cut down some trees	25 (3.5%)	29 (4.1%)	272 (38.5%)	63 (8.9%)
Look after woodlands	355 (50.2%)	197 (27.9%)	12 (1.7%)	23 (3.3%)
Preserve single trees in special places	280 (39.6%)	193 (27.3%)	25 (3.5%)	35 (5.0%)
Preserve old orchards	220 (31.1%)	143 (20.2%)	33 (4.7%)	63 (8.9%)
Plant new orchards	110 (15.6%)	136 (19.2%)	98 (13.9%)	72 (10.2%)
Repair dry stone walls	212 (30.0%)	178 (25.2%)	24 (3.4%)	60 (8.5%)
Keep hedges short and tidy	359 (50.8%)	173 (24.5%)	38 (5.4%)	25 (3.5%)
Let hedges grow naturally	45 (6.4%)	76 (10.7%)	176 (24.9%)	63 (8.9%)
Plant more hedges and trees	141 (19.9%)	180 (25.5%)	72 (10.2%)	62 (8.8%)

Question Number: 36

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 642

If you experienced difficulties when using local footpaths and bridleways, which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?

Farm animals	55 (8.6%)
High stiles	52 (8.1%)
Locked gates	87 (13.6%)
Barbed wire	89 (13.9%)
Mud/water	264 (41.1%)
Crops across path	22 (3.4%)
Other users	17 (2.6%)
Bushes/nettles	186 (29.0%)
No signposts	204 (31.8%)
Other	29 (4.5%)
No difficulty experienced	232 (36.1%)

Question Number: 37

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 755

Is the appearance of the following?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Village Green	183 (24.2%)	438 (58.0%)	94 (12.5%)	24 (3.2%)
Recreation Area	108 (14.3%)	323 (42.8%)	173 (22.9%)	70 (9.3%)
Local open space	88 (11.7%)	365 (48.3%)	71 (9.4%)	108 (14.3%)
The Old Railway Footpath	38 (5.0%)	323 (42.8%)	273 (36.2%)	69 (9.1%)
The Entrances to the Village	101 (13.4%)	418 (55.4%)	155 (20.5%)	32 (4.2%)

Question Number: 38

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 771

Do you think Grimsargh should be kept clean and tidy by?

Paying for a litter warden	457 (59.3%)
Paying for a roadsweeper	331 (42.9%)
Putting up notices	193 (25.0%)
Entering a 'Best Kept Village Competition'	217 (28.1%)
Having regular "Spring Clean Days"	250 (32.4%)
None of these	25 (3.2%)
No opinion	63 (8.2%)

Question Number: 40

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 735

What is your opinion of the way the planning system is implemented in Grimsargh?

Totally satisfied	20 (2.7%)
Quite satisfied	142 (19.3%)
Quite dissatisfied	71 (9.7%)
Very dissatisfied	110 (15.0%)
No opinion	392 (53.3%)

Question Number: 41

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 762

Which of the following areas are suitable for development?

Land within Grimsargh	58 (7.6%)
Land between Preston and Grimsargh	90 (11.8%)
Land between Grimsargh and Longridge	53 (7.0%)
No development	593 (77.8%)

Question Number: 42

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 689

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Never</u>
Hospital	17 (2.5%)	52 (7.5%)	595 (86.4%)
Doctor	17 (2.5%)	40 (5.8%)	611 (88.7%)
Chemist	22 (3.2%)	53 (7.7%)	591 (85.8%)
Chiropodist	13 (1.9%)	25 (3.6%)	546 (79.2%)
Optician	15 (2.2%)	31 (4.5%)	594 (86.2%)
Dentist	30 (4.4%)	47 (6.8%)	572 (83.0%)
Other medical facility	4 (0.6%)	22 (3.2%)	600 (87.1%)
Post Office	12 (1.7%)	23 (3.3%)	609 (88.4%)
Other local shops	13 (1.9%)	29 (4.2%)	594 (86.2%)

Question Number: 43

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 653

If you have used any of the following services which cover Grimsargh during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Not used the service</u>
Doctor	365 (55.9%)	82 (12.6%)	13 (2.0%)	9 (1.4%)	171 (26.2%)
District Nurse	48 (7.4%)	9 (1.4%)	8 (1.2%)	13 (2.0%)	402 (61.6%)
Health visitor	58 (8.9%)	21 (3.2%)	8 (1.2%)	13 (2.0%)	378 (57.9%)
Home help	5 (0.8%)	6 (0.9%)	4 (0.6%)	13 (2.0%)	433 (66.3%)
Ambulance	54 (8.3%)	7 (1.1%)	4 (0.6%)	13 (2.0%)	403 (61.7%)
Maternity care	29 (4.4%)	20 (3.1%)	4 (0.6%)	12 (1.8%)	408 (62.5%)
Chiropody	26 (4.0%)	13 (2.0%)	12 (1.8%)	11 (1.7%)	413 (63.2%)
Loan of medical equipment	20 (3.1%)	11 (1.7%)	3 (0.5%)	12 (1.8%)	422 (64.6%)
Meals on wheels	5 (0.8%)	3 (0.5%)	4 (0.6%)	12 (1.8%)	440 (67.4%)
Counselling services	12 (1.8%)	5 (0.8%)	11 (1.7%)	12 (1.8%)	427 (65.4%)
Physiotherapy services	44 (6.7%)	14 (2.1%)	12 (1.8%)	8 (1.2%)	411 (62.9%)

Question Number: 44

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 770

What are your views on the standard of the following services in Grimsargh?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Have not used them</u>
Fire	69 (9.0%)	35 (4.5%)	1 (0.1%)	16 (2.1%)	606 (78.7%)
Ambulance (Emergency)	118 (15.3%)	49 (6.4%)	5 (0.6%)	11 (1.4%)	556 (72.2%)
Hospital Transport	39 (5.1%)	34 (4.4%)	12 (1.6%)	18 (2.3%)	612 (79.5%)
Police (Emergency)	112 (14.5%)	64 (8.3%)	40 (5.2%)	11 (1.4%)	519 (67.4%)
Police (Community Officer)	186 (24.2%)	95 (12.3%)	48 (6.2%)	16 (2.1%)	418 (54.3%)

Question Number: 45

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 706

Would you like to see Grimsargh Village Hall used for the following activities?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Concerts	515 (72.9%)	23 (3.3%)	143 (20.3%)
Meetings	483 (68.4%)	11 (1.6%)	154 (21.8%)
Playgroup	463 (65.6%)	8 (1.1%)	170 (24.1%)
Lunch Clubs	365 (51.7%)	22 (3.1%)	231 (32.7%)
Other	110 (15.6%)	3 (0.4%)	148 (21.0%)

Question Number: 46

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 738

What are your views on local social facilities for?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Children up to 16	16 (2.2%)	82 (11.1%)	477 (64.6%)	124 (16.8%)
Young people 17-25	4 (0.5%)	96 (13.0%)	443 (60.0%)	156 (21.1%)
People 26-60	48 (6.5%)	271 (36.7%)	168 (22.8%)	187 (25.3%)
People over 60	94 (12.7%)	252 (34.1%)	76 (10.3%)	271 (36.7%)

Question Number: 47

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 713

How often do you use the following facilities?

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Occasionally</u>	<u>Never</u>
Leisure Centre	64 (9.0%)	26 (3.6%)	137 (19.2%)	382 (53.6%)
The Village Hall	64 (9.0%)	44 (6.2%)	334 (46.8%)	244 (34.2%)
Sports Club	26 (3.6%)	9 (1.3%)	33 (4.6%)	523 (73.4%)
Cricket Club"	15 (2.1%)	2 (0.3%)	36 (5.0%)	562 (78.8%)
Swimming Pool	57 (8.0%)	29 (4.1%)	120 (16.8%)	386 (54.1%)
Private Clubs	58 (8.1%)	26 (3.6%)	56 (7.9%)	470 (65.9%)
The Youth Club	4 (0.6%)	15 (2.1%)	12 (1.7%)	542 (76.0%)

Question Number: 48

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

- 462

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Grimsargh if they were provided?

Youth football	86 (18.6%)
Badminton	135 (29.2%)
Bowls	88 (19.0%)
Keep Fit	239 (51.7%)
Snooker	65 (14.1%)
Pool	86 (18.6%)
Squash	67 (14.5%)
Tennis	124 (26.8%)
Judo/Martial Arts	59 (12.8%)
Volleyball	47 (10.2%)
Yoga	147 (31.8%)
Other	73 (15.8%)

Would you be prepared to help organise and run any of the following?

Youth football	17 (36.2%)
Badminton	10 (21.3%)
Bowls	6 (12.8%)
Keep Fit	9 (19.1%)
Snooker	9 (19.1%)
Pool	8 (17.0%)
Squash	4 (8.5%)
Tennis	11 (23.4%)
Judo/Martial Arts	1 (2.1%)
Yoga	3 (6.4%)
Volleyball	9 (19.1%)
Other	9 (19.1%)

In relation to sports facilities, does Grimsargh need any of the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Indoor Sports Centre	358 (52.6%)	144 (21.2%)	100 (14.7%)
Outdoor Sports Centre	274 (40.3%)	132 (19.4%)	133 (19.6%)
Skateboard Park	150 (22.1%)	203 (29.9%)	142 (20.9%)
Swimming Pool	311 (45.7%)	165 (24.3%)	105 (15.4%)
Other	40 (5.9%)	39 (5.7%)	89 (13.1%)

Are the facilities provided in the children's playground?

Good	59 (8.1%)
Reasonable	311 (42.8%)
Poor	160 (22.0%)
No opinion	197 (27.1%)

Which new clubs/activities would you attend in Grimsargh if they were provided?

Whist drive	19 (5.5%)
Senior Citizens Group	70 (20.3%)
University of the 3 rd Age	42 (12.2%)
Gardening Club	62 (18.0%)
Rambling Club	130 (37.7%)
Art Club	73 (21.2%)
Drama	65 (18.8%)
Choir	33 (9.6%)
Music Society	47 (13.6%)
Band	21 (6.1%)
Young people's drama group	63 (18.3%)
Creative arts for children	68 (19.7%)

Question Number: 53 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 47

Would you be prepared to help with the following leisure time activities for young people?

Summer Play scheme	19 (40.4%)
After-school club	4 (8.5%)
Uniformed organisations	6 (12.8%)
Youth club	19 (40.4%)
Homework club	13 (27.7%)

Question Number: 54 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 692

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Grimsargh ?

Notice Board	387 (55.9%)
Parish Magazine	184 (26.6%)
Free paper	70 (10.1%)
Local paper	356 (51.4%)
Post Office	395 (57.1%)
Library	31 (4.5%)
Other	96 (13.9%)

Question Number: 55 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 732

Would you like more information about the activities of the Grimsargh Parish Council?

Yes	411 (56.1%)
No	181 (24.7%)
Don't know	140 (19.1%)

Question Number: 56 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 713

Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

	<u>Fully aware</u>	<u>Quite aware</u>	<u>Not aware</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
County Council	18 (2.5%)	145 (20.3%)	344 (48.2%)	185 (25.9%)
City Council	41 (5.8%)	165 (23.1%)	300 (42.1%)	182 (25.5%)
Parish Council	173 (24.3%)	264 (37.0%)	117 (16.4%)	151 (21.2%)

Question Number: 57 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION - 748

How should the results of this survey be made known?

By a public report	212 (28.3%)
By a public meeting	122 (16.3%)
By an information sheet through every door	668 (89.3%)

If you answered "yes" to Question 4, who is looking for alternative accommodation?
Tick more than one box as appropriate

Whole family	2 (50.0%)
Daughter	1 (25.0%)
Son	1 (25.0%)
Parents	0 (0.0%)

HOW WILL ACTION ON THE PARISH PLAN BE ACHIEVED

In the final analysis, the success of the Parish Plan will depend not only on the collective acts of the Parish Council, local authorities and other agencies, but on the individual support and actions of residents, young and old alike and other groups within the community. The types of activities you could become involved in are:-

Join Neighbourhood Watch

Become a volunteer

Keep noise to a minimum

Attend the Police Forum

Join an Action Group to be set up by the Parish Council to pursue the objectives of the Parish Plan

Keep the village litter free

Attend Parish Council meetings to air your views

Drive within speed limits. Walk within the village. Don't park on pavements. Have due care for the needs of pedestrians

Join a Group - WI, Gardening Club, etc.

Volunteer to help within the village - Planters, Nellie Carbis Woodland

Do not allow your dog to foul in public places

Donate/raise funds for seats, planters, etc.

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Grimsargh Young at Heart
Grimsargh Football Club
Grimsargh Cricket Club

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The Grimsargh Parish Plan

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Grimsargh Parish Council

THE WAY FORWARD

The Parish Plan for Grimsargh has been undertaken enthusiastically and has been effective in engaging the community. The areas identified as important by the residents of Grimsargh have formed the basis of the Parish Plan.








This report, produced at the request of the residents sets out the matters which will be taken forward by the Action Groups as they are formed by the Parish Council.

Areas that will be taken forward include

- The lack of facilities for young and old.
- The need to improve the Village Green and its facilities.
- The need for a higher police profile in the village
- Transport and road safety issues
- Concern for the environment
- The need to keep Grimsargh's village identity
- The need to engage the community in Grimsargh's future
- Development of the Village Hall

Local authorities, Agencies and the community all need to be engaged in the process to move the Plan forward through action based on the evidence of need so clearly defined in the report. However, this is only the beginning of the process.

Community engagement in the process is the key to success. Any resident who wishes to become involved should contact Peter Croft, the Clerk to the Parish Council on Preston 652037, or come along to meetings of the Parish Council which are held on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. Notification of meetings can be found in the Parish Council notice board outside the Post Office.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Aims</u>	<u>What is needed</u>
HOUSING 	To keep Grimsargh as a Village. Stop any significant housing development	Prevent any large scale development. Prepare a scheme to denote areas of absolute prohibition of development to preserve Rural aspects. Consider needs for sheltered and low cost housing schemes for the local community.
CRIME AND SAFETY 	To reassure residents and make Grimsargh a safer place to live.	Re-launch smaller Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Police to recruit more Patrols or Special Constables. Utilise Community Volunteers/Officers. Lighting on the Old Railway Footpath. CCTV Cameras at appropriate locations. Regular Police and Community (PACT) meetings. Form a Traffic Management Group.
TRANSPORT 	To make roads safer for pedestrians, especially the elderly and children, cyclists and motorists.	Investigate traffic calming measures. Consider the need for a Bypass. Provide a car park in Village centre / near school. Improve facilities for cyclists. Publicise Voluntary Car Service - contact names of volunteers. Increase number of sites for Community Speed cameras
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING 	To ensure that Grimsargh is an environmentally friendly place to live	More litter and dog-waste bins. Further planting schemes. Improve children's play area on the Village Green. Form an Environment Study Group. Improve the Village name signs. Upgrade Old Railway Walk, its environs and provide lighting.
HEALTH AND SERVICES 	To provide better facilities and services, particularly for the youth of the village	Seek the employment/provision of a Qualified Youth Worker. Police consultation. Use of Community Wardens. Village Hall development to cater for wider range of activities. Form a Youth Study Group. Expand facilities for older residents
LEISURE 	To improve the facilities for leisure pursuits. To encourage and recruit volunteers for group activities	Improve the drainage and facilities of the Village Green. Liaise with Village Hall Committee about its future proposals for the development of the Hall and the provision of a wider range of uses. Get in touch with volunteers and promote leisure activities
GENERAL 	To keep residents informed about the Parish Council and other agency activities	Produce more frequent Newsletters. Improve information on Notice Boards. Advertise Police contact details. Attempt to create "Local Representatives" workshops