

Community Nomination Form**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

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**ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE
COMMUNITY NOMINATION FORM**

Section A: About your organisation**A1 Organisation's name and address**

Name of organisation Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council
Registered, main or head office address including postcode 2b Briar Close Bramble Lane Wye, Ashford Kent TN25 5HB

A2 Contact details

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A3 Type of organisation

Description (pursuant to Regulation 5)	Put a tick against that which applies	Registration number (if applicable)
(a) Designated Neighbourhood Forum pursuant to s.61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990		
(b) Parish Council	✓	
(c) Unincorporated body with at least 21 members which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members		
(d) Charity		
(e) Company limited by guarantee which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members		
(f) Industrial and Provident Society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members		
(g) Community Interest Company		

A4 Local Connection (pursuant of Regulation 4)

Unless you are a Parish Council (see below), your organisation must have a local connection, which means that its activities are wholly or partly concerned with the administrative area of Ashford Borough Council or a neighbouring local authority (Reg 4(1)(a)). Please explain what your association's local connection is.

N/A

Please note the following in relation to Community Nominations from Parish Councils (Reg 5(b)) –

A Parish Council making a Community Nomination in respect of land in its parish does not need to show a local connection (s.89(2)(b)(i)).

A Parish Council making a Community Nomination in relation to land in

another parish has a local connection if the two parishes share a common boundary at any point. (Reg 4(2)(a)).

A Parish Council making a Community Nomination in relation to land which is not within a parish has a local connection if the parish is in the borough of Ashford or (if the parish council is outside the borough, it shares a common boundary with the borough of Ashford) (Reg 4(2)(b)).

(If you ticked (c) at Q.A3 please fill out the next question)

A5 Membership of Unincorporated Bodies (Reg 5 (c) (pursuant to Regulation 4(1)(c) and Reg 4(3))

In the case of an unincorporated body at least 21 of its members must be registered to vote in local government elections in the borough of Ashford or in a neighbouring authority's area. Please include a list of the current members of the body and their addresses. If they are registered to vote in the area of a neighbouring local authority, rather than in Ashford, please confirm which area this is.

N/A

(if you ticked (c), (e) or (f) in Q.A3 please answer the question below)

A6 Distribution of surplus funds (Unincorporated Bodies (Reg 5(1)(c)), companies limited by guarantee (Reg 5(1)(e)) and Industrial and Provident Societies (IReg 5(1)(f) (pursuant to Reg 4(b))

If your organisation is an Unincorporated Body, a Company Limited by Guarantee, or an Industrial and Provident Society then any surplus that it makes must be wholly or partly applied for the benefit of the administrative area of Ashford or a neighbouring local authority. Please confirm this and provide evidence by referring to the relevant part of the document provided pursuant to part A7.

N/A

A7 Required Documentation for your organisation (not required if a Parish Council)

Please provide us with an up-to-date copy of the following as relevant to your organisation	Please put a tick against the document provided
Memorandum and Articles of Association	N/A
Trust Deed	N/A
Constitution	N/A
Interest Statement if a Community Interest Company	N/A
Companies House Return	N/A
List of Members	N/A
Minute / authority authorising your organisation to make this Community Nomination	N/A

Part B: Information concerning the land / building(s) which is subject to the Community Nomination

B1 Description and address

<p>Name of land / building(s)</p> <p>Wye Methodist Church and Hall, (including land forming the front and rear garden and rear car park within the boundary detailed in B2)</p> <p>(For simplicity, referred to below as 'the building')</p>
<p>Address including postcode</p> <p>Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford TN25 5DP</p>

*please note that we can only accept nominations for land within the borough of Ashford. If the land you wish to nominate is partly in and partly outside of the borough, then you should nominate that part which is outside of the borough to the appropriate local council in whose are it falls

B2 Detailed plan

<p>Please include (here or on a separate sheet) a detailed plan of the land.</p> <p>See APPENDIX1(a) Land Registry title number K962352 Plan (scale 1:1,250)</p> <p>The plan must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be drawn to scale • be a copy of an extract from the Ordnance Survey map on the largest scale published (generally 1/1250 for urban properties and 1/2500 for rural properties), showing the land to which the application relates • indicate the scale and orientation • show the precise extent of the property by suitable edging (0.4mm max), and • show the position of the land in relation to nearby roads and other relevant features.

*Please note that by submitting the plan, you authorise us to copy and publish as may be necessary

B3 Owners and others with an interest in the land / building(s) (Reg 8)

Please provide the following information to the best that you are able.
If any information is not known to you, please say so.

	Name(s)	Address(es)
Names of all current occupants of the land / building(s) (if there are different occupiers for different parts please provide details)	N/A Please see Land Registry title K96325 extract attached APPENDIX1(a)	
Names and current or last known addresses of all those owning a freehold interest in the land / buildings (s)	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
Names and current or last known addresses of all those owning a leasehold interest in the land / building(s)	N/A	

Please answer wither B4 or B5 below -**B4 For Land / building(s) currently in use for community benefit – why you think the land / building(s) is of community value**

1. What is the current main use of the land / building(s)

N/A (See B5)

Context: The building is closed and not in use for any purpose, pending its imminent sale at auction 22 September 2021.

Prior to closure the designated main use of the building was as a place of worship. However, by long established custom and practice, the evidence shows that the building functioned mainly as a community centre.

(See APPENDIX1(c), APPENDIX5, APPENDIX8, APPENDIX13(a), (b), (c) and (e) and APPENDIX18). Whereas for many years the use related to worship had been a relatively minor component, both in terms of the hours of use and the relatively small number of individual worshippers, compared to the high level of community activity (see APPENDIX13(d)).

2. How does that current main use of the land / building(s) further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community (defined in s.88(6) of the Act)

N/A See B5

3. Why do you consider that this, or some other main use to which the land / building(s) will be put which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, will continue and over what period (defined in s.88(6) of the Act)

N/A See B5

Please see the links and attached appendices for supporting evidence.

B5 For Land / building(s) not currently in use for community benefit (s.88 (2) of the act)

1. If the land / building(s) main use in the recent past furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community please confirm that use and explain how it did that (including dates for when this was) (defined in s.88(6) of the Act)

Executive summary:

1. **The evidence of extensive and sustained non-ancillary use of Wye Methodist Church (the nominated building) is strong, long established, recent and very well documented. The evidence in the attached appendices and online links confirms that the building, in its entirety furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community for decades.**
2. **Significantly, the earliest known record of the non-ancillary use of the building as a 'Club room' is dated 23rd January 1915, (see APPENDIX1(c)). This use continued throughout World War One, until 1919.**
3. **Post WW2, and into the 21st century until closure in March 2020, a variety of community uses flourished as the population of Wye grew, but in contrast the religious use of the building declined.**
4. **The Managing Trustee and Property Steward directly responsible for the building summarised reality and reported that: '*as is widely known, our building effectively functions as a community centre with 70-80 meetings per month*' (Report to the Wye Annual Parish Meeting, 2016) (See APPENDIX5, APPENDIX8, APPENDIX13(a), (b) (c) and (e) and APPENDIX18).**
5. **Whereas worship comprised a relatively minor use of the building, compared to the consistently high level of community use over decades. For evaluation purposes based on available evidence, a ratio of 80:20 is a realistic approximation in terms of the hours of non-ancillary community uses and activities that furthered social wellbeing or social interests and its weekly use for worship.**
6. **Active community use continued up to the point of forced closure at the start of the first COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. Moreover, closure of the building was mandatory, and imposed by the Government. There are practical difficulties entailed in reopening churches safely, which place '*a particular burden on the local trustees*' as stressed by Rev'd Helen Hollands, the South Kent Circuit Superintendent (APPENDIX11).**

- 7. This practical difficulty is evidenced in the South Kent Circuit service diary. For example, [Appledore Chapel remains closed to date](#), and Charing Methodist Church remained closed and did not reopen for some 18 months until Sunday [5th September 2021](#)).**
- 8. Consequently, in light of:**
- a) the evidence of the long and comprehensive history of non-ancillary use of the building by the community, for cultural, recreational and to a much lesser extent sporting uses;**
 - b) non-ancillary use was the main use of the building;**
 - c) the continuation of these uses until interrupted by the severe public health and practical safety constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and Government restrictions;**
- the established non-ancillary use continued until the 'recent past' (for the purposes of assessing this ACV nomination. (See Land of community value, s.88(2) (a) of the Localism Act)**

Overview and reference

- 9.** To reiterate B2 above, the nomination site is the Wye Methodist Church (the building), defined as the freehold land and building under Land Registry title number K962352 (title extract and plan attached), within the red line ownership boundary tinted pink and blue (APPENDIX1 (a)).

APPENDIX1(a) Land Registry title extract and plan dated 8 May 2021.

APPENDIX1(b) For context, the Ordnance Survey extract centred on the site (scale 1:1,250 at A3) shows the internal ground floor division between the two main spaces within the building, as it was built in 1869, i.e. the original place of worship (PW) and the adjacent hall.

- 10.** In 1980-1981 the trustees agreed to reduce the floor area of the Victorian chapel by about one third and change the shape from a rectangle to an octagon. The redesign created space for the atrium, additional meeting rooms, accessible WCs, kitchens, stairs to the Thomas Berry Room. The layout included storage, more circulation space and public noticeboards. The trustees instructed the architect Frank Lee Evans to redesign the layout to enable greater community use of the building. This furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community more effectively than, as Lee Evans termed it, the Victorian 'oblong box' with its hard fixed pews. This layout adapted the building meet to changing needs, and it remains in place today.
- 11.** The chapel is the largest of the five rooms. This was also used for community functions on weekdays and Saturdays. These five

rooms are **described verbatim in the text provided** by the Property Steward Dr Geoff Chapman in 'Halls and facilities for hire in Wye'. He describes the worship area as *'Our octagonal chapel, used for Sunday worship, is available for ordinary meetings during the week. There are comfortable chairs rather than pews and a movable projector screen is available on request. It seats 60 people and has a hearing loop.'*

- 12.** The APPENDIX1 (b) map also shows the rectangular Garden Room, garden and car park to the south of the main building, but it does not show the internal layout (atrium, small meeting room or WCs and the kitchen on the ground floor). Nor does it show the Thomas Berry Room on the first floor above the atrium, small meeting room and WCs. (Map reproduced under Wye Parish Council's Public Sector Geospatial Agreement, Licence number: 100051457, issued by OS 6th July 2011)
- 13.** Wye Methodist Church (the building) is described in detail in The History of Methodism in Wye (1810-2020) ('Methodism in Wye'), a monograph by Dr CP Burnham completed in 2021, now in publication.
- 14.** Dr Burnham also authored 'A Window on the Church of England: The History of Wye Parish Church 2015, (96pp) published by Wye Historical Society. This referenced the first known non-ancillary use of the building by 300 troopers of the 3rd Hussars as a 'recreational facility' In January 1915 the Wye Parish Magazine recorded that *'...it is evident that Anglican antagonism continued, for no mention whatever of the Wesleyan community can be found either in 19th Century Vestry minutes or in any issue of the Church magazine from 1889 (the first extant) until 1915, and then only to mention that the **Wesleyan Sunday school room had been made available as a recreational facility for soldiers billeted in Wye.**'* [Emphasis added].

APPENDIX1(c) Wye Parish Magazine report, February 1915 (extract).

- 15.** 'Methodism in Wye' states that: *'the site of the new chapel was at the heart of the village. Just outside was the village pump, its main water supply, now marked by a plaque. This was chosen as the central point of the village during discussions on the recently prepared village plan. The chapel could not now be ignored as a significant part of community life'* [see Objective 1. (page 30) Wye Neighbourhood Plan].
- 16.** The building is located at the crossroads in the centre of Wye, where desire lines intersect. This provides a natural meeting place

for the community, close to shops and facilities. High footfall and ease of access has enabled the building to flourish as a community hub. As such, the location conferred an advantage on the building and helped it to achieve a high level of daily community activity. This in turn furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

- 17.** Community use of the building also complemented the range of larger social functions held in the larger spaces at the Village Hall. This facility is also located in Bridge Street, but as it is not as central, and is approached via a steep slope, it is harder to access for those with impaired mobility. Therefore, the building furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the less able members of the local community.

APPENDIX2 Ordnance Survey map at 1:5000 site located at the centre of the 400m walkable village, as defined in the Wye Neighbourhood Plan, Objective 1 (page 30).

APPENDIX3(a) [Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2030](#) (link to document stored on Ashford Borough Council's website)

APPENDIX3(b) a PDF copy of the Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2030 (2.4MB file).

Evidence of change and increasing non-ancillary use 1869 - 2020

- 18.** Wye Methodist Church (the building) was built as a place of worship in 1869, and it was funded by public subscription. The adjacent schoolroom (now called the Wesley Room / Hall) followed soon afterwards. The building was Listed Grade II in 1989 and the [Historic England photograph](#) taken in 2003 shows the building as it is today.
- 19.** The entry includes [photographs](#) taken by Helen Morecroft Historic England Listing Systems Programme Manager. She noted in 2017 that *'on the wall directly in front of the church is a local history plaque which claims that near this spot from 1869 to 1911 stood the village pump. The date of the building of this church therefore potentially coincides with the installation of the village pump.'*
- 20.** Until 1911 Wye residents would have converged on the pump in front of the building for the daily chore of collecting their drinking water. Inevitably, the location would have been central to community life.
- 21.** Pre-COVID-19 lockdown, the building also provided, as the South

Kent Methodist Circuit web page for Wye states succinctly, '**a social centre for all manner of organisations**' [emphasis added].

APPENDIX4 Methodist South Kent Circuit webpages – profiles of all 17 churches in the Circuit, facilities, and preachers' guide to the weekly religious service (see page 33 for the Wye Methodist Church profile and APPENDIX13(d) for service times in September 2020)

22. Indeed, the social centre function proved so successful that after WWII it evolved naturally into the primary use of the building. Dr Geoff Chapman (as the Wye Methodist Church Property Steward for thirty years until 2021, and Trustee of the Methodist South Kent Circuit) stated the obvious in 2016 when he reported that:

'As is widely known, our building effectively functions as a community centre with 70-80 meetings per month.'

APPENDIX5(a) Annual Parish Meeting Report 2015-2016 (extract) given by Dr Geoff Chapman (published by the Parish Council for residents). The Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory requirement under the [Local Government Act 1972 c. 70 SCHEDULE 12 Part III Parish Meetings 14.](#)

23. Further confirmation of the community centre role is evident in Dr Chapman's annual parish meeting reports from previous years. In 2012 he reported that 'Many people cross our threshold in the course of any week including a number from well beyond Wye.'.... **It is not unusual for us to host between 60 and 100 meetings per month with up to seven on a given day.** [emphasis added].

APPENDIX5(b) Annual Parish Meeting Report 2011-2012 (extract)

24. Dr Chapman reported in 2011 that 'in terms of position, Wye Methodist Church is at or near the centre of the village. In recent years this has come to have an additional meaning since **our building hosts so many community activities. In February and March 2011, for example, the number of bookings exceeded 100** which is remarkable for what, to outward appearance, is just a small country chapel.' **A point particularly to stress is our gratitude for the care with which our hirers treat the building.**' [emphasis added].

25. The report also mentioned that 'during the past year we have been grateful to Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council for a grant in aid toward the cost of new guttering.'

APPENDIX5(c) Annual Parish Meeting Report 2010-2011 (extract)

Timescale

26. As a place of worship, the building was in continuous use for over 150 years. From the completion of construction until compulsory closure under the first of the [COVID-19 'lockdown laws'](#). These came into force 26th March 2020, and effectively stopped the clock for most of the next 18 months. However, Methodist Church House in London pre-empted the lockdown and advised all local circuits 17th March 2020 in a statement which began: *"It is with sadness that we recommend that worship services in Methodist Churches are suspended for the time being in line with Government guidance."*
27. The government did not lift legal restrictions on indoor meetings until 19th July 2021. Today, the building remains closed to all, following the managing trustees' decision to cease worship, and sell the building. The auction date is 22nd September 2021.

Changes in building use 1918 - 2020

28. Over recent decades, the extent of religious use has remained fairly constant at between about two to four hours per week. As the congregation aged and the membership dwindled, services become shorter, more informal and less frequent. In addition to the services there were occasional funerals and wakes, but very few weddings.
29. In 1984 the Wye Village Appraisal recorded that: *'Services are held every Sunday at 6.30pm and on other special occasions. The normal attendance is about 40. There is a prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 1.30pm and a Bible study class on Sunday evenings during term time the 15- 20 year-olds meet at 8pm. **The hall attached to the chapel is used by several organisations for coffee mornings and fund-raising events, The Brownies meet here during term-time.**'* [emphasis added]

APPENDIX 6 The Wye Village Appraisal 1984 (see page 35 for the profile of Wye Methodist Church)

30. The early 1980s marked the post-war high point in the religious use of the building. However, nearly forty years later, 'Methodism in Wye' recorded that: *'**the average attendance in 2004 was thirteen**'* and by October 2020 the congregation had declined to the point that *'**there were now only seven remaining church members.**'*
31. Clearly, this low level of membership was unsustainable. Especially given the need for able volunteers to take day-to-day

responsibility for the building maintenance and the safety of users. Understandably, it was a critical factor in the decision to close. The Parish Council understands that loss of letting income during the pandemic was a secondary consideration. However, there is no evidence that the managing trustees considered alternative ways to mitigate the impact of closure and sale on the community, or ask the Parish Council for any financial help or practical support as a way forward. In the past the Parish Council provided financial and planning support for improvement works, and gave capital grants when requested.

- 32.** These grants of public money (made under LGA 1972, s.133) recognised the high community use and value of the building.
- 33.** The South Kent Circuit Membership and Attendance Statistics confirm that the attendance for worship in Wye prior to the pandemic was consistently low. The total Methodist membership recorded for Wye (Circuit 25 South Kent) was 14. For comparison the statistics recorded 12 members in 2018 and 2017. The estimated average attendance figures were similar, with 12 attendees in 2019 and 13 in 2018.
- 34.** For context, pre-COVID-19 the total membership for all seventeen churches in the South Kent Circuit averaged only 300 members (2017: 299, 2018: 302 and 2019: 299) across Ashford and Folkestone districts.

APPENDIX7(a) 2018, (b) 2019 South Kent Circuit Membership and Attendance Statistics (published October 2019) and **(c)** 2017 Summary

APPENDIX7(d) South East District Circuit Membership and Attendance

Examples of community and religious uses

- 35.** 'Methodism in Wye' draws on the Wye Parish Magazine archive to cite the first known record of non-ancillary use of the building as a recreation centre during in WWI.
- 36.** *'Sadly the Wesleyan Sunday School lapsed during the 1914-18 War, probably in 1916 when the schoolroom was taken over as a recreation centre for Royal Flying Corps personnel stationed at the training airfield off Bramble Lane. But such Wesleyan contributions to village life were little regarded. A Parish Magazine had been started by the Anglican Church in 1889, but it contained no mention whatever of the Wesleyans or their local activities until 1923. So much so that when, in 1918, the Wesleyan schoolroom was used for a function, the Parish Magazine gave thanks not to the Wesleyans but to the Royal Air Force, whose use*

of the room had been interrupted!'

- 37.** The Wye Parish Magazine (APPENDIX1(c)) recorded that the first troops to be billeted in Wye were 300 troopers of the 3rd Hussars reserve. Subsequently, Royal Flying Corps personnel were billeted in homes around Wye in 1916 until the aerodrome closed in 1919. Some will have occupied the bedrooms vacated by the sons and daughters of Wye who were serving overseas. Naturally these young men and women socialised and took part in village life (see APPENDIX8(a)).
- 38.** Fifteen men were killed in training flights over Wye. Eight of these casualties remain buried in Commonwealth War Graves Commission [graves in Wye churchyard](#). The names of all fifteen RFC (and subsequently RAF) casualties are recorded on a [bronze plaque](#) in Wye Church porch, dedicated in 2014 by the Bishop of Dover. In 2015 Wye Parish Council protected Churchfield Green, Wye in perpetuity as a [Centenary Field](#) and inscription on the granite memorial stone beside the village sign records that is '[dedicated to those who served at Wye Training Aerodrome Bramble Lane During World War 1](#)'
- 39.** As further evidence of the legacy of WWI and its lasting impact on the community today a [short film records the history of Wye aerodrome](#) in WWI and its significance in the relationship between residents past and present, and the air crew stationed in Wye.
- 40.** There is a dramatic example of this interconnection. An aircraft from Wye Aerodrome crashed into the Kings Head Hotel in Church Street, Wye as the pilot flew low to celebrate a friend's wedding in the nearby parish church. Amazingly, the pilot survived, as did the Kings Head.
- 41.** Extracts from the [war diaries of Cpl Gordon Tucker](#) provide an intimate insight into his close involvement with Wye residents and village life while he was billeted in Wye 1917-1919.

APPENDIX8(a) Extracts from the war diaries of Cpl Gordon Tucker: his close involvement in village life.

- 42.** Given the evidence in Gordon Tucker's diaries of this close relationship, all of the servicemen and women who served in Wye though transient they deserve to be considered as members of the resident community. Therefore, their stories are an integral part of the long history of non-ancillary use of the building.

- 43.** 'Methodism in Wye' does not shed light on the interwar period, but history repeated itself as it records that *'during the Second World War the schoolroom was used in the week as a canteen'*.
- 44.** Post-war documentary evidence confirms that since WWII the whole building has been used for an increasingly wide range of secular activities, including the chapel to a lesser extent. Consequently, a wide range of cultural and recreational community activities furthered social wellbeing or social interest, benefitted all age groups. However, all community uses continued until they stopped abruptly on the day the building closed in March 2020.
- 45.** For further historical context, 'Methodism in Wye' provides insights into both the religious and community uses of the building since 1927, as the following excerpts highlight in approximately chronological order. For example, the monograph notes that:
- 46.** *'the earliest extant Circuit Plan, for October to December 1927, when the minister was the Revd. Arthur J. Summerfield, records that Wye Wesleyans had 27 members. The only Sunday Service was at 6-30, but there was a fortnightly weeknight service on Mondays at 7.'*
- 47.** *'After the end of the War, the Sunday School continued to thrive. The Wye Guides and Brownies, the Methodist Women's Pleasant Hour (established in 1950), the Anglican Mothers' Union, and, at times, a Youth Club and various handicraft classes also met in the Schoolroom... In 1947 Mr. Buddle and Mrs. K. Bailey were Society Stewards and Mr. F.C. Smith was chapel steward, and there were 17 members.'*
- 48.** *'On completion of the refurbishment there was a celebration on 16 November, 1949, ...and greetings were expressed by the Vicar of Wye, the Revd. J.N. Wells and the Principal of Wye College, Dunstan Skilbeck, So, by this time, the Methodist Church was well accepted as part of the Wye community, although there were only 15 members. From 1949 until 1954 there was a Sunday morning service at 11, in addition to the usual evening service at 6 p.m. There was a Young People's Fellowship and a Junior Club.'*
- 49.** *'Between 1946 and 1952, Wye Methodist Sunday School was more active than at any other time in its history, reaching a roll of more than 70 children. Its activities reached out into the whole village community. For example, in May 1949, the Sunday School held a Flower Service in the village hall, during which children presented bunches of flowers to fifty of the oldest inhabitants of*

Wye.'

50. 'The morning service was discontinued from July 1954, leaving only an evening service, now at 6.30, as would remain the situation for many years. During 1955 the membership roll was reduced from 23 to 14... So the later 1950s were a difficult time for Wye Methodist Church. Nevertheless, the Women's Pleasant Hour was flourishing. There was still a Youth Club, under the leadership of Geoffrey Hunt, and the Sunday School continued, albeit much reduced in size, under the leadership of his wife, Rosa.
51. 'For such a small church, there were a good range of activities. On the third Sunday in the month, there was a Family Service at 9.45 a.m. otherwise Sunday School was at 10 a.m. The main Sunday service was at 6.30 p.m. The Women's Pleasant Hour met on the second and fourth Thursday at 2.45 p.m. Brownies and Guides met regularly in the schoolroom; a Church Youth Club existed intermittently. **However, although all these activities were reasonably well supported, the actual membership of the church was very small (only 9 in 1968).**' [emphasis added].
52. 'In 1971, Geoffrey and Mona Chapman joined the Church, following Geoff's appointment as a lecturer at Wye College. With Paul Burnham [the author of 'Methodism in Wye'] and Jeanne Ingram he started a 'Coffee Bar Youth Club' in the Schoolroom on Monday evenings with table tennis, billiards and table football accompanied by rather loud music. Its somewhat turbulent history lasted until 1985.'
53. 'The 1980s also saw a great flowering of other activities connected with the church... The Women's Pleasant Hour flourished, with attendances sometimes exceeding 20, and continued through the nineties with much input from Joyce Haynes, who also served as a Communion Steward and pastoral visitor. The renewed building made an attractive venue for ecumenical activities. A united service with the other Wye churches was held in it on Ash Wednesday 1984, a Lent course of devotional meetings in 1985 and a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 1987. **Village activities also made use of the building, such as the Brownies, a foot clinic and a dancing class. For a time a 'Pop In' session for lonely people drew in forty or fifty.**' [emphasis added].
54. 'Best of all the renewal of the building marked the beginning of a period in which the church grew and flourished. A membership of 23 in 1981 grew to 28 in 1985, and there was strong support from Wye College students, both undergraduate and postgraduate.'

[The last undergraduate student left Wye in 2009].

55. *'With the departure of the Turners and the arrival of a new Ashford Baptist minister, the number of students attending services dropped to just one or two. The average total Sunday congregation fell from about 30 in 1985 to 23 in 1993 and only 17 in 1997.'*

56. *'The buildings of Wye Methodist Church were comprehensively reconstructed in 1980-1, following the failure of one of the trusses in the roof, and the chapel became an attractive venue for occasions with small congregations. For about eight years united Lent services and some monthly services of the Anglican Wye and Brook Fellowship were held there. As the only regular Methodist service was on a Sunday evening and evensong [in Wye Parish Church] was by now only monthly, there were also several people who attended both churches.'* Burnham CP, *A window on the Church of England: the History of Wye Parish Church*, (2015).

57. *'Methodism in Wye'* describes the final 20 years, culminating in the pandemic and the unexpected death of the new Property Steward Les Johnson and the trustee's final decision to close Wye Methodist Church in 2020. Les Johnson was a qualified building professional who had his office nearby in Wye. The chapter headed *'Witness amid difficulties and decline in the twenty first century'* is a detailed chronicle of events facts and figures. This provides evidence of the steady decline in religious use of the building in the twenty years, prior to the pandemic.

APPENDIX8(b) In the final chapter headed *'Witness amid difficulties and decline in the twenty first century'* *'Methodism in Wye'* records how the emphasis of use in the building has changed since the building as a recreation centre in 1916. ***'when the schoolroom was taken over as a recreation centre for Royal Flying Corps personnel stationed at the training airfield off Bramble Lane.'*** [emphasis added]

58. Though even in the distant past recorded membership of the Wye Methodist Church was low relative to the active community use of the building during the week. The membership declined, despite the growth in the resident population of Wye over the past century.

59. In contrast to the gradual decline in religious use since WWII, by 2020 the building had evolved a new primary use and functioned as a lively and vital community centre, as social activities flourished all year round alongside worship.

60. Only on very rare occasions religious needs did take precedence over regular hall bookings. For example, in 19th September 2013 the Margaret Giles School of Dance notified parents that: *'unfortunately we are unable to have the hall on this day as it is being used for a Canterbury Diocese training event. I'm really sorry for this inconvenience. Therefore the Thursday Wye classes are for 10 weeks this term.'* (see APPENDIX15)

Recent past

61. When defining the term 'recent past', please note that the pandemic intervened and prevented the normal room hire and usage pattern for community uses. Up to the point of closure these uses furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. In England, the legal restrictions during the pandemic suspended the possibility of use for most of the past 18 months.

62. Confronted by the reality of force majeure, any consideration of 'recent past' should be measured in weeks not months. As a comparator in the South Kent Circuit service diary shows that [Appledore Chapel remains closed](#) to date, and Charing Methodist Church did not reopen until Sunday [5th September 2021](#)).

Impact of COVID-19 and closure

63. The cumulative impact of COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions precipitated the Wye Methodist Church Council's decision in October 2020 to cease worship and not reopen the building. This decision was unexpected and it was contrary to the optimistic announcement the previous month in the September 2020 edition of the Parish Magazine for Wye, Brook Hinxhill and Boughton Aluph.

64. The Rev'd Helen Hollands, the Superintendent of the Methodist South Kent Circuit (MSKC) stated that: ***'we are working towards reopening at the end of the year but the government guidelines are comprehensive and we do not have the capacity (in terms of people who are able to do the necessary work) to reopen. These requirements are more challenging in smaller buildings.'*** The article ending with the reassurance that *'we will keep you posted!'* [emphasis added]

APPENDIX9 September 2020 Wye Parish Magazine (page 7)
Superintendent Rev's Helen Hollands article stated the intention to reopen Wye Methodist Church.

65. Rev'd Hollands reassurance proved misleading. There was no report in the October magazine and the second lockdown prevented publication of the November edition. Three months later Rev'd John Makey the supernumerary minister at Wye Methodist Church wrote a short piece in the Parish Magazine. In this he announced the decision to close the building as a fait accompli.

APPENDIX 10 December / January 2021 Wye Parish Magazine article, by Rev'd Makey, and a sample of emails from residents in response.

66. Rev'd Makey opened his article by saying that: *'When earlier in the year Wye Methodist Church ceased worship and the chapel was closed also for **hosting the many village activities who used the excellent premises** it was hoped that once the lock down resulting from Covid 19 was over the premises would reopen and worship and other activities would resume. Sadly that will not happen.'* [emphasis added].

67. To extract the key points in Rev'd Makey's article, he went on to state that: *'it was decided that ...the chapel be allowed to 'cease worship' 'Once approval for that has been granted it is likely that the property will be sold.'*

68. Confronted by this unexpected announcement in the Parish Magazine (published by Wye Parochial Church Council, just before Christmas), the Parish Council met to consider its response. The Council resolved to first, seek residents' views (see APPENDIX 10) and second, to open a dialogue with the Methodist South Kent Circuit and its trustees to

69. The Parish Council's prime aim being explore all options and find an equitable way to retain the building for community use. This was in preparation for whenever the public health emergency permits community activities and social life to resume.

70. For context, in January 2021 England was in the third lockdown, and COVID-19 related deaths were exceeding 1,000 a day.

71. Rev'd Hollands learned of the Parish Council's concern and her first email pre-empted the Parish Council's formal approach to her. She emailed the Parish Clerk as follows: *'I understand that you have been in touch **regarding our decision to close the Methodist church in Wye and to sell the building.** You may be unaware that we are hoping to worship alongside the Anglicans in the parish church so I am pleased to say that the worshipping community will not be lost to the village.* [emphasis added].

72. *'Of course the Methodist church has had a role in the village for many years and, in addition to worship, by providing a space available for lettings for various social and other groups.... 'We are sorry that this will be a loss to the village but it is simply unfair to expect a very small group of older people to manage the premises and **sadly we do not have the capacity in the Methodist circuit to manage it ourselves.**' [emphasis added].*

73. The Parish Council had had no previous contact with Rev'd Hollands prior to this. The following correspondence over two months is attached for reference. This confirms recognition of the value and loss of all community use of the facilities as a consequence of closure.

74. Eventually the Rev'd Hollands, agreed to the Parish Council's requests for an online meeting. The notes of this exploratory meeting held 13th April 2021 via Teams record the discussion in detail and it provides relevant evidence to support this nomination.

75. Significantly, Rev's Hollands did not challenge the use or significance of the community use of the building or by implication that its use had furthered social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

APPENDIX 11 Correspondence between Rev'd Hollands and Wye PC

APPENDIX 12 notes of the meeting 13th April 2021, with Rev'd Hollands, a representative of Wye Parish Council, and the Wye Ward member The Parish Council provided Rev'd Holland and her colleague Liz Talbot with these meeting notes, at the time, and neither disputed them as a record of the discussion.

Evidence that the building functioned as a centre where community activities that further 'social wellbeing or social interest' flourished.

76. Externally the building has changed little in appearance since 1869, However, as discussed above, the trustees repaired and reordered the building in 1980-1981. The chapel was reduced in size, and seating capacity reduced from 100 to 60 to reflect the declining need for worship space. The reordering replaced all the 19th C pews with chairs to create a flexible space, and provided heating and disability access to the building, WCs, and other modern comforts.

77. The reordering of the chapel in replaced the original 'oblong box' with the present-day five room layout. This major project

responded to both the rising need for more community spaces, and the parallel decline in church attendance and membership.

- 78.** Form follows function: 'Methodism in Wye' describes the transformation and the building layout we see today. This records that: *'the result was greeted with acclaim. The church was reduced in size by introducing a vestibule and a small extra room, but was immeasurably more attractive. It was carpeted, with space for 60 chairs, instead of very uncomfortable pews seating 100.'*
- 79.** Throughout the following 40 years, and with limited means and much thought and ingenuity, the dedicated volunteer Property Stewards made incremental improvements to [these five spaces](#). They made the most of the spaces within building and continued to upgrade its facilities. For example, the fitting of acoustic panels in the Wesley Room benefitted all users, including those without any hearing impairment.
- 80.** This transformed the Wesley Room as a comfortable venue for the Parish Council's meetings in public. 'Methodism in Wye' confirms that: *'the Wesley Room, and to a lesser extent the Thomas Berry Room, were used almost every day of the week for community activities, including Parish Council committees and exhibitions. Whereas 'the Church proper is used much less, although the Pentecostal Church has resumed using it for their Sunday morning service...'*
- 81.** The Ashford Pentecostal Church is peripatetic, and its membership has outgrown Wye. It now meets in Stanhope Parish Hall, though its website [home page image](#) still shows Wye Methodist Church.
- 82.** As further evidence of how the building supported community life, the search engine behind the [Parish Council's website](#) shows 456 references to 'Methodist' 183 to 'Wesley' and 156 to 'Thomas Berry'. These search terms overlap, but the website only records the meetings and events held in the five years before the pandemic. Furthermore, the Council's online public diary understates the number of meetings held in the building, as some e.g. job interviews are not recorded.
- 83.** In retrospect, the Property Stewards' investment of time and money shows an extraordinarily strong and sustained commitment to the future of the building for over forty years. None of which would have been justified were it not led by a clear and equally consistent local need for these extra facilities for community activities.

APPENDIX13(a), (b) and (c) Community group room users, derived from bookings in 2019-2020

APPENDIX13(d) services in Wye across all three places of worship Wye Parish Magazine September 2020

84. 'Methodism in Wye' records the working relationship between the denominations in Wye and community users of the building as follows: *'rent income from outside users helped in funding further improvements to the buildings. In 2004 the kitchen was upgraded and two toilets, one for the disabled, were installed. In 2018, a sophisticated fire alarm system was fitted. Wye Methodist Church has continued active community involvement, for example, as a valuable weatherproof base for the annual Christmas Street Party and as a base for the village tidying sessions of Wye Ground Force.'* [emphasis added]

85. For example of an 'outside user', Margaret Giles was a Wye resident. She founded the Margaret Giles School of Dancing after WWII and ran ballet, tap and modern dance classes in Wye. The Parish Council understands from the present and previous director (who took over the school from Margaret Giles), that it operated in the building for over 40 years. The MG Dance newsletters (see APPENDIX15) confirm that classes ran for 7 hours a week prior to lockdown.

86. Additionally, the generations of children who gathered for lessons in the building after school with their parents and siblings had thousands of hours of informal socialisation time while they waited in the atrium or on the steps outside. There they mingled with the parents and children waiting for the next class. This incidental waiting time spent weekly in close proximity with other residents is unquantifiable, but it helped to reinforce social networks and friendships for generations of young families. As such, this waiting time spent in the civic space outside the dance classes also furthered social wellbeing or social interests.

APPENDIX14 Letter from the proprietor of the Margaret Giles School of Dancing (MG Dance)

APPENDIX15 MG Dance newsletters and 2019 timetable of Wye classes held in the building and Wye Village Hall (highlighted website extracts)

87. The weekly Pilates classes provide another example of a regular 'outside user' and long-established non-ancillary community use. Each class provided three hourly sessions for eight people for (as APPENDIX 16 confirms), at least twelve years.

88. In terms of the number of building users multiplied by the hours of use, each week there were approximately twice the number of Pilates practitioners the number compared to the number of worshippers. The membership and average attendance being only about twelve.

APPENDIX16 Email from a Wye resident and Pilates practitioner for 12 years, and a web page confirming hours dates and hours of two of the regular Pilates classes held every week in the Wesley Room.

89. With regard to furthering social wellbeing, fear of crime is corrosive to social wellbeing, and a barrier to participation in community life. Activities that could further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, will not succeed if vulnerable residents are too fearful to go out in the dark evenings. Conversely, if fear of crime is low, then a sense of safety and satisfaction will be positive for wellbeing.

90. In response Kent Police held a [local public engagement meeting](#) in the chapel (not the hall as advertised), before the pandemic. The Parish Council has a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1988 to prevent crime and the fear of crime, and paid for the room hire, as Kent Police did not have the necessary licence, or the means to do so. The Parish Council considered it essential that the meeting was held indoors if it was to provide effective engagement with residents. Subsequently the Police public engagement events have been online and not as well advertised or attended. The Parish Council also supported the event with refreshments and advance publicity via its website, noticeboards, posters and social media channels.

91. *'PCSO Aaron Newell will be holding a drop-in meeting at in Wye 26th November. This is to enable residents to raise concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour, face-to-face. The meeting in the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, will start at 18.00 and include Neighbourhood Watch. ...Wye parish councillors will be providing refreshments during the evening, and be on hand to answer questions about other local matters.'*

APPENDIX17 Letter from a Wye resident who attended the Police drop-in 26th November 2019 in the chapel within Wye Methodist Church. (The Parish Council booked the Wesley Room (hall) for this public meeting, but a yoga class overran so the Police moved the meeting to the vacant chapel instead.

92. In making its decision to cease worship and close the building the Methodist Church considered its priorities and the resources of the

church. The Rev'd Hollands confirmed to the Parish Council that a key factor in this decision to close was the age of the members of the Wye church community.

- 93.** In contrast to the dwindling and ageing congregation in the chapel, the level of community use of this building was very healthy. Activity was often constrained by room availability and diary clashes and the Police and Yoga class provides a clear example of this constraint.
- 94.** Consequently, the building was a lively and well used community asset. It facilitated a hive of social activity that supported volunteerism and furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.
- 95.** Furthermore, the central location of the building ensured that it was accessible on foot by the whole village. This is a key consideration for the wellbeing of the 188 lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households in Wye with no access to a car or van (47% of the total), Source: National Census 2011.
- 96.** The accessibility of its central location is a significant advantage, as it enabled the building to repurpose itself over time to function as a hub in the very centre of community life: a busy part of the village where shops and services are concentrated, and paths cross naturally.
- 97.** Chance meetings of residents outside the building are impossible to quantify, but they occur daily and further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. As such these impromptu conversations are a valuable part of everyday village life and the networking that is taken for granted in Wye, but rare in scattered, car dependent villages. In particular, the location benefitted the isolated, elderly and less mobile residents in Wye without car access.
- 98.** Clerks and parish councillors past and present know how busy the building could be from their personal experience as frequent users. Within the living memory of retired councillors Wye Parish Council has met in the building for more than fifty years. In that time the Parish Council held over a thousand meetings in public. As such, the building has provided a central civic space and meeting venue, and enabled local democracy to function. This has also furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

APPENDIX 18 Examples of recent Parish Council invoices for room hire

for meetings open to the public between 2014 – 2019.

99. From the Parish Clerk's perspective, given the increasing range of projects and problems that the Parish Council must now deal with, the Clerk often needs to arrange meetings at short notice, the Thomas Berry room being particularly useful for these occasions. However, the high demand for meeting space in Wye means that booking a room is often problematic, especially for one-off meetings which of necessity are often called at short notice.

100. For example, in 2015 Ashford Borough Council was unable to find an available venue in Wye to hold the public hearing for the Wye Neighbourhood Plan examination. Consequently, it was held in the Julie Rose stadium, contrary to best practice guidance.

APPENDIX19 Examination in Public change of venue poster issued by Ashford Borough Council, Planning Department.

101. After the public hearing Cllr Noel Ovenden's Parish Digest for January 2016 recorded in the Parish Magazine that: *'at the public hearing of the Wye Neighbourhood Plan held in December, Richard High, the examiner, was impressed by the large turnout despite the hearing being held outside the village. Both Ashford Borough Council and your Parish Council worked hard in an attempt to find a location, within Wye, that would meet Mr High's requirements. Unfortunately, all the usual venues were fully occupied or unsuitable. An enquiry was made with Telereal Trillium about the possible use of Wolfson Lecture Theatre – a location that historically would have been the natural venue. Sadly, the PC were informed that the buildings were now "mothballed" and as such, unable to be used.'*

APPENDIX20 Cllr Noel Ovenden's Digest for the Wye Parish Magazine January 2016 issue.

102. Recent conversations with the Methodist leaders in Wye (Rev'd John Makey, Dr Geoff Chapman, Dr Paul Burnham and Mary Lambert) confirmed that the building provided rooms for some 80 bookings a month until lockdown. Furthermore, in exceptionally busy months the number of bookings could exceed 100 (see APPENDIX5(c)).

103. Rev'd Hollands assisted the Parish Council by providing the most recent, pre-COVID-19 lettings income for Wye. This totalled £6,337 in 2019 and £6,874 in 2018. Rev'd Hollands also confirmed

that whereas most lettings were paid for (albeit at a relatively low rate per hour), the meetings organised by Church members met for free. Notably the Options Club and Open House informal social drop-ins. Although organised by Church members, they were both expressly non-religious social events, and advertised as such in the monthly Wye Parish Magazine, as APPENDIX13(b) confirms.

104. Throughout the year these weekly drop-ins every Thursday and Saturday morning provided valuable social contact time, and companionship for dozens of mainly elderly and mainly single Wye residents, few of whom also attended Sunday worship in the building.

105. The Parish Council appreciated the high social value and wellbeing benefits of these regular, but understated weekly social gatherings, and gave [public recognition for this in 2017](#) as follows: *'Congratulations and many thanks to Wye's Parish Award winners this year. At the Annual Parish Meeting Social Evening the Parish Council chairman Cllr Noel Ovenden announced the winners, and thanked them for their contributions to the quality of village life and the environment.'*

The winners are: [The late] 'Aileen Makey - for the foresight to set up the Options Club over 15 years ago. This thriving social club meets in Wye Methodist Church Hall every Thursday at 10.30 to enjoy eclectic programme of speakers and music and each other's company. Options Club welcomes newcomers, especially those living alone. Aileen was too ill to attend the event, so the presentation will made to her at home instead.'

APPENDIX21 Congratulations and thanks to Wye Parish Award winners

106. During her meeting with the Parish Council to explore alternatives to the sale of the building Rev'd Hollands made the key distinction between the (many) paying and (very few) non-paying users. Regrettably, the booking secretary destroyed all booking records before the closure announcement, but it is still possible to estimate that **the building provided spaces for something over a thousand hours of non-ancillary community activities per year.** Furthermore, from the service programmes published by MSKC and other evidence, the main non-ancillary uses by numerous community groups exceeded, by an overwhelming margin, the hours that the building was used for worship. **For evaluation purposes based on available evidence, a ratio of 80:20 is a realistic usage estimate.**

107. The hours of community use can be approximated by averaging the following annualised bookings income of £6,605.50 achieved across 2018 and 2019, these figures being kindly reported by Rev'd Hollands.

108. From this total income figure equates to an average room hire income of £18.10 per day, including Sundays) At a rate of £7 per hour this equates to 943.6 hours of community room hire, or 78.64 hours per month. However, the income understates the actual level of community use, as Rev'd Hollands confirmed that some groups were either allowed a reduced rate, or not invoiced at all, (see APPENDIX12).

109. Non-ancillary events led by Methodist Church members did not pay room hire charges. Although this concession certainly furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, it also had an opportunity cost for the church finances. For example, the Margaret Giles School of Dancing is obliged to hire Wye Village Hall for classes on Saturday mornings as the Wesley Room (and its piano) was always required for Open House coffee mornings at that time every week.

110. As the MSKC Circuit Plan for September 2020 shows, only six of the 17 churches in the Circuit reopened after the first lockdown, and only did so briefly. A year later the South Kent [Circuit news reported Sunday 5th September 2021](#) that *'the members of Charing Methodist Church were glad to return to worship in their redecorated building this morning. This was their first service since the first Covid lockdown, wonderful to see everyone, and to remember those who are no longer with us. A lively service was led by Mr Hugh Burnham.'*

2. How do you anticipate that the land / building(s) will be returned to that use or put to some other main use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and when do you consider this will happen.

Executive summary

111. **The pandemic forced the Methodist managing trustees to close the building. It remained closed throughout 2020, not because of any decline in the community need, or likely demand for its facilities (post pandemic), but because, as Rev'd Hollands explained, of 'the burden on local trustees.'**

112. **This is not a significant obstacle but an internal resource issue, which the Parish Council can resolve by taking a fresh and**

planned approach to facilities management.

- 113. Wye Parish Council is confident that when the pandemic risk eases, the latent need for community activity space will rebound and justify an investment in the building as an asset of great community value.**
- 114. Although the timing remains problematic, it is realistic to expect that the threat posed by COVID-19 will subside within the next five years. When it does, community life and social activities can resume safely. Under new management, and with the benefit of clear aims and strong infection control measures the building can once again further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.**
- 115. Meanwhile the pandemic continues to distort the level of need for community space. Thus, for many previously active residents who are isolating, or avoiding indoor meetings, their ability to participate in community activities remains on hold.**
- 116. The effect of isolation and anxiety is certain to be harming wellbeing, and for some individuals that harm is likely to be considerable. However, Wye is fortunate to have some 60 established community groups and is therefore a resilient and well-connected community. The strong social networks will aid recovery and wellbeing.**
- 117. Those individuals and community groups that have yet to emerge for safety reasons will once again need meeting and catering facilities. However, as the booking diary shows, Wye Village Hall is already operating at near capacity, despite the rising risk of infection. Significantly, Wye Village Hall is almost fully booked-up by very few user groups. Furthermore, the limited number of meeting spaces is a long-standing constraint in Wye (see APPENDIX20 and APPENDIX26).**

APPENDIX22 Wye Village Hall booking diary week starting 13th September 2021

- 118. The building provided meeting spaces for small groups and community activities that complemented the Wye Village Hall facilities. All of which furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community in their own way.**
- 119. Typically, the building supported many of the smaller, quieter and less active meetings in Wye. This facility enjoys a strong locational advantage which served the needs of older, single residents well.**

120. 'Methodism in Wye' states that: *'The site of the new chapel was at the heart of the village. Just outside was the village pump, its main water supply, now marked by a plaque, This was chosen as the central point of the village during discussions on the recently prepared village plan. The chapel could not now be ignored as a significant part of community life.'*

121. Being both central and accessible on foot the building encourages community life and social interaction to flourish. In the analogous context of town centre retail footfall, the building is located in a prime site for the 'social economy'. As such it is well placed to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

122. In summary, based on the strength of the evidence that a wide range of community social activities used the building before the pandemic, there is a clear need to retain the building for its main use as a community centre. A resumption of community use is both realistic and sustainable in both the practical and financial senses. Though the range of community uses that the building supported may change to reflect changes in community needs and interests.

123. As the building was managed in the same way for many years, the chapel was a very underused asset. However, a fresh and flexible approach to building management can reinvigorate the facility and increase its capacity. By concentrating on the sole purpose of providing community benefit, the building can, once again, further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

124. Fortunately, with minimal adaptations to the internal layout the building can perform this community centre role more effectively than it achieved before the pandemic forced its closure.

125. Rev'd Hollands confirmed that the repairs identified in the recent quinquennial review were costed at some £20,000 over the next five years. Funding this work is manageable from within existing Parish Council free reserves.

Viability (revenue) and outline business case

126. When the pandemic passes there is pent-up need for a variety of non-ancillary uses for the building. These community uses would return to further, albeit not in quite the same way as

before, the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. However, some activities, where the risk of infection can be managed at a low level, could resume as soon as the building is available to return to community use. The main constraints being lawful access and the time needed building to bring the building back into a safe and fit condition for use. The discussion below will expand the Parish Councils' reasoning.

- 127.** Developing a sustainable mixed income stream is essential for resilience. Wye Parish Council calculates that that the fresh approach outlined below will cover ongoing overheads and building maintenance costs, build a reserve for future repairs and improvements, and employ staff.
- 128.** The mix of income streams outlined below assumes that COVID-19 will become endemic, and need layers of infection control measures installed and either in operation, or kept on standby.
- 129. Lettings:** revitalised to enhance the established practice of licenced lettings, but with the space managed more efficiently and proactively, for community benefit. For example, with public Wi-fi, an integrated online booking system and active promotion, in coordination with the Wye Village Hall facilities, and contactless payment options for hirers. The prime aim being to offer users a wider range of modern, quality facilities, with greater capacity and flexibility for community use in the future.
- 130. The chapel:** 'Methodism in Wye' acknowledged that '*the Church proper is used much less...*' In practice, the largest and most attractive space in the building was left unused on most weekdays. Whereas a fresh approach can change this situation and increase the earning potential of this premium space. From its present low base line use providing say, three hours of services per week, if this use is exchanged for non-ancillary use at only thirteen chargeable hours at £10, this would double the historic letting income for the whole building and further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community considerably. In part it could compensate for the recent loss of the Wolfson Lecture Theatre and Latin School as a community spaces. That said, as Sundays are not usually a peak time for community activities there is the possibility of retaining a worship use in the mix of non-ancillary community uses.
- 131. Leases:** for parts of the building to one or two anchor tenants to underpin the income stream, and keep room hire rates low to encourage higher community use.

132. The tenants envisaged are Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council, and potentially KCC Libraries. The premises costs that the Parish Council pays currently for its leased office could instead support the building and underpin the revenue budget. The relocation is viewed as a cash neutral move for the Parish Council, however there is a clear financial advantage to KCC Libraries as [the present library premises cost £16,538](#). This covered rates, rent, maintenance, cleaning, energy and security in 2019-2020.

APPENDIX 23 KCC Libraries Use of Libraries statistics 2019-2020

133. The presence of these anchor tenants would complement, and extend the level of social activity and interaction in the building.

134. KCC's statistics show that Wye Library received a total of 9,316 visits in 2019. Thus, if that additional footfall and extra hours of community time are diverted to the building it will increase its active use overall, and thus further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

135. A higher daily footfall will also increase the number of chance social contacts made in the building, and thereby reinforce Wye's already strong social networks and further enhance wellbeing.

136. **Working from home:** the combination of broadband and the pandemic have opened new alternatives to commuting and 2020 altered the whole concept of work. WFH also has environmental and social and health benefits, and many former commuters and the self-employed freelancers now spend some, or all of their time working from home. However, isolation and loneliness are harmful to wellbeing at any age. Ex-commuters are potential new users of the building, with new needs for social meeting space and new activities at different times. Whereas absentee commuters will remain a hard-to-reach group within the community, there is now a choice.

137. For example, a monthly breakfast club with guest speakers would enable people who used to chat together every morning on a train to catch-up, and make new friends and local contacts over coffee. In particular, this type of informal event will help newcomers to Wye who lack local contacts and opportunities to meet people, build their own network of local contacts, feel welcome and be encouraged to take an active part in the community. This will further the social wellbeing or social interests of new and existing members of the local community.

- 138. Kitchen:** the Wesley room has a large and well provided kitchen. However, like the chapel this facility is under used. In recent years it did little more than provide tea making facilities. For example, a working kitchen could provide the weekly [Wye Community lunch](#) with the secure facilities and income that it needs to be sustainable.
- 139. Wider scope:** The Methodist Church's national standard lettings licence to occupy (11.03.2020 v5) imposes a strict condition on permitted use that differentiates the building from other community halls, or indeed Church of England owned premises.
- 140.** Condition (3.g)of the lettings licence prohibits any consumption of alcohol or gambling on the premises. This stops users from holding raffles, 100 Club draws, wine and cheese parties, and simple fundraisers that community groups use, typically to raise petty cash. Often needed just to cover their room hire costs. Furthermore, the condition inhibits social interaction and wellbeing, but under new management it would not apply. Released from Condition 3.g the building can offer terms comparable to other facilities, and all kinds of community celebrations will be in scope.
- 141.** As Rev'd Hollands confirmed during the meeting in April (see APPENDIX12 above) Wye Methodist Church trustees allowed groups led by its Wye members to meet without paying room hire charges. Ending this grace and favour practice will release about four hours a week for chargeable community activities. At the 2020 letting rate of £7 per hour this approach could raise annual income by about £1,300, without any reduction in the scale of community social benefit, or use of the building.
- 142.** In practice, regular users of the building had their own keys and came and went without any direct involvement of either the Property Steward or the Bookings Secretary. Consequently, the relationship between hirer and community user groups was remote and transactional (see APPENDIX18 above for examples of invoices).

APPENDIX24 Methodist Church standard room lettings licence to occupy Document reference 11.03.2020 v5.

Viability (capital)

- 143.** To augment any capital grants for which works may be eligible, Wye Parish Council has access to low, fixed rate funding

Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for capital regeneration works. This borrowing facility, subject to PWLB rules and public support, will enable the Council to improve the structure of the building and increase its ability to be a vibrant and financially self-sustaining village asset. As a precedent to match fund the Wye Village Hall upgrade the Parish Council borrowed £100,000 on a fixed rate loan from PWLB to part finance the works. This initiative enjoyed strong public support, backed by consultations and policy support in the Wye Neighbourhood Plan. This borrowing was necessary to compensate for the absence of any CIL or s106 funding from housing development.

144. The Parish Council structured the finance to ensure that no additional precept contribution would be required during the whole loan period.

145. **VAT** Subject to HMRC rules, there is potentially a further efficiency in that the Parish Council may be able to reclaim VAT on some premises repair and renovation costs. The detailed business plan will consider the options and use this tax efficient advantage where possible.

Policy support

146. The Care Act 2014 has a direct bearing, as wellbeing covers a range of outcomes, such as physical and mental and emotional wellbeing. This wide definition of wellbeing also covers participation in work, education and training and social and economic well-being, and relates to the different needs of all age groups.

147. In response to community consultations the Parish Council initiated the Our Place Wye programme and obtained funding from MHCLG as a national pilot. This social research work informed the Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan, and shaped in particular 5.1 Community and wellbeing and its Policy WNP7 Community support. This states that:

148. 'Where new housing development takes place, developer contributions through CIL and Section 106 agreements where the legal requirements in paragraphs 203 and 204 of the NPPF are met having regard to the development proposed, will be directed towards;

- improvements to the village hall complex,
 - **the provision of a day care facility for elderly residents in Wye.'**
- (Emphasis added)

149. The Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan provides planning policy support for the community projects that need physical space in which to operate. The Our Place Wye Business Plan Logic Model identified '*Reducing incidence of loneliness and isolation*' as one of its [top twenty outcomes](#).

APPENDIX25 Our Place Wye Business Plan Logic Model, (approved by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, now DLUHC) Intended outcomes – What does good look like?

150. The broad vision of the Our Place Wye programme is to develop a complementary, asset-based approach that promotes community health and wellbeing. The first aim is to promote wellbeing, and raise the quality of life for older residents, those of working age with disabilities, their carers and families.

151. The Our Place Wye [Business Plan](#) (2015) stated that: '*Our aims are to nurture a more inclusive, integrated community, which is more resilient and responsive to individual needs, age and social profile, and stimulates a healthy, caring and sustainable community in Wye and the surrounding areas.*'

152. The Business Plan identified a set of activities to address social, health and wellbeing deficiencies in Wye. In particular, the needs of one third of the parish population who were aged over 60 (787 people 2011 Census). Over 16 % of the population are aged over 75 years (373 people) and 54 of whom are aged over 90. From one-to-one community research interviews the clear priority for this demographic is an affordable community café. This is needed and prioritised not for its nutritional benefits, but primarily as place to meet and be sociable, and counter loneliness. Wye benefitted from just such a facility until 2009, but it was lost with the closure of Wye College and its dining hall.

153. The Business Plan identified key indicators of social and wellbeing need, notably that over 10% of the population are widowed and a further 7% are either separated or divorced. Whereas the district average of elderly on state support is 2.5%. Wye is around 13.5%. And that just over 9% of the population report that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot by their health. Again, this has a direct correlation to wellbeing across the community.

154. In response to this data, and evidence from interviews Our Place Wye developed activities to address needs in Phase Two. Two of which depend on the availability of premises for delivery. The Business Plan outlined these activities as:

155. '1.Community Cafe (food - eating & socialising)

'As highlighted by the informal study undertaken last year, there are no opportunities for people to gain access to nutritious, value for money lunches aimed at "older people". There have been a range of initiatives in the past in the village, including voluntary lunch clubs, meals delivered akin to "meals on wheels" from the local primary school, even concessionary meals for seniors provided by local public houses. Each of these has now ceased to operate.

156. 'It is firmly believed that opportunity for eating in a social context, access to nutritious, value for money meals is a crucial element of the programme. It helps reduce social isolation, encourages social inclusion, and provides a focus, and is in essence, another social space, but with a clear purpose. Many people living alone often do not go to the trouble of cooking proper meals. The report also indicated the number of people without access to cars; and frailty does not make it easy to shop by public transport. We have reviewed existing arrangements and intend to research different models and opportunities, which are realistic and cost effective.

157. 'There is strong local support for this area of activity; many people recall that Imperial College (currently closed and disused) allowed the local community access to its dining rooms. The emerging vision of this venture is to establish a 'community cafe' (emphatically not an older people's lunch club); to strive to create a vibrant 'age inclusive' space that people wish to be part of and visit, as the heart of village life.

158. 'NHS colleagues also take the view that the healthcare cost of managing malnourished patients was more than twice that of managing non-malnourished patients, due to increased use of healthcare resources¹³. After adjusting for age and comorbidity, malnutrition remained an independent predictor of mortality. Malnourished people saw their GP twice as often, had three times the number of hospital admissions and stayed in hospital more than three days longer than those who were well nourished.'

159. Our Place Wye provided a [weekly Community Lunch](#) for a capacity of 24 residents until lockdown in 2020. Although it was highly successful and much appreciated by the elderly residents for over four years, the Community Lunch project is dependent on the availability of suitable premises and access to its own kitchen if it is to reopen as a safe and reliable facility that furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

160. 3. Community Hub (Information / Information technology)

'Currently the [branch library provides some aspects](#) but is severely constrained by space. The library has been a keen partner to examine what might be possible; this is closely aligned with its own future development. The emerging vision is to explore how to draw together the existing programmes of support, and re-shape the current facilities to promote more digital inclusion amongst older people.'

161. The Parish Council has discussed the issue of premises with KCC Arts and Libraries at intervals over the past 25 years. Most recently in 2019. The reason being that the KCC rents its library premises in Wye.

162. These discussions revealed that the lease is expensive per square foot relative to other rented libraries in Kent, and the space is too small to enable provide a range of modern library services. The Parish Council is acutely aware of the rising cost pressures on KCC's budget and is most anxious to retain a library in the centre of Wye.

163. KCC has remained open and interested to the principle of shared premises in a community centre in Wye, confirmed most recently in the context of Wye College.

164. The option to relocate Wye Library to the building would provide social benefits as a meeting place out of library hours, a larger and more flexible facility for the community, a reliable income for the building manager and potentially lower rent costs for KCC for a larger and more flexible space, with natural light for reading.

165. While the option of this partnership is speculation (**and commercially sensitive**), it is based on the solid evidence of previous engagements and discussions with KCC officers over the past 25 years.

166. Relocation of the library would enable the present library building to revert to its previous residential use, and provide an additional home.

167. Although constrained currently by the lack of space in normal times Wye Library is popular and well used. Within its space constraints it provides events and activities that further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. These include weekly Storytime, Talk Time, Rhyme Time and Digital Dens

meetings, and quarterly HI-Kent drop-ins for the hearing impaired. Currently, these groups are suspended until further notice as a COVID-10 safety measure.

168. KCC states that it is '[slowly reintroducing events and activities](#) at some of our libraries where possible.' However, the lack of space was severe constraint in Wye Library pre-pandemic.

169. Co-location of the Wye Library in the building would provide it with a larger and more flexible multi-purpose space suitable for a wider range of activities than the present site permits. This would reach more people, and further the social wellbeing or social interests of the community.

Other community activities and unmet space needs

170. In January 2021 the Parish Council responded to a request from Ashford Borough Council for a paper to justify the retention of the Latin School for community use.

As events showed Ashford Borough Council did not support the retention of the Latin School for community use. However, as the community of Wye has now lost that valuable 50m² building to exclusive private residential use, there is an even more compelling case for retaining the Methodist Church in community use. Some possible uses are described in the three extracts from the Executive Summary, Uses of the Latin School in Parish Council stewardship (January 2021) as follows:

171. 3. *'Given the Latin School's central location and ease of access, the range of community uses to which it could be put are legion, even with restrictions on type and hours of use. The likely users would include: the PC, both as an office and for face-to-face engagement with residents; the community support group Our Place Wye (OPW); community groups; and possibly a Visitors Centre.*

172. 4. *Pre-COVID19 the Village Hall was fully booked during the week, and the two other facilities, the Methodist Hall and the church, were equally busy. Demand for community space will rise proportionally with the expected population expansion. Post COVID19 demand for greater 'localness' is also likely to increase demand.'*

173. 28. *Methodist Hall. The Methodist Hall houses 5 rooms: the Thomas Berry Meeting Room (on first floor), (capacity 15), The Worship Room, (60), the Vestry and Garden Room (10), the Small*

Fellowship Room (10), and the Wesley Activities Room (30). There are coffee facilities and an en-suite kitchen. The Methodist hall facilities between them take over 80 meetings per month.'

APPENDIX26 Wye Community use of the Latin School December 2020

174. The Latin School paper identifies community uses and a clear need for additional space at a time in December 2020 when the Methodist Church was closed. Crucially the paper presumed that the Methodist Church was expected to reopen when safe to do so. (see APPENDIX10)

175. The case made for the Latin School can be reapplied to add to the case made above for the return of the Methodist Church building to a community centre role. This use will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

Section C: Submitting this nomination

C1 Signature

By signing your name here you are confirming that the contents of this form and the documents enclosed are correct, to the best of your knowledge and belief.

I am duly authorised to sign on behalf of the nominating organisation –

Signature

Katherine Stephens

C2 Where to send this form

You can submit this Community Nomination Form:-

By post to: Legal and Democratic Services
Ashford Borough Council
Civic Centre
Tannery Lane
Ashford TN23 1PL

If any further information is required the Council will contact you by writing to you or emailing you at the contact details you have provided in the Nomination Form

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REGISTER EXTRACT

Title Number	: K962352
Address of Property	: Wye Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford (TN25 5DP)
Price Stated	: Not Available
Registered Owner(s)	: TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES of Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.
Lender(s)	: None

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A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

KENT : ASHFORD

1 The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above title filed at the Registry and being Wye Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford (TN25 5DP).

2 An Indenture of the land tinted pink on the title plan dated 11 August 1869 made between (1) John Harper and Others (2) John Harper and Others (3) Thomas Berry and Others and (4) John Archer contains the following provision:-

"Together with all buildings fences hedges sewers drains watercourses lights liberties privileges easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece or parcel of ground hereby granted appertaining"

3 The land tinted blue on the title plan has the benefit of the rights granted by but is subject as mentioned in a Conveyance thereof and other land dated 30 September 1932 made between (1) John Charles William Sawbridge-Erle-Drax (Vendor) and (2) The Stonegate and East Sussex Farmers Co-Operative Society Limited in the following terms:-

"Subject to and with the benefit of all rights and privileges hitherto used or enjoyed by way of easement or quasi easement in connection with any adjacent land or any part thereof over or against the property hereby assured or any part thereof and also to any Town Planning Scheme or Order prescribing building lines or otherwise affecting the said property."

4 The land tinted blue on the title plan has the benefit of the following rights granted by a Transfer thereof dated 4 November 1996 made between (1) George Anthony Dowse trading as Environ Country Homes and S. T. Abbott Limited and (2) The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes:-

"TOGETHER WITH a right of way at all times and for all purposes in connection with the use of the Methodist Church (in common with all others similarly authorised (with or without vehicles over the land hatched green and edged blue on the plan SUBJECT to the Managing Trustees (hereinafter defined) and their successors in title paying on demand a due proportion according to user of the cost of repair and maintenance of the area over which the right of way is granted."

NOTE 1:- The Managing Trustees referred to are The Wye Church Council.

NOTE 2:- Copy plan filed.

B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

1 PROPRIETOR: TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES of Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.

Title number K962352

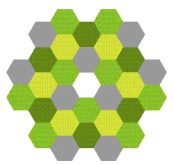
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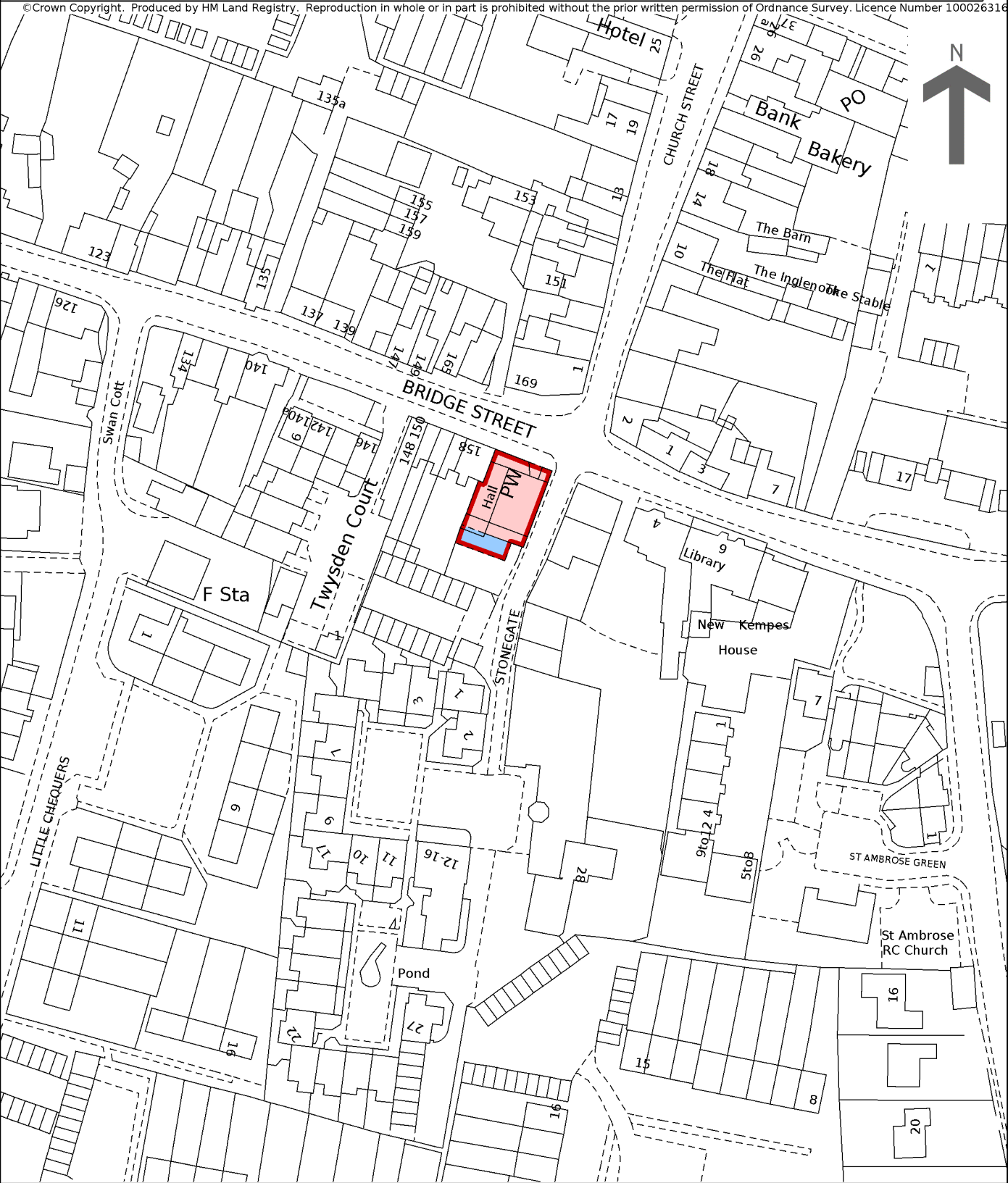
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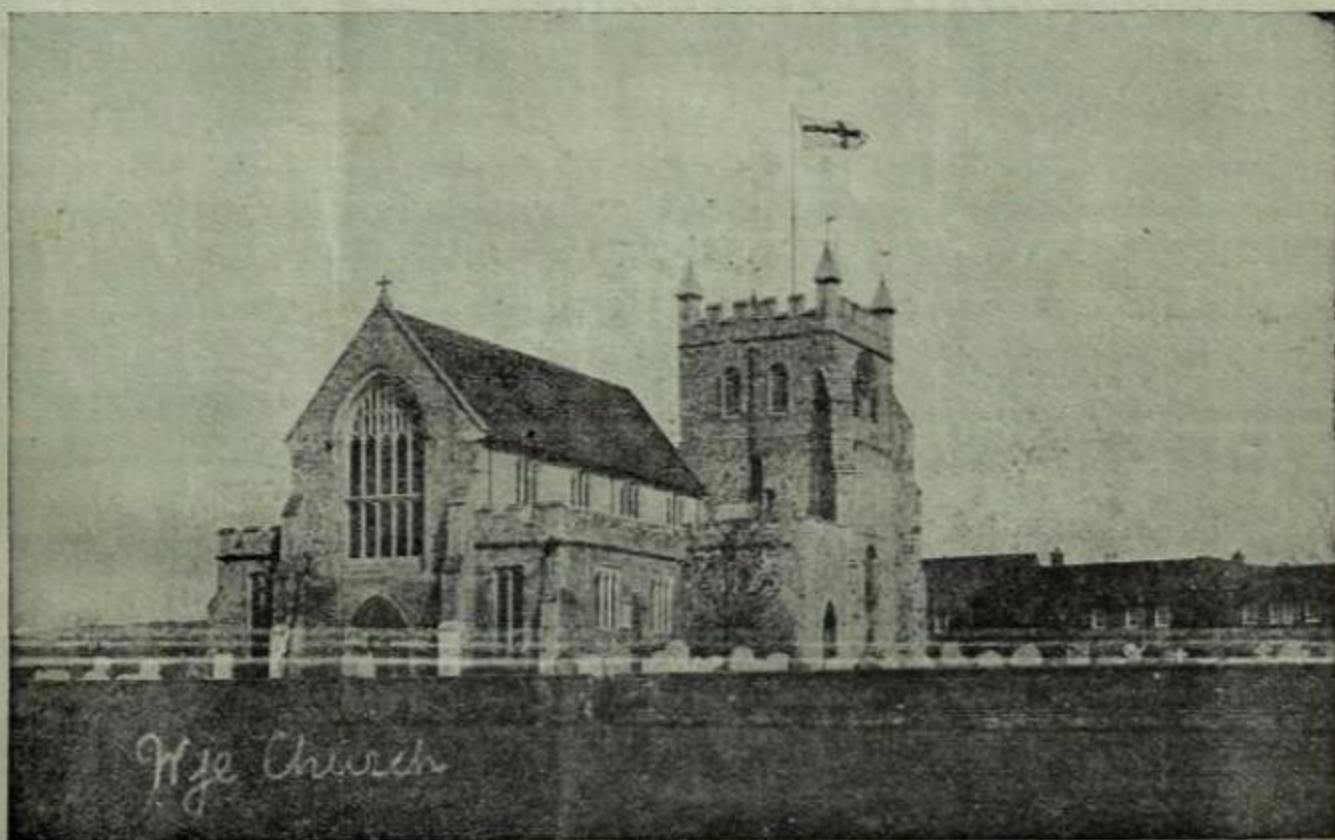


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NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF CLERGY AND CHURCH OFFICERS.

Vicar and Rural Dean: The Rev. E. LAMBERT, M.A., The Vicarage, Upper Bridge Street.

Churchwardens: Mr. M. J. R. Dunstan, M.A., Wye College. Mr. James Head, Scotton Street.

Sidesmen: Messrs. H. C. Chapelow, P. E. Clarabut, J. Dodd, G. H. Garrad, C. Head, Junr., C. H. Hooper, H. W. Kersey, W. Lewin, H. J. May and F. W. Slaughter.

Organist and Choirmistress: Miss Martin, L.R.A.M., A.T.C.L., 4, Rock Cottages, Wye, and 20, Bank Street, Ashford.

Verger and Sexton: Mr. John Pemble, Bridge Street, to whom all notices of Baptisms, Marriages, Churchings, and Burials must be given. It is particularly requested that notices of these events should be given in good time.

SUNDAY SERVICES—Holy Communion always at 8 a.m.; also 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12 noon. Matins at 11. Shortened Evensong, or Baptism, with Catechising at 3 p.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

☛ In cases of extreme sickness, Private Baptism and Holy Communion will be administered at any hour.

than 4.30 p.m. All men will be welcome over the age of 18.

Jan. 7th.—The Tea and Entertainment for children of Wye Schools was a great success. It will be seen from the list below how many parents and others generously co-operated in providing the food and sundry expenses of the entertainment. The tea was served this year in the Thornhill School, and was thoroughly appreciated by the children. A volley of crackers gave it a finishing warlike touch. After one or two songs and recitations by the children, various views of Belgium, Lifeboat and Fire Brigade work, etc, were shown by the Vicar; Wye hop-picking, Boy Scouts, etc., by Mr. Garrad, and some amusing mechanical slides by Mrs. Parkinson, who, with Mr. Linkins, help, kindly manipulated the College Lantern. Packets of sweets were then distributed, and after a violin solo by Monsieur Arnoux which was encored, an excellent conjuring exhibition was given by Monsieur Verscheure, assisted by Monsieur Dochain. Hearty cheers for all who had contributed and

Jan. 8th.—Important action was taken about this time by Mr. Dunstan to get troops billeted in Wye. Many of our people who had depended upon taking in students for their livelihood, and many more indirectly, were beginning to suffer distress through the altered circumstances brought about by the war. When therefore Mr. Dunstan was able to announce that arrangements were being made to send a body of 300 Cavalry (Kitchener's Army Reserve for 3rd Hussars), great relief was felt. The soldiers duly arrived on Saturday, January 23rd, under command of Major Whitla, and were conducted to their billets in due course. With the kind consent of the Trustees of the Church Cottage Club, Wesleyan Sunday School and Fire Station, and with the willing help of a Committee which Mr. Dunstan called together, these three places were fitted up as Club rooms, and are being well used by the soldiers. Bath room accommodation has been fitted up in a large room behind Fair View, which is the Commanding Officer's Headquarters. Our local tradesmen readily accorded the most

SS. GREGORY & MARTIN, WYE.

favourable terms for refreshments, tobacco, post-cards, etc., which are being sold at the Clubs under the auspices of the C.E.T.S. We are much indebted to the Rev. C. F. Tonks and his assistant, Mr. Fleming, for their advice in supplying the wants of the men, grants of games, notepaper. Parishioners have worked together in an admirable spirit to give the men a warm welcome and make them feel at home, and they have been most appreciative of all our efforts. It was a great pleasure to welcome them at the Church services which they attended in large numbers their first Sunday quite voluntarily. Some are joining the Choir and band of Bell-ringers. The Church House Gymnasium has been placed at their disposal on Mondays and Thursdays for boxing, etc. Many of the soldiers hail from the north of England, and nearly all from other counties than Kent; and one cannot help feeling that this wider intercourse brought about by the raising of our new armies must have a lasting effect for good on the nation.

Lantern Lecture.—A most interesting Lantern Lecture with beautiful views was given in the College Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 27th, by the Rev. C. F. Tonks, M.A., of the C.E.T.S., on "Belgium as it is and was." Mr. Tonks concluded his lecture with some telling remarks on temperance, the paramount necessity for which, as Mr. Dunstan remarked, has been so strongly urged upon soldiers and civilians alike at this time of war by Lord Kitchener and Lord Roberts. The enforced total abstinence from alcohol of the whole Russian army and drastic State restriction of its sale in both France

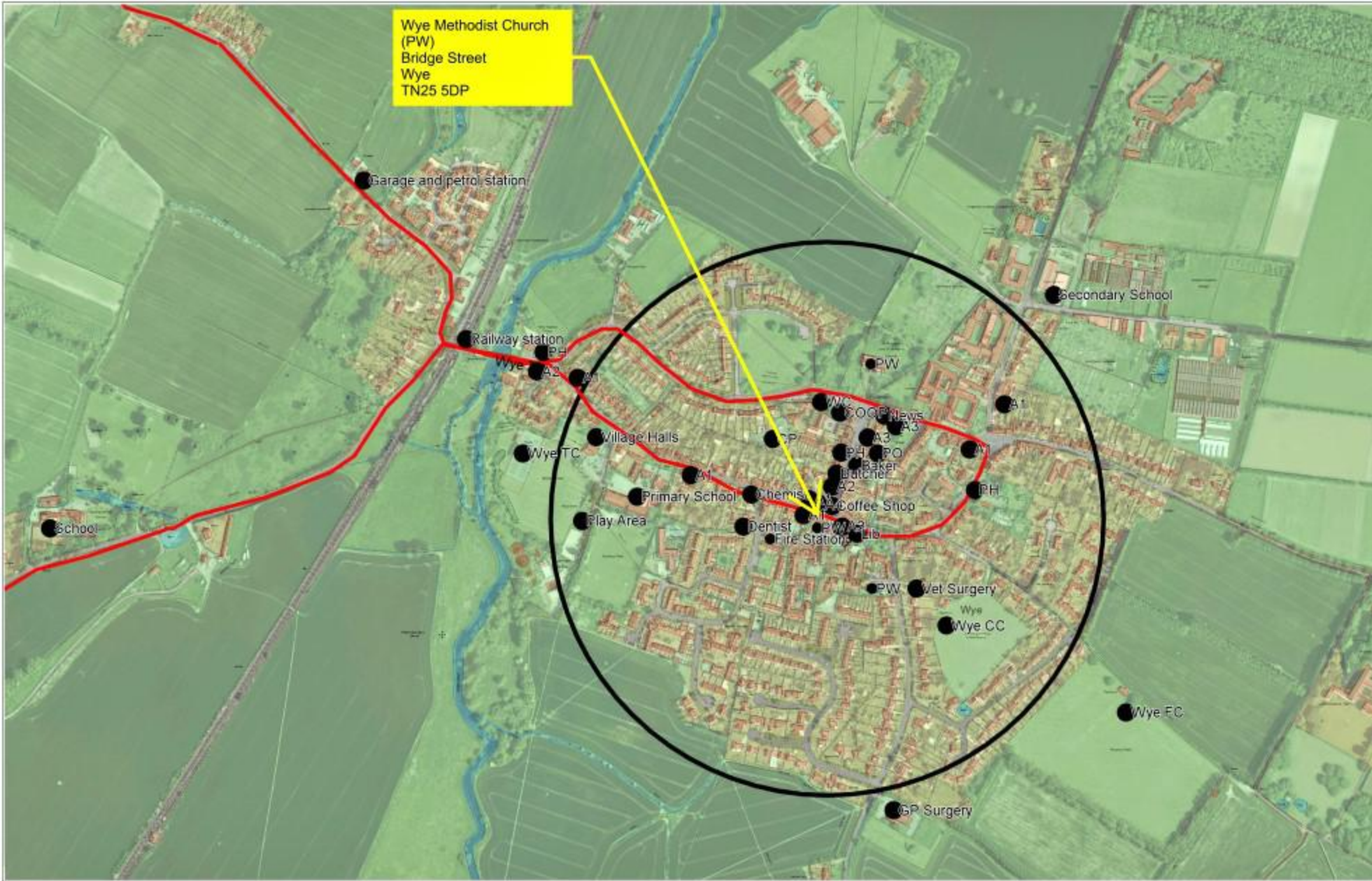
Obituary.—Like a sheaf of ripe corn many of our aged parishioners have been gathered to rest during the past month. It is a remarkable fact that the page just completed in our Burials Register contains eight names, and the average age of those buried is $81\frac{5}{8}$, even including one of 61. An appreciation has been written of Miss Sarah Watts by one who knew her intimately for many years, and appears elsewhere in this issue. She and her sister will be much missed among us; may their example of unaffected piety, unselfish labour and sanctified commonsense be long cherished and followed. It is impossible here to do justice to the memory of all the others laid to rest. Of Mrs. Amos, Philip Wood, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Linkins, and Henry Dodd it may be truly said that they did their duty bravely and faithfully in honest work and home life; and their virtues, known in some cases more widely than others, are best known and most gratefully remembered by those who knew them most intimately. We echo the words of Henry Dodd to her who had shared his life's struggle for over 60 years, "Well, good-bye, we shall meet again."

WYE COLLEGE NOTES.

On January 18th the College reopened with 66 students, including 29 belonging to the one year special course.

The following is the sixth list in the Magazine of students and staff serving in the Navy, Army, or Medical Corps, together with promotions:—

R. C. Atkinson, East Kent Yeomanry.



Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan

2015-2030



The Crown, in Wye and Crundale Downs Special Area of Conservation

Dedication

This document is dedicated to Ian Coulson (1955 - 2015). Ian's infectious enthusiasm for conserving Wye was shown through his contributions to the Village Design Statement and Village Plan, and more recently in propelling the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan as chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group 2012-15.

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Foreword

Neighbourhood Plans are new under the *Localism Act* and give villagers and the Parish Council greater influence over Planning and how Wye and the surrounding Parish will develop. Specifically over:-


- Housing development
- Business development
- Protecting and enhancing green spaces
- Transport and traffic management
- Community facilities provision

Neighbourhood Plans have their origins in the Government's determination to ensure that local communities are closely involved in the decisions that affect them. The Wye with Hinxhill Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNP) has been developed to establish a vision, set of principles and policies to help deliver the community's aspirations and needs for the period 2015 to 2030. Unlike the Wye Village Design Statement which was adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, this Plan will become an essential part of the overall Development Plan for Ashford Borough and one of the key documents for determining land-use planning decisions in the Parish for that period.

This document has been revised and approved by the Parish Council following the analysis of responses received from statutory consultees, residents, landholders and businesses within the parish. The document will be submitted formally to Ashford Borough Council (ABC) who will consult for a further 6 week period. The comments they receive will form the basis of a public examination. The examiner may recommend further changes. The Plan may be further amended before it will be brought back to the residents (those on the electoral roll) and subjected to a referendum. If more than 50% of those who take part in the referendum are in support, the plan will then, with the new Ashford Local Plan, become the *statutory* Development Plan for Wye with Hinxhill Parish for the next 15 years.

As was stated in the booklet 'Planning for the Future of Wye', published at the outset of this process in early summer 2012, this is a vital time for residents to agree broadly what is important, so we can set out to secure Wye's future as a **sustainable rural community**. No plan can solve every problem and satisfy everyone, but we have committed to forming one that reaches a broad consensus to encourage development, while carefully protecting what is good and enhancing it further to deliver sustainability and quality of life for all.

The main text is supported by Appendices and Background Documents (BDs) that summarise research and workshop outputs. All documents are available online from the Parish Council's web site



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1 Preparing the plan

1.1 Purpose

In April 2012 the Localism Act 2011¹ amended the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, introducing rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development in their community by preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan which can establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in the neighbourhood. This document the final adopted Wye with Hinxhill Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNP) as defined by the Act.

1.2 Submitting body

The plan is submitted by Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council (the Parish Council), which is a qualifying body as defined by the Localism Act 2011.

1.3 Neighbourhood Area

The Plan applies to the Parish of Wye with Hinxhill (the Parish) in Ashford Borough, Kent as shown in Figure 1.1.

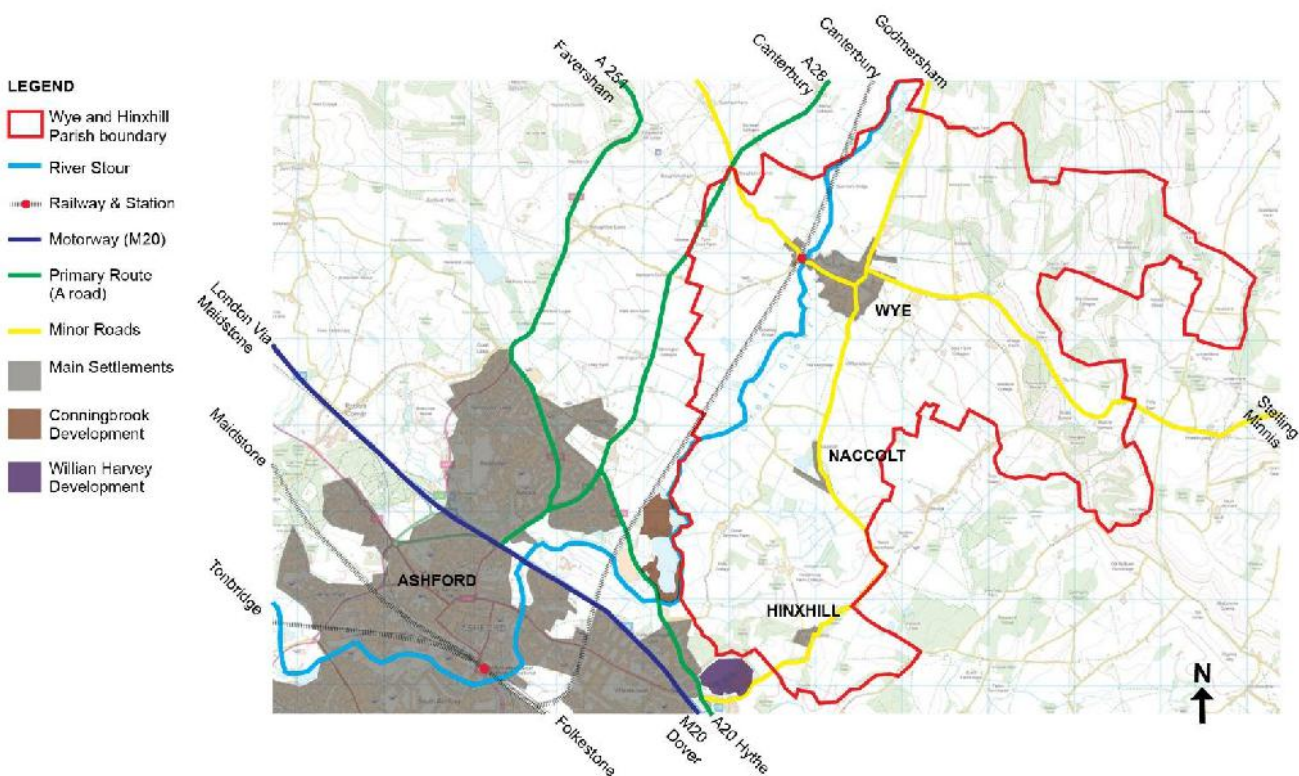


Figure 1.1 Wye with Hinxhill Parish boundary in local context with nearby major development allocations marked

¹ Which received Royal Assent on 15th November 2011

In accordance with part 2 of the Regulations, Ashford Borough Council (ABC)², the local planning authority publicised the application from the Parish Council and advertised a consultation period beginning on 9th November and ending on 21st December 2012. The application was approved by the Cabinet of ABC on 10th January 2013 and the Parish designated as the Neighbourhood Area³.

The Parish Council confirms that this Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):

- relates only to Wye with Hinxhill Parish and to no other Neighbourhood Areas.
- is the only NDP in the designated area. No other Neighbourhood Plan exists nor is in development for part or all of the designated area.

1.4 Context

The Plan must:

- have appropriate regard to national planning policy;
- contribute to sustainable development;
- be in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area and
- be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

Wye with Hinxhill Parish is part of Ashford Borough (the Borough). The local strategic context (see 3rd bullet point above) is therefore set by ABC's Core Strategy which was adopted on 10th July 2008⁴ and the Tenterden and Rural Sites Development Plan Document adopted on 21st October 2010⁵.

1.5 Plan Period, Monitoring and Review

It is intended that the Plan will run until 2030 – the proposed plan period for the emerging Ashford Local Plan is 2011-2030. It is however, a response to the needs and aspirations of the local community as understood today and it is recognised that current challenges and concerns are likely to change over the plan period.

The Parish Council, as the WNP authority, will be responsible for maintaining and periodically revisiting the Plan (including formal assessments every 5 years) to ensure relevance and to monitor delivery. The WNP will be reviewed after the formal adoption of the new Local Plan (expected in 2017).

1.6 Plan Development Process

The Parish has strong community cohesion and has previously produced documents to influence the development of the area, including a Parish Plan (2006) and a Village Design Statement (2000). Background Documents 1 and 2 (BD1 and BD2) show how the community has been kept well informed about progress on the development of the WNP and how residents, employees and the owners/managers of businesses in the Parish have engaged with the plan process. The plan has been produced by the Wye Neighbourhood Plan Group (the Group) – a Working Group of the Parish Council – which was set up in spring 2012. It has consisted of 8-12 parish councillors and residents and is chaired by

² Appendix A contains a list of abbreviations used in this Plan

³ See <http://www.ashford.gov.uk/?page=neighbourhood-plans>

⁴ See <http://www.ashford.gov.uk/core-strategy-2008>

⁵ See <http://www.ashford.gov.uk/tenterden-and-rural-sites-dpd>

a resident. A freelance community planner, environmental architect and planning consultants have advised the group.

This submission is supported by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (BD9) that addresses the impact of development proposed on the sensitive environments in the parish. The Basic Conditions Statement identifying the conformity of Wye with Hinxhill Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNP) with national and local planning policies is also appended as BD14. The SEA/HRA screening report prepared by ABC is provided as BD15. The Consultation Document analysing responses to the pre-submission consultation draft is presented as BD16.

1.6.1 Housing Need

Housing need was established by:

- asking residents about their housing needs in the household survey given out to every household in July 2012,
- commissioning a Housing Needs Survey from Action for Communities in Rural Kent in the winter of 2012,
- and through the series of workshops undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan group during the plan period.

The July 2012 survey established that 75.3% of households considered that it was ‘very important’ (43.9%) or ‘important’ (31.4%) to provide affordable housing. The Housing Need Survey established that there was a need for up to 28 affordable homes, for the following local households:

- 4 single people,
- 9 couples without children,
- 15 families

The parish council also consulted closely with ABC’s Housing department.

1.6.2 Potential sites

These were identified through:

- the Tenterden and Rural Sites Development Plan Document (TRSDPD) October 2010.
- a series of workshops undertaken by the NPG mentioned above.
- by reviewing the ‘Call for Sites’ undertaken by Ashford Borough Council in spring 2014.
- discussions with specific landowners and developers (BD11).
- reviewing the WYE3 Framework Masterplan produced by Imperial College London.

The assessment of sites is detailed in Section 2.4, Planning Context.

1.6.3 A picture of life in the parish

This was obtained through:

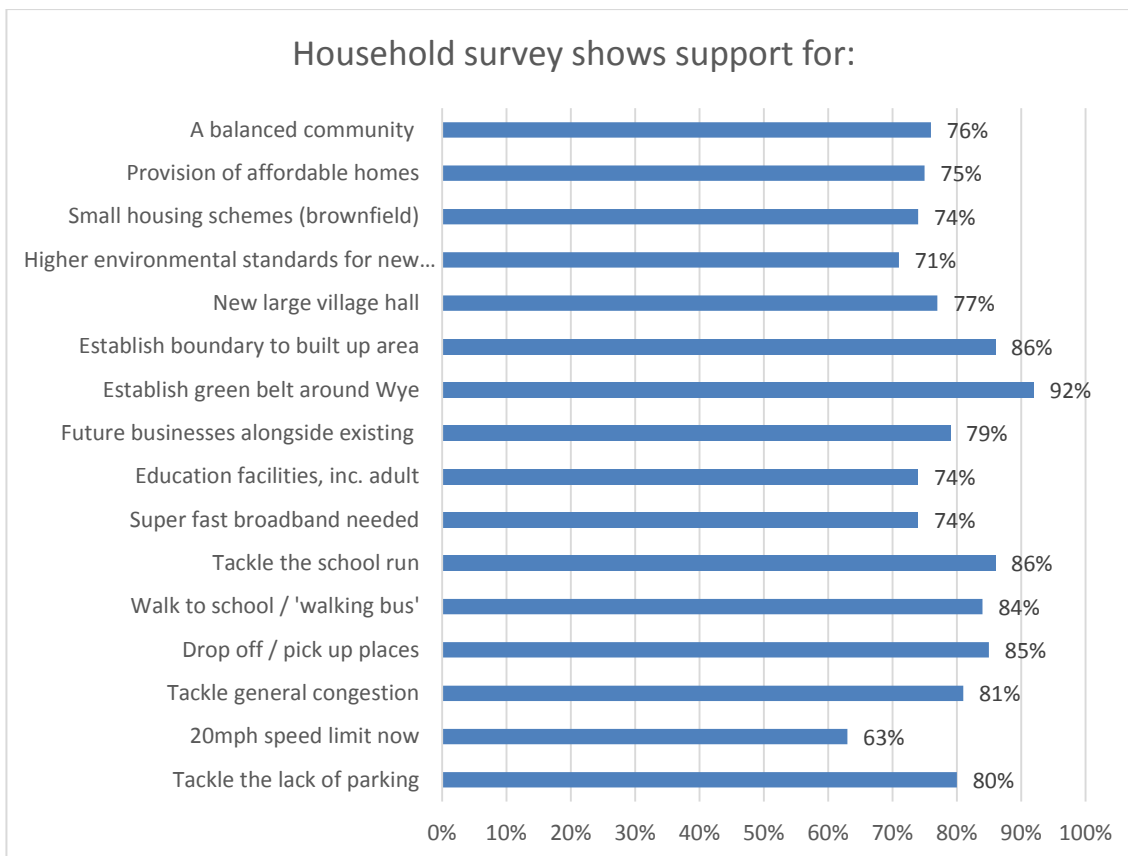
- incorporating and building on the Wye Village Design Statement 2000,
- reviewing the results of the previous Wye Parish Plan 2006,
- a household survey undertaken in July 2012 which achieved a 75% response rate,
- a survey of views on the proposed site of the Free School undertaken in January 2013 and
- a survey of under 18s taken at school bus stops and at an event for young people in April 2013.

1.6.4 Design of development and housing

The objectives and policies for the design of new developments and housing have been based on the Wye Village Design Statement 2000 and followed up through household surveys, workshops and community events.

1.7 Community engagement

From the outset, the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Group have sought to engage with as wide a range of residents and other stakeholders as possible. The programme of community engagement began with the publication of a booklet in early summer 2012, explaining the Plan process. This was followed by a household survey carried out in July 2012. The survey was delivered to all households, generated a 75% response and produced over 10,000 pages of information. The main highlights of that survey are listed below (for further detail of community engagement see BD1 and BD2).



1.7.1 Scenarios and workshops

The information from the survey, as well as the Principles from the Wye Village Design Statement and other documents, were provided to consultants recruited by the Parish Council, to prepare a series of scenarios that future development might take. These scenarios were used to inform the first of a series of

five planned workshops, and exhibitions of their results, held between October 2012 and April 2013⁶. The scenarios have been adapted and developed during the course of the last two years and form the basis of the final proposals maps that show which areas of land have been allocated for development in the Plan. The close agreement between conclusions reached for WNP and the TRSDPD is evident from Table 2.1.

1.7.2 Free school survey

The application from the local Free School group for funding to establish a new secondary school in Wye was successful. However, by the end of 2012, there was growing uncertainty in the community over where the proposed Free School should be located. To clarify the views of the village, a questionnaire was devised by the Neighbourhood Plan Group and distributed to every household in Wye in January and February 2013 (for full details see BD2). The sponsors of the Free School (United Learning), the Education Funding Agency (the government's agency) and landowners Telereal Trillium, now plan to locate the Free School on the Kempe Centre site with adjacent playing fields within WYE3, as described in 6.3.1.

1.7.3 Public meetings

A series of public meetings has been held to which residents and other stakeholders including Wye Business Association, landowners, the district council (ABC), Kent County Council (KCC) and potential developers have been invited to attend. Most of these meetings were held in Wye Parish Church and have ensured that residents have been kept abreast of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan at every stage.

1.7.4 Transport study

Transport, road safety and congestion have figured strongly from the outset. The results of the household survey (see BD1) highlighted several concerns, in particular, the buildup of long queues at the level crossing, and these were addressed in the transport workshop (Workshop V – see BD2). As a result, the Parish Council commissioned an appraisal of traffic and parking by the transport consultancy MLM, modelling the impact of various different growth scenarios on traffic flows in and around the village (BD4).

1.8 Evidence Base Overview

The analysis, principles and proposals in this Neighbourhood Plan have drawn on a variety of sources.

- **Population, employment, housing, deprivation, car ownership** were obtained largely from Kent County Council's Research and Evaluation Unit Ward Profile for Wye with Hinxhill Parish March 2012 based on the Census 2010 .
- **Housing need** was obtained from an independent survey carried out by Action for Communities in Rural Kent (see BD6) supported by information provided by ABC housing register, local estate agents, and the views of residents in the household survey and at the public meetings and workshops.
- **Housing** generally from ABC's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2009 and reviewed 2014 and Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2013 (available from www.ashford.gov.uk).

⁶ Full reports are available from: <http://www.wyewithinxhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

- **Life in the village** was obtained from the Wye Village Design Statement (2000, BD8), Parish Plan (2006), the views of residents from the household survey (see BD1 for the full report), consultation with Wye Business Association, public consultations and workshops, and meetings with key service providers including the doctors' surgery and schools in the village.
- **Landscape** was obtained from the Character of the environment description unit (LDU) Kent Downs AONB Unit and from professional landscape assessment carried out by Mark Hanton (see BD3).
- **Flood risk** was obtained from the Environment Agency.
- **Transport from** the MLM study commissioned by the Parish Council and Parking Surveys undertaken in 2006 and 2014 (BD4).
- **Economy** from the Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners Rural Economic Assessment jointly commissioned by the Parish Council and ABC (BD7).

More detailed information on this extensive evidence base, including reports on the village consultations and workshops, can be found in BD2 and on the parish council website

<http://www.wyewithinxhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

2. Wye with Hinxhill - Our Parish (the Neighbourhood Area)

Wye with its surrounding parish is acknowledged to be a place of significant historic and landscape importance that has managed to retain its special characteristics. It is important in planning for the future to understand Wye's heritage and its role as a hub for other settlements nearby. Within the parish to the south of Wye are two small settlements; Naccolt which lies about 1.5 miles along Oxenturn Road is largely comprised of buildings associated with the now redundant Brickworks, while Hinxhill further south, is home to the Hinxhill Estate, a cluster of commercial and residential buildings at Court Lodge Farm, and an attractive 13th century church. The following section gives a short description of the important features of Wye and sets a framework for how future growth should be managed (a more detailed overview is given in BD5).

2.1 The structure of Wye, its heritage and landscape

2.1.1 *The historic village of Wye*

Wye is located 5km north east of Ashford within the Kent Downs AONB. It is situated on the River Stour as it flows from Ashford to Canterbury cutting through the Downs and forming the Stour Valley (Figures 1.1 and 2.1a and b). Wye and Crundale Downs to the east is an important European Special Area of Conservation for biodiversity (EU Code UK0012831). The population of 2,500 occupies many historic buildings in the village's built Conservation Area, and additional housing developments built since the 1940s. There are extremely important sites in the settlement focus dating from the Prehistoric Period and Roman and early medieval sites nearby. Details are given in the Historic Towns Survey for Wye (KCC and English Heritage, 2005) which was produced as supplementary guidance for Local Plans and provides an assessment of the development of Wye as a medieval market town.

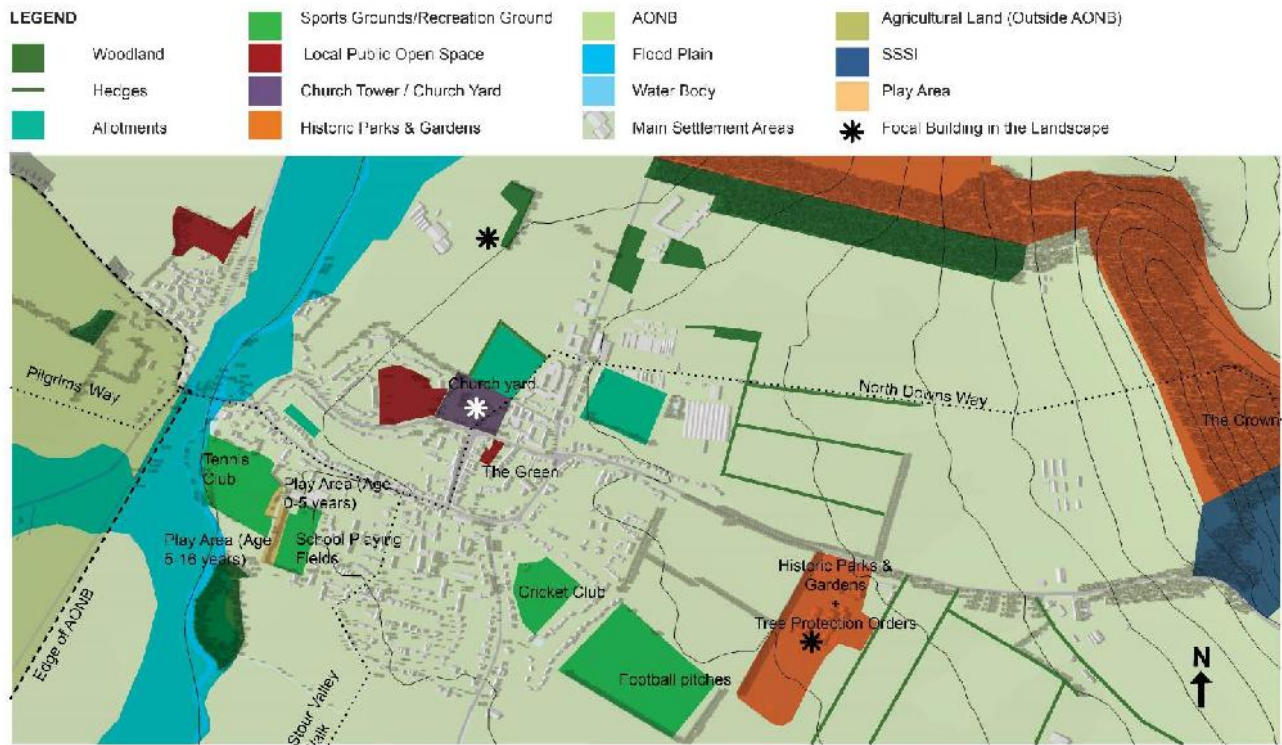


Figure 2.1a Landscape setting for Wye. Note that Wye village lies within the Kent Downs AONB

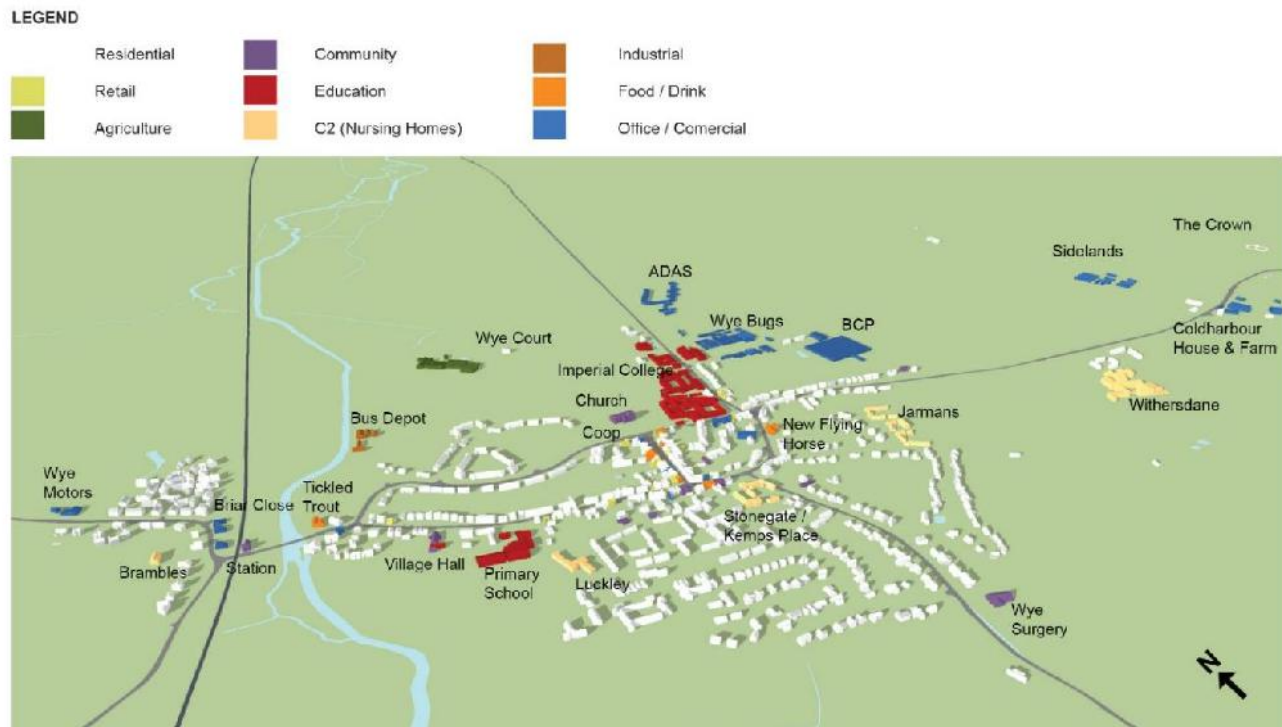


Figure 2.1b Land use plan for Wye.

Wye supports a very active local economy and business association. The village is home to many small businesses. The hospitality sector is also well represented, reflecting Wye's role as a tourist destination, with a number of bed and breakfasts, four pubs and four separate restaurants. The village retains essential facilities including a library and post office in addition to the small Co-op supermarket. There is a fortnightly farmers market and an annual beer and food festival. There are over 50 local activity associations, as well as three active churches. The village aspires to a sustainable lifestyle through local business initiatives such as the Community Farm.

The College buildings (due to their extent and architectural importance), together with the Church and the Bridge over the river Stour still dominate the village and how it functions. The Conservation Area status means that little can change in the heart of the village. This makes the context for planning the future of Wye one of preserving a valued set of assets whilst allowing for carefully considered and planned growth. The historic form of Wye is illustrated in Figure 2.2.

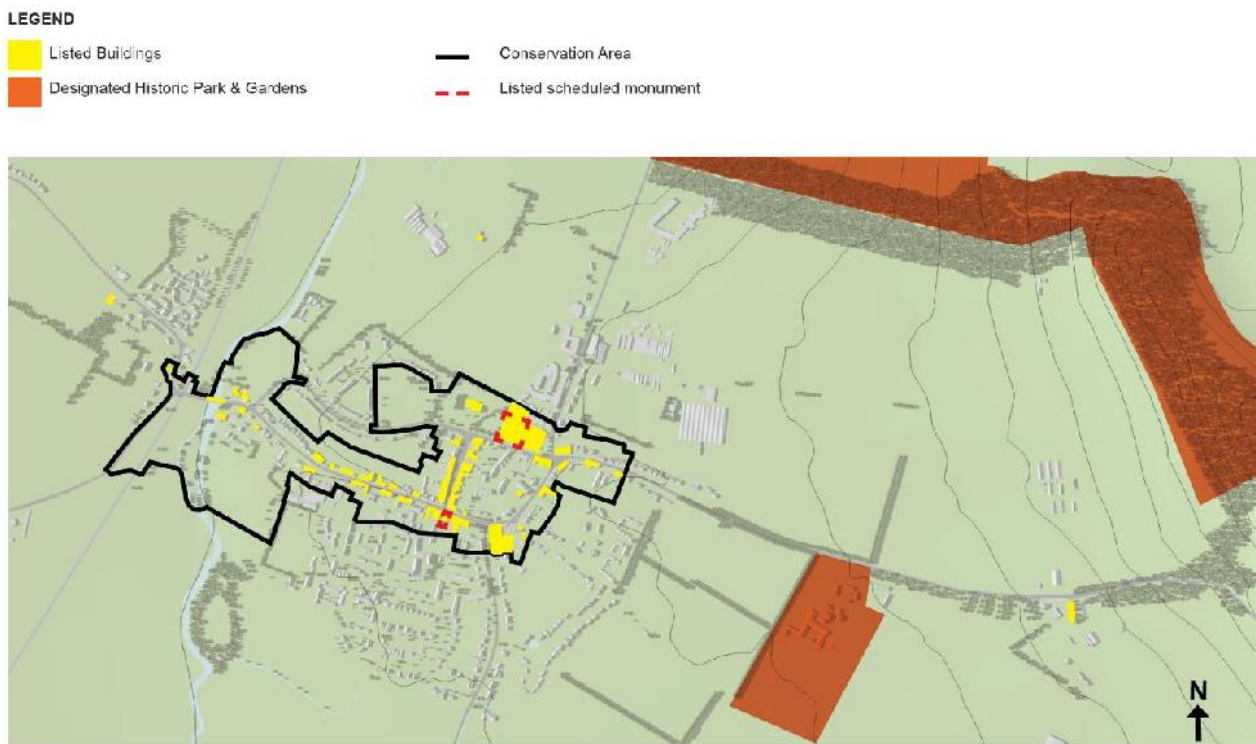


Figure 2.2 The historic legacy of Wye

2.1.2 Landscape and statutory protection of the surrounding environment

The importance of the historically significant and naturally beautiful landscape around Wye is recognised and protected. The village and much of the surrounding Parish fall within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Olantigh Park is further protected as a Grade II Park listed in English Heritage's Register of Parks and Gardens, while the grounds of Withersdane Hall are locally listed. Any development proposals will need to be observant of the statutory protections of the local landscape and conscious of their impact on such a sensitive context.

The ecological value and biodiversity of the surrounding chalk grassland, including rare species of plants and insects, is also nationally and internationally recognised and afforded statutory protection. The Wye and Crundale Downs Special Area of Conservation (SAC EU designation UK0012831), Wye National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), run along the Kent Downs to the east of the village. These protected environments are characterised by fragments of ancient woodland and calcareous grassland, both UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UKBAP) Priority Habitats. The Parish also has two Biodiversity Opportunity Areas within its boundary.

The Hazel Dormouse (*Muscardinus avellanarius*) the UK's only native dormouse and a protected species (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 5) can be found in the woodlands around Wye. The SSSI grassland adjacent to Wye is rich in orchid species, including the specially protected (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 8) spider orchids *Ophrys sphegodes* and *O. fuciflora*. It also provides habitat for the Black-veined Moth (*Siona lineata*) which is a protected species.

Wye is on the North Downs Way, the Pilgrims Way, the Stour Valley Walk (Figure 2.1a), on Sustrans Cycle Route 18 and adjacent to a network of bridleways. A new off-road stretch of Cycle Route 18 was opened in May 2014 close to Wye, between Godmersham and Shalmsford Street. There are plans to extend the off-road cycle route to Ashford and this would raise the potential for Wye to develop as a cycling centre. Many people visit the parish to enjoy the landscape and its natural history – or just to walk. A detailed description of the surrounding environment, AONB and background for our environment policies is given in BD3. Significantly, the Character of the Landscape Assessment of Kent (2004) identified that the landscape around Wye was in need of restoration.

2.1.3 Views and green spaces

The attractive landscape setting generates outstanding views out of and into the village. The Parish church itself acts as a landmark and its tower is a focal point for most views to and within the village. Views and viewpoints identified for protection are marked in detail in Figure 2.3 and illustrated in Figures 2.4 and 2.5.

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- * Focal Building in the Landscape → Key Views
- ☂ Vantage Point
- ⋯ Key Vistas

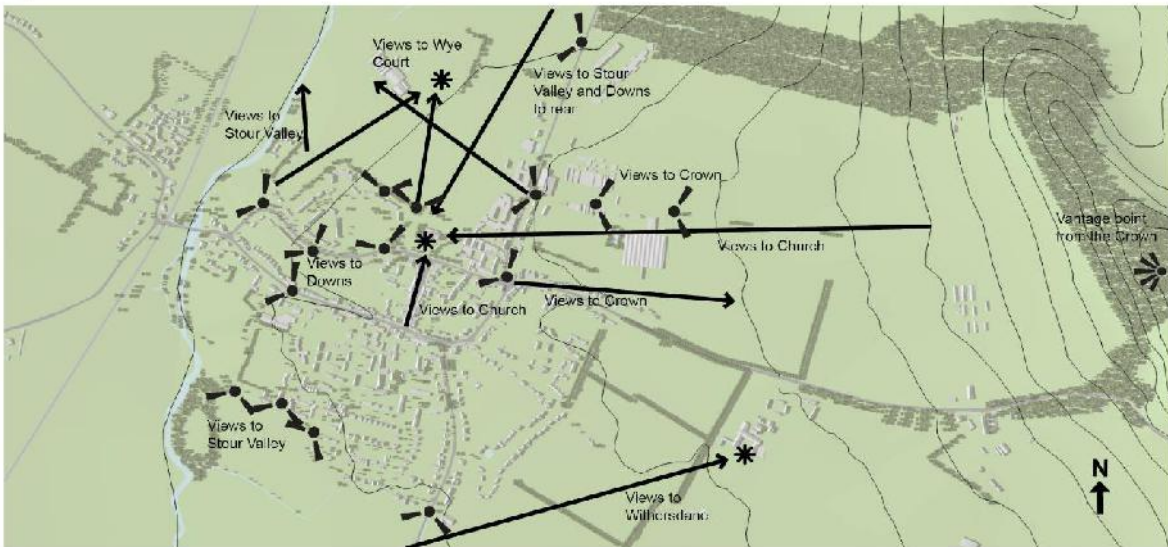


Figure 2.3 Views and viewpoints in and around Wye



Figure 2.4 View of Wye from the Downs to the east



Figure 2.5 View from the Wye National Nature Reserve

The network of open spaces in Wye results from, and is mostly related to the medieval street layout that shaped the village. The countryside surrounding Wye spreads into Wye through these spaces and they afford views within and out of the village. The North Downs Way and a number of public footpaths provide direct access to Wye and pass through it up Churchfield Way and the High Street. In this way, walking through the village is part of Wye's attraction for visitors as well as residents.

2.1.4 Roads

The road network is consistent with a village environment, with varying road widths and priority junctions providing the intersections. In the heart of the village, apart from Church Street, roads are narrow even at the intersections with limited visibility for drivers, for example the Little Chequers/Bridge St junction. Oxenturn Road to the south and Olantigh Rd to the north are increasingly used by many villagers to access Ashford and Canterbury respectively, as ways of avoiding being caught at the level crossing. Harville Road and Bramble Lane meet immediately to the west of the level crossing and provide connections out of the village towards the A28 – to the south and north respectively. These two routes are the busiest access points to the village, converging on the level crossing. Junctions 1-7 examined in the detailed traffic analysis presented in Background document BD4, are shown in Figure 2.6.



Figure 2.6 Transport and walking in Wye showing key road junctions

Transport issues dominated responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire (see 1.7 and BD1). The extent of queuing at the level crossing on a typical day during the school term is illustrated in Fig 2.7. The crossing will not be automated until after 2020 but this is expected to reduce closure times by only 5 min in the hour. Any reduction in gate closures through automation is likely to be offset by the increasing number of HS1 trains passing through Wye. In response to regular and formal consultation, Network Rail have not provided any clear details about future developments. The proposed junction 10a on the M20 may increase traffic passing through Wye.



Figure 2.7 Aerial view showing queues at the level crossing on June 19th 2014, 9.25am. Note the tail back extending along Bridge Street following the school drop off (image provided by High –flying Productions).

2.1.5 Public transport

Wye is well served by trains to Canterbury and London. The high speed service to St Pancras allows London to be reached in one hour, making Wye a relatively easy commute from the city. There is a vital, regular bus service to Ashford and Canterbury (Route 1) serving the village, operated by Stagecoach. Bus stops are shown in Figure 2.6.

2.1.6 Parking and speeding

In some of the older parts of the village (particularly the Conservation Area), on-street and off-street parking is in short supply. Typically speeds are not high through the village as a consequence of the tight road network. However speeding within the 30mph limits on the entry routes along Olantigh Rd, Oxenturn Rd, Scotton St, Harville Rd and Bramble Lane causes concern. A worrying development is parking over dropped kerbs thereby restricting access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and the disabled. Results of parking surveys are reported in BD4.

2.2 Towards balanced development

At the heart of planning for Wye's future is the desire to balance the provision of any additional housing and jobs in order to ensure that the village continues to thrive as a sustainable settlement. The closure of the Imperial College London Dept. of Agricultural Sciences (formerly Wye College) in 2010 has meant that many jobs were lost in the Parish and there has been a downturn for businesses that relied on commercial activity from the campus. The closure also resulted in a decline in Wye's population as

student and staff housing was left empty. More recently, that housing has started to revert to family use and this has led to an encouraging demographic change in favour of young families, increasing the number of schoolchildren able to walk to school. The planned substantial expansion of housing in Ashford to the south and west means that, in terms of allocations within the Borough, there is no reason to expand the Wye housing stock other than to meet local considerations. Detailed appraisals of housing and business activities are provided in BD5.

In order to obtain an objective view of the status of employment and business in Wye, in addition to consultation with Wye Business Association, a Rural Economic Assessment was commissioned from the consultancy Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners (NLP) by the Parish and Borough Councils. The findings of the report have helped to inform both ABC's allocation of business space in the Borough and the WNP policies. The full report is included in BD7. The key findings reported for Wye are quoted as follows -

- *“There are three attractions to siting business in Wye:*
 - i. Access to a local labour force comprising highly skilled workers*
 - ii. Availability of suitable commercial premises that meet existing business requirements*
 - iii. A pleasant rural environment where many business owners choose to live and work locally.*
- *There are three constraints to the development of businesses in Wye:*
 - i. Accessibility by road due to the delays at the level crossing. There is relatively little that can be done about this with Network Rail's planned changes (automatic barriers but more trains) being unlikely to reduce the delays. Improvements in vehicular access with new or wider rural roads are constrained by the AONB.*
 - ii. Loss of retail and office use to residential use, reflecting the high prices that housing fetches in Wye*
 - iii. The protected status of much of Wye that limits land availability and development.”*

In balancing the pressures for new development, the Neighbourhood Plan aims to regain some of the jobs lost, many of which supported the village's retail and commercial activities. This economic infrastructure contributes strongly to the way that Wye remains an active hub for surrounding settlements.

2.3 Education and community

2.3.1 Learning

Wye, unusually for its size, has a strong tradition in education at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. A significant part of this heritage was lost with the closure of the Imperial College London campus in 2010. The opening of Wye (Secondary) School in 2013 (a Free School funded following an application to the Department for Education) has helped to redress the loss. Figure 2.1a and b show the current/probable future locations of schools and recreational areas. Current education provision is met by Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) State Primary School, Spring Grove Independent Primary School, Wye (Free) Secondary School, and Wye Under Fives Pre School. Wye also has an active University of the 3rd Age (U3A) group.

2.3.2 Community and Recreational Facilities

Wye has significant recreation space but the closure of the college, that traditionally provided venues for meetings, has led to increasing pressure on other sites. The main community and recreational facility in Wye is the Village Hall and its accompanying recreation ground (see Figure 2.1b). Playground facilities are located to the south of the village near the primary school but away from potential developments on WYE3.

- **Wye Village Hall** includes the main hall and its linked small hall. The hall buildings are in constant use and provide a vital resource for the village community in all its aspects.
- **Village Sports Field and Playgrounds** Surrounding the Hall is the Sports Field (about 7 acres). The grass area was previously the village football pitch, but is now a communal area, part of which is given over to Wye Tennis Club. A new multiuse games area (opened August 2014), and playgrounds for infants and older children are located to the north of the sports field.
- **The Churches of St Martin and St Gregory, St Ambrose and the Methodist Church** are in active use for worship and also provide much needed space for various community groups.
- **Former Wye College games field** The playing fields and pavilion are heavily used by Wye Monarchs FC and, on a temporary basis, Wye School.
- **Wye Cricket Ground** enjoys a picturesque venue for cricket in Kent, in elegant surroundings with the Wye Crown as a backdrop (see cover image). The club runs two Saturday sides, well-supported coaching for juniors and was established in 1882.

2.3.3 Health and health care

The Wye Practice covers the parish and surrounding area and has c. 8000 patients. It is situated on Oxenturn Rd on the outskirts of the village (Figure 2.1b). The area has an increasing population of elderly people, but there is no social/meeting place specifically for the elderly. Important social issues related to the elderly are being addressed by the “Our Place” project (see BD10).

The household survey showed residents’ concerns that health facilities were already stretched and that increasing the population of Wye by building new houses will only increase the pressure on all of the facilities (see BD1). Increased traffic congestion on Bridge Street and at the level crossing will make it even more difficult for social care, health and all emergency services to access and operate in the village.

2.4 Planning context

The WNP is in conformity with the NPPF (2012) and with the saved policies of the Ashford Borough Local Plan (2000), the Borough's adopted Core Strategy (CS2008) and the Tenterden and Rural Sites Development Plan Document (TRSDPD, 2010). The adopted CS is currently under review by the Borough Council but at the current time contains the policies against which emerging development proposals will be considered. It is in the context of the Core Strategy that the TRSDPD was produced.

2.4.1 Core Strategy

Policy CS1 sets out the 'Guiding Principles' for development within the borough, and it specifically notes that sustainable development and high quality design are at the centre of the council's approach to plan making and deciding planning applications. In addition the guidelines highlight the need for

- *the best use of previously developed land and buildings and the carefully phased release of green field land to make best use of a finite resource...*

All of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan support the Core Strategy guiding principles CS1 (see Appendix E).

Of particular significance to Wye is the allocation of housing. The spatial objectives of the CS are to focus large scale development within the Ashford growth area. Elsewhere, the CS advocates focusing smaller scale development at Tenterden and at the other larger settlements of Charing, Hamstreet and Wye. The intention is to protect and where possible, enhance the countryside for its landscape, heritage, nature conservation and recreational value whilst allowing minor development within the smaller villages.

Policy CS6 'The Rural Settlement Hierarchy' confirms that formal housing allocations for the rural areas will be made through the Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD based on a hierarchy of settlements suitable for limited expansion, and specifically confirms that Wye should provide sites for the development of 110 dwellings in the period 2006 to 2021 with 50 dwellings to be provided in Phase 1 (2006 to 2013) and 60 dwellings in Phase 2 (2014 to 2021). The policy continues by noting that this hierarchy will also be used as a basis for employment land allocations on a scale to avoid any worsening of the jobs to homes ratio in the rural area as a whole and the larger settlements in it.

Additional aspects of the Core Strategy are expanded in Appendix E.

2.4.2 Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD (TRSDPD, adopted October 2010)

This DPD applies to the areas of the borough that lie outside the Ashford urban growth area and covers the period from 2006 to 2021.

Paragraph 5.11 confirms that the principle of phasing the release of development sites, as identified in Policy CS6 of the Core Strategy, will be retained and reinforced. However the proposed phasing dates are altered with Phase 1 to be 2006 to 2016 and Phase 2 to be 2017 to 2021. Accordingly, the proposed phasing of development for Wye is for 45 dwellings to 2016 but no specific allocation 2017-21 because of uncertainty over the future of the Wye College site. These totals mean that there is a shortfall of 65 dwellings allocated within Wye (in the period up to 2021) from the figure of 110 dwellings stipulated in Policy CS6. The DPD contains policy specific to Wye in the form of site specific allocations: WYE1 (Land off of Churchfield Way), WYE2 (Luckley Field) and WYE3 (former Wye College Campus). The lack of allocation for Phase 2 in Wye is a direct consequence of the uncertainty that has surrounded the future of

Imperial's Wye Campus. The planning context for WYE3 is described in more detail in the WNP policy for this site (Section 6). Note that planning consent has been given for 25 houses on WYE2 rather than 20 as incorporated in the TRSDPD. An application for 27 dwellings on WYE1 has now received approval (March 9th 2015). This means that the actual Phase I number is likely to be 52. The TRSDPD focuses on new housing developments, but does not consider windfall and change of use both of which continue to contribute significantly to the parish's housing stock.

2.4.3 Protection of the environment

The approach adopted in the WNP for specific local sites supports national and local planning policies to protect the environment as summarised in Table 1AE in Appendix E. A full appraisal of the accord between WNP, local and national planning policies is provided in the Basic Conditions Statement (BD14).

2.4.4. Site assessments

The sites assessed for the TRSDPD and considered for the WNP are shown in Figure 2.8. The conclusions reached in the TRSDPD and from the WNP site selection process, are summarised in Table 2.1.

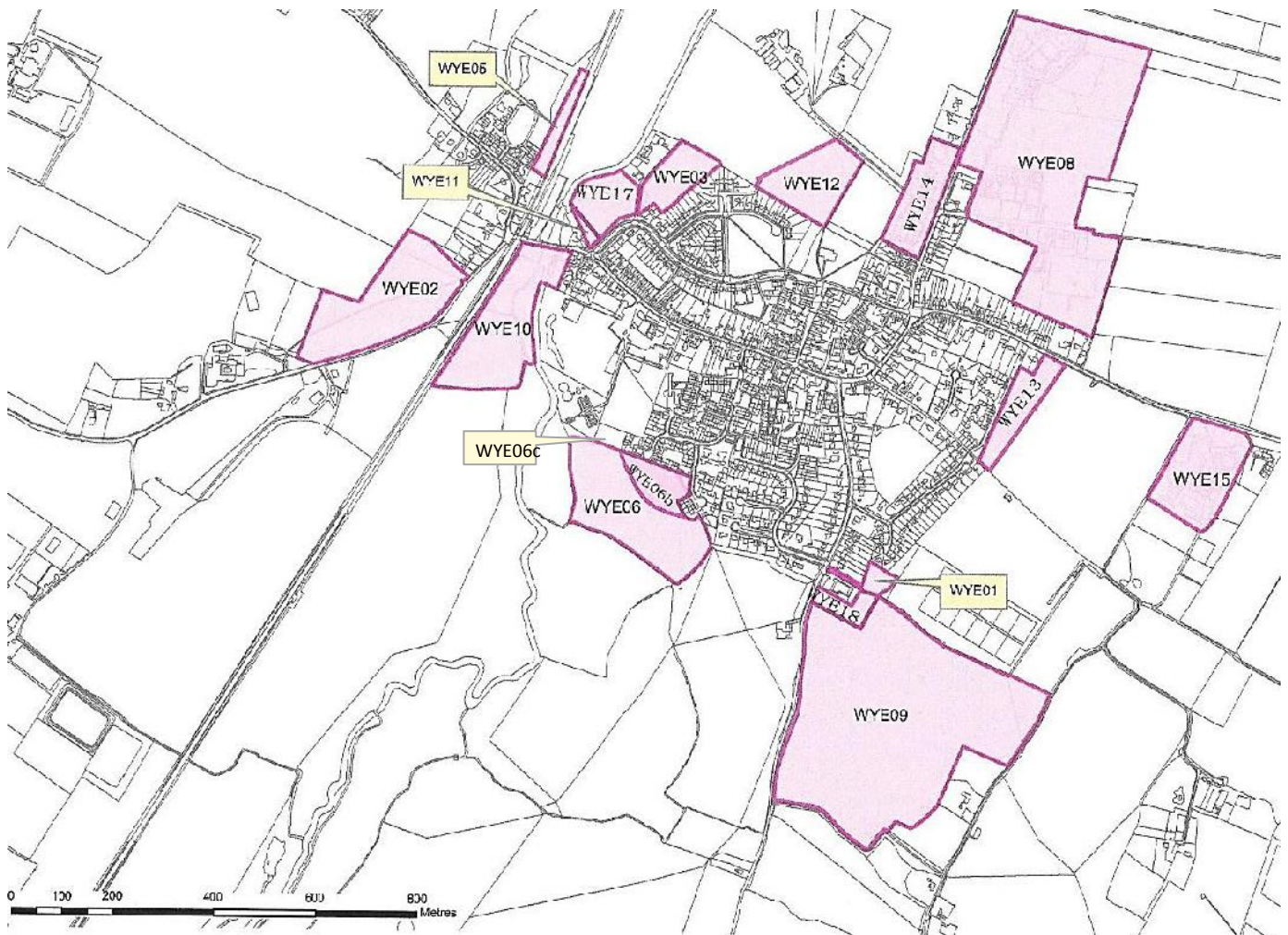


Figure 2.8 Location of potential development sites assessed in TRSDPD SA/SEA document and WNP workshops. The designation shown is as reported in the TRSDPD SA/SEA.

Table 2.1 Site assessments: components of the WYE1, WYE2 and WYE3 sites are highlighted in pink

Site designation in TRSDPD SEA	Site designation in TRSDPD	Conclusion in TRSDPD SA/SEA on suitability for housing (2009)	WNP assessment and comment
WYE01		A small site that would extend development to the rear of existing housing beyond the existing confines of the settlement. The site is not a suitable location for development.	Acceptable for windfall development within the village envelope if access improved
WYE02		A large area of open land that is a key part of the entrance to the village from the west. Partly affected by flooding the site is not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE03	WYE1	A self-contained site that is located between existing commercial uses and residential use in a relatively sustainable location. There is limited impact on the landscape and the site is suitable for development.	Suitable for development - planning approved
WYE05		A brownfield site adjacent to the railway line - there may potentially be some redevelopment potential but not considered suitable for residential development.	Not considered suitable for residential development, but would be suitable for car park extension ^a
WYE06		This large site adjoins open countryside to the south of the village. The site lies within the flood plain and development would be a significant intrusion into open countryside The large site is not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE06b	WYE2	This site adjoins open countryside to the south and adjoins a larger site that falls within the flood plain that is not considered suitable for development. This site is suitable for limited development that would limit the impact on the surrounding countryside and would enable a distinct edge to the village to be created.	Suitable for development - planning approved
	WYE06c	Not included in TRSDPD	This site adjoins open countryside and allows views out from the village to the Stour Valley. It is also adjacent to the sewage works and confines a playing field area used by the school. It is considered unsuitable for development
WYE07		A key area of open land adjoining the riverside that is affected by flooding and forms part of the landscape setting of the village. Not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE08	WYE3	Re-use or redevelopment potential of this site can only be assessed as part of a full	East of Olantigh Rd – suitable for mixed

		evaluation of the future of the college campus.	development ADAS site not suitable for major development (see below)
WYE09		No comment in TRSDPD SEA	A large area of open farm land that is a key part of the entrance to the village from the south. The site is distanced from the centre of the village and is not considered suitable for development.
WYE10		A key area of open land adjoining the riverside that is affected by flooding and forms part of the landscape setting of the village. Not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE11		A small site that is part of a wider open area that is an important part of the village that is affected by flooding. Not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE12		A significant intrusion into the surrounding open countryside that is not well related to the settlement. The site is not suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE13		An extension into open countryside to the west of the village not considered suitable for development	Not considered suitable for development
WYE14	WYE3	A sustainable location in the village, the existing college buildings may have re-use or redevelopment potential but this can only be assessed as part of a full evaluation of the future of the college campus.	Main campus north – suitable for mixed development
WYE15	WYE3	The site is detached from the village and currently has existing buildings on site. Not considered to be a suitable site for substantial redevelopment but as a brownfield site further consideration is needed as to the future of the site in association with the potential for future uses of the college campus.	Withersdane – suitable for establishment as a care home or equivalent residential centre
WYE17		A large area of open land area that is an important part of the village that is affected by flooding. Not considered suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for development
WYE18		A small site that is a relatively unsustainable location outside the village confines. The site is not suitable for development.	Not considered suitable for housing development, but located within the village envelope as a potential site for extension of the surgery

^a As proposed in ABC Local Plan 2000 Policy S69F

Additional sites considered as part of the preparation for the WNP were -

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The ADAS site to the north of the village and within WYE08 (part of WYE3), has been considered separately by the Parish for redevelopment. However, it lies well outside the 5 minute walking distance from the village centre and residential or intensive business use would not, therefore, be appropriate. Proposals to return the site to countryside as a managed woodland or that it be developed for renewable energy, including as a solar farm, have received strong support.

Naccolt brickworks site (not included in the TRSDPD) although outside the Wye village confines and a rural site that was previously used as a recycling centre, it was considered suitable for a small development of housing (see BD 13) and an application for residential development (nine dwellings) has now been approved (February 2015).

3. Vision and principles

The fourth community workshop, held on 10th November 2012 discussed a draft Vision proposed by the Council. It also started to develop a set of Principles that flowed from the Vision. A follow up exhibition was held in Wolfson Hall on Saturday 17th November at which residents were asked to vote on their preferred vision statement (see BD2). The following vision statement for the parish was finally adopted by the Parish Council.

3.1 Vision

- *Wye village should remain a distinct settlement with a clear division between the village and the surrounding countryside.*
- *Wye should retain a balanced community providing some local employment and should not become purely residential.*
- *Any development in Wye should respect the landscapes around it, so that it retains its rural character.*
- *The environment should continue to make the community feel safe.*
- *The active and energetic community should continue to enjoy many activities, with most of the needed facilities and amenities for the parish provided in the village.*
- *Any changes should respect Wye's history and its historic buildings.*

This vision is based on what people value now and how these characteristics should be protected now and improved in the future. The overall aim is to retain Wye as a vibrant village hub within the parish and AONB.

3.2 The principles that the Neighbourhood Plan must support

The following principles derived from the Village Design Statement, were overwhelmingly endorsed in the household survey and refined at the plan workshops. They provide clear guidance when any development is considered.

3.2.1 Change and new development in Wye

- New development should be proportionate to the character and nature of a village.
- Development should be generally concentric around the historic centre, so that residents can easily walk to facilities in the centre of the village.
- New homes should be built in clusters easily linked to the centre of the village.
- Developments should be assessed within the constraints of the existing infrastructure and not result in excessive growth.
- A fit for purpose business hub sympathetic to the local environment, to promote economic growth and local employment, should be created.
- The role of Wye as a hub for the parish and surrounding neighbourhood should be protected and enhanced by mixed development in the village.

3.2.2 *Design of development*

- Wye's position in the AONB and with a conservation area must be protected.
- The scale and height of developments and buildings should be appropriate to their context.
- The height and density of any new buildings should decrease from the centre of the village to the perimeter.
- Particular care should be taken in the Conservation Area to ensure that alterations and new buildings relate in architecture and scale to their surroundings, and make a satisfactory contribution to the historic core of the village.
- Where development is allowed, it should be to good contemporary design and result in energy efficient buildings that use sustainable design, technology, materials, construction and site management. Self-build is encouraged.
- The question of vehicle parking and movement should be specifically addressed for all new developments.
- Developers should involve local people in early discussions for any proposed new developments.

4 Key Objectives and linked Core Policies

The Principles listed in 3.2 provide the basis for the six key objectives of the WNP. Each of the objectives 1-6 listed below is complemented by a Core Policy (WNP Policies 1-6) that will apply across all future developments. The focus of these policies is on the village of Wye, but impacts on the surrounding parish and highly protected landscape are highlighted.

Objective 1: Protect and enhance the village of Wye's sense of place within the parish and its surrounding countryside

The concept of a concentric village with the centre within easy walking distance is a cornerstone of the WNP's approach to the future planning and development of the village. A good indicator of a sustainable settlement is the location of housing within 5 min walk, or about 400m, from the centre of the village, which in the case of Wye is defined as the Bridge St/Church St junction. This concept allows a village envelope to be designated to enclose development to 2030, as shown in Figure 4.1. Development within this area will allow pedestrians to have good access to essential facilities e.g. the primary school, medical centre and railway station, and will preserve the surrounding countryside. The envelope defines the built confines and is drawn within the boundaries of gardens facing the countryside.

In conformity with Policy TRS1, minor residential development or infilling will also be acceptable within the envelope providing that the following requirements are met:

“a) the development can easily be integrated into the existing settlement without the need to substantially improve the infrastructure or other facilities; b) the proposal is of a layout, scale, design and appearance that is appropriate to the character and density of its surrounding area; c) it does not result in the displacement of other active uses such as employment, leisure or community uses in the area; and, d) the proposal would not result in the loss of public or private open spaces or gaps that are important characteristics of the settlement.”

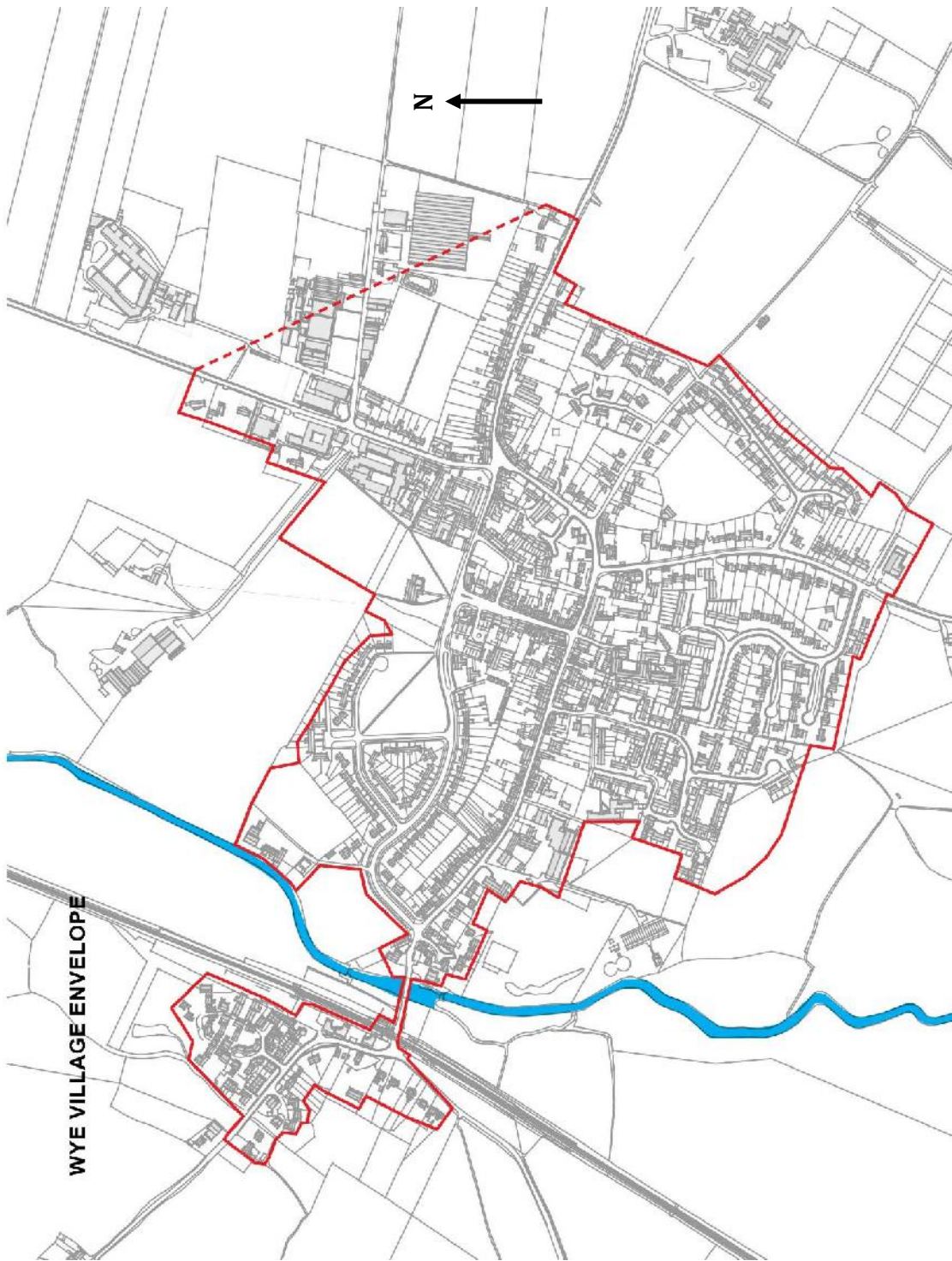


Figure 4.1 The village envelope defining the built confines of Wye 2030 is marked in red. The dotted red line indicates that this section of the envelope is to be defined through the masterplan referred to in Policy WNP6.

Policy WNP1a *Village envelope* Development outside the village envelope, as defined in Figure 4.1, will only be permitted in accordance with development plan and national policies for development in the countryside and the AONB. Between Olantigh Road and Scotton Street the village envelope will be defined by the masterplan referred to in policy WNP6.

Policy WNP1b *Local Green Spaces*

The following areas shown on the map in Appendix F, are allocated as Local Green Spaces:

- Havillands meadow
- Meadow between Churchfield Lane and the River Stour
- Churchfield Green
- Playing fields – Horton’s Meadow cricket ground, School Playing Field, Village Playing Field
- Churchyard and burial ground
- Central Green Spaces: Gregory Court Green, The Green, Imperial College Gardens, Ambrose Green
- Long’s Acre Green, Little Chequers Green

Within these areas new development will only be permitted in very special circumstances or where it is compatible with their character and function as Local Green Spaces.

The Bridge Street, Churchfield and Beanfield allotments will be retained as allotments.

The protected areas, as mapped in Appendix F, have been designated as Green Spaces according to NPPF Planning Practice Guidance paras 005 and 006 (revised 6/3/2014).

*Policy WNP1a conforms to **Policies TRS1**, Minor residential development or infilling; **TRS2** New residential development elsewhere, and **TRS3** Replacement dwellings in the countryside.*

Policy WNP1c *Views*

Developments that significantly detract from the following views into, out of and within the village (shown in Fig 2.3), by failing to respect their distinctive characteristics, will not be supported.

- a) *Views to the west*
 - i. The North Downs from Bridge St
 - ii. The Downs and Stour Valley from Churchfield Way
 - iii. Panoramic views to the northwest from Churchfield Green
 - iv. The Downs from Olantigh Rd
- b) *Views to the east*
 - i. The Crown and Downs viewed from the Kempe Centre
 - ii. The Crown and heritage buildings viewed from Golden Square
- c) *Views to the north and south* from the river bridge
- d) *Views into Wye*

Views from the Downs (east and west), Nacolts, Stour Valley and Boughton Aluph church also need to be preserved and enhanced.

Projects on the improvement of the green infrastructure within and around Wye are proposed (Appendix B). Where appropriate, these will be supported through financial support from developer contributions, Section 106 and CIL.

These policies conform to and are supported by ABC's 2008 Core Strategy Policy CS1: Guiding Principles – e.g..C - Protection for the countryside, landscape and villages from adverse impacts of growth and the promotion of strong rural communities; 2000 Saved Policies EN9 Setting and entrances of towns and villages , EN10 Development on the edge of existing settlements, HG3 c) Design in villages – protecting views into and out of villages, EN11 Merging of distinct settlements; NPPF core planning principles to promote sustainable transport –para 17; Sustainability policies 11 and 12 and the AONB Management Plan (2014-2019).

Objective 2: Protection of Wye's architectural heritage

The community, through the household survey, has strongly supported the existing Village Design Statement 2000. The VDS (Appendix D and Background document BD8) is currently recognised as Supplementary Planning Guidance by ABC and continues to provide clear guidelines for design and development. Policy WNP2 promotes the key design principles of the VDS.

Policy WNP2 High quality design Proposals for all forms of new development must plan positively for the achievement of high quality and inclusive built and landscaping design, at the same time demonstrating they have sought to conserve local distinctiveness and the aesthetic qualities of traditional rural settlements and buildings found in the Kent Downs AONB.

- Applications proposing unsympathetic designs which fail to respect the connections between people and places, or are inappropriate to its location, landscape or biodiversity considerations will be refused.
- Proposals for renewable energy generation systems (Low and Zero Carbon Technology), will be supported as long as they do not detract from the conservation area and the AONB, specifically where they:
 - are in keeping with the scale, form and character of their surroundings;
 - do not significantly adversely affect the amenities of residents in the area;
 - do not significantly increase vehicular traffic flow in the village.
- Each development proposal should include a proportionate statement and illustrations demonstrating how the principles and guidelines of the VDS have been addressed (Appendix D).

This policy is supported by NPPF Core planning principles – conserve heritage assets – para.17; conserving and enhancing the historic environment – paras. 128-138, 140-141 core planning principles – high quality design and amenity – para.17; ABC 2008 Core Strategy Policy CS1: Guiding Principles – e.g. para.B - The conservation and enhancement of the historic environment and built heritage of the Borough, Policy CS9: Design Quality – Development proposals must be of high quality design and demonstrate a positive response to listed design criteria, notably:

- Character, Distinctiveness and Sense of Place
- Continuity and Enclosure

- *Quality of Public Spaces*
- *Flexibility, Adaptability and Liveability*
- *Richness in Detail*

Objective 3: Protection against the impacts of increased traffic

Traffic flow through Wye, parking difficulties and queuing at the level crossing were the most frequently highlighted issues in responses to the household survey (BD1) and have been analysed in detail (BD4). Appropriate development is encouraged, but proposals for new business activities or housing must ensure that they will not create unacceptable levels of congestion, damage the quality of life in the Parish or the character of Wye. There must be no harmful impacts on the sensitive, protected environments within the parish such as the Wye and Crundale Downs SAC, the river, SNCI, SSSI and ancient landscapes, or on Wye village itself as a tourist centre within the AONB. Traffic management has been earmarked as a priority for developer contributions (see Appendix B and WNP11).

Policy WNP3 *Traffic impact* New developments will only be permitted if they will not cause a significant increase in the volume of traffic leading to:

- **severe queuing along the roads leading to the level crossing (Harville Rd, Bramble Lane, Bridge St and Churchfield Way) as identified by the failure of queues to clear when the gates are open, or**
- **serious harm to highway safety because of the overuse of rural roads leading to Wye from Bilting, Boughton Aluph, Godmersham, Hastingleigh and Nacolts.**

To support control of the impact of increased traffic,

- **applications for development of business activity (involving more than 5 workers) or residential development of more than 10 dwellings must be supported by**
 - **traffic analysis including modelling of traffic flow at the level crossing and travel plans that encourage walking or cycling within the village and**
 - **analysis of impacts on the roads leading into and within the village, schools access and effects on neighbouring residents' convenience.**

The Parish council will provide access to its modelling studies to facilitate the application of this policy. Where significant new housing development takes place (10+ houses) developers will be expected to fund traffic calming and parking improvements through the Section 278 Highway Agreement process. Details of any improvements should be agreed with Kent County Council, the Local Highway Authority.

*This traffic policy supports the **NPPF** Core planning principle - promoting sustainable transport, and Sustainability policies 4 and 11 (minimising pollution of all kinds, the **NPPF** Presumption in favour of sustainable development – paras. 11-14 Ensuring viability and deliverability – para.177), **Core Strategy 2008** CS15, Transport and the **AONB** Management Plan.*

Objective 4: The promotion of business activity

Section 2.2 outlines the need to replace employment opportunities after the closure of Wye College. One goal of the Neighbourhood Plan is to recover some of the jobs lost, many of which supported retail and commercial activities in the parish. Further loss of retail premises is unwanted, as set out in the Core Strategy. Strengthening the economic sustainability of Wye, including the growth of tourism, supports the village as an active Tier 2 hub for surrounding settlements, a conclusion supported by the NLP Rural Economic Assessment (BD7). Any development must, however, be sustainable in conforming with the need to protect the sensitive environment around Wye.

Policy WNP4 *Supporting business* Proposals for business development to replace jobs lost through the closure of the College, particularly in education, research, food production and tourism will be supported providing that they conform to other policies in this plan.

This policy is supported by NPPF Core planning principles – promote vitality of urban areas and support sustainable economic development to deliver the thriving local places needed – para.17. Promoting sustainable transport – balance land uses in the area to encourage minimum journey lengths for employment – para.37; ABC 2008 Core Strategy defines PolicyCS2 - The Borough Wide Strategy - Smaller scale development opportunities, including opportunities for employment and other non-residential uses will be identified in the rural centres of Tenterden, Charing, Hamstreet and Wye.

Objective 5: Integration of new affordable and general needs housing within mixed developments.

The WNP conforms with the existing ABC policy that developments of more than 15 dwellings should include 35% of affordable housing. The household questionnaire (BD1) identified support for affordable housing and this was confirmed in two housing surveys (BD6). The analysis of available sites (2.4) suggests that it will not be easy to identify suitable exception sites for Local Needs Housing. While this possibility cannot be excluded, the integration of affordable and local needs housing in developments within the village is the approach supported by the Parish Council.

Policy WNP5 *Integrated housing* Local Needs Housing should mainly be met by integration within the affordable housing component of any new developments in Wye.

This policy is supported by paragraph 54 of the NPPF and ABC Lettings Policy (Revision 2014), as expanded in BD5.

Objective 6: To achieve the mixed redevelopment of WYE3

In recognition of the importance of WYE3 and in particular the need to replace employment opportunities lost to the parish after the closure of the college, the following overarching policy aims to guide the future development of the site during the lifetime of the WNP.

Policy WNP6 *Mixed development* Development proposals for the WYE3 site should deliver a mix of uses, including education, business, community infrastructure and some housing. Given the scale of the site in relation to the village, such development should be delivered in a phased manner in accordance with a masterplan that has been adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document by Ashford Borough Council.

Prior to any planning application pursuant to the agreed masterplan an application for a screening determination regarding the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment shall be made to Ashford Borough Council. Subject to that opinion any application should be accompanied with an appropriate Environmental Impact Assessment.

This policy is supported by NPPF sustainable development policies 1, 2 and 11 and Core Strategy 2008 guiding principles CS1: the best use of previously developed land and buildings the carefully phased release of green field land to make best use of a finite resource; the timely provision of community services; provision of a commercial environment that is conducive to encouraging new and existing businesses; CS policy CS18 and TRSDPD policy for WYE3.

5. General Policies

5.1 Community and wellbeing

The Vision and Principles of this NP seek to achieve a safe and active community for residents of all ages. The community of Wye Parish relies on the Village Hall for a number of activities for young and old. Improvement to the hall complex is the priority project identified for support from developer contributions (see Appendix B).

The TRSDPD recognises that Wye with other larger (Tier 2) rural service centres provides an important primary care function within the parish. Within the context of a small rural community, and owing to the poor transport links to neighbouring centres, the provision of health care should be provided where possible by increasing capacity within the parish. Section 2.5 Health and Health Care sets out the current health care provision and emerging health and wellbeing issues within Wye. Key amongst these are a growing aging population but also a recent influx of families since the closure of the college. Wye's "Our Place" project reinforces the parish's focus on community and health care (BD10). In terms of health infrastructure, the existing GP surgery and its pharmacy provision are nearing capacity. For example, there is no day care facility for elderly residents and any future growth in housing will need to make a contribution to enhance these facilities within the parish.

Policy WNP7 Community support Where new housing development takes place, developer contributions through CIL and Section 106 agreements where the legal requirements in paragraphs 203 and 204 of the NPPF are met having regard to the development proposed, will be directed towards;

- improvements to the village hall complex,
- the provision of a day care facility for elderly residents in Wye.

This is supported by NPPF sustainable development principles –promoting health and community wellbeing; ABC Core Strategy 2008, Policy CS1: Guiding Principles: L. Healthy sustainable communities Policy CS18: Meeting the Community's Needs.

5.2 Countryside and Environment

The parish of Wye is situated in a particularly highly protected landscape. The importance of the natural environment to the character and life of Wye and its residents has been highlighted in Section 2. The WNP is fully supportive of the Kent Downs AONB management plan 2014 and details on the interaction between the WNP and AONB management policies are provided in BD3. Full account should be taken of the land form in any new developments proposed on the edge of the village, particularly when visible in long views. Attention must be given to the impact on views into and out of the village, for example to and from the river and Crown, and also to sensitive views within the village for example of the Church and village greens. The policies described below have been developed to reinforce reference to the environment and sustainability made in Core Policies (Section 4). Implementation of our policies will be supported by projects described in Appendix B including the creation of an innovative cycle path around

the village of Wye, riverside access, and appraisal of the development of a community wide energy generation system.

Policy WNP8 *Countryside and environment*

- a) **All new development will respect the qualities of the Kent Downs AONB and development that is harmful to these qualities will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.**

- b) **The impact of new development on the Wye and Crundale Downs SAC, NNR and SSSI, and on the Kent Downs AONB having regard to the Kent Downs Management Plan, must be specifically addressed in planning application documentation.**

- c) **Details of landscaping for developments of more than five houses should include a landscape strategy which will incorporate the following details:**
 - i. **existing and proposed hard and soft landscaping;**
 - ii. **a condition survey of all existing trees and hedgerows;**
 - iii. **an outline of the measures to be taken to protect existing trees and hedgerows during construction;**
 - iv. **consideration of both near and distant views of the development from the principal public vantage points showing existing landscaping and that proposed to be established after 10 years; and**
 - v. **details, where appropriate, of how those areas retained for open space and/or woodland will be managed in the future.**

- d) **Development proposals shall adequately address the potential for ecological impacts to arise, giving appropriate consideration to protected and designated species and designated areas, including Wye and Crundale Downs SAC, NNR and SSSI. The mitigation hierarchy shall be followed to avoid, minimise and, as a last resort, compensate for any identified ecological impacts.**

Complementary National and Local Planning Policies supporting protection of the environment are listed in Table AE1 within Appendix E

5.3 Housing

5.3.1 Scale of housing development

Overall indicative numbers of new houses including all areas of potential change identified in the parish are set out below in Table 5.1. Windfall levels are indicative and are based on the history of development applications in the parish, while change of use numbers include the numbers of college buildings likely to come forward for conversion to dwelling houses from lecture rooms, offices and student accommodation, during the lifetime of the WNP.

Policy WNP9 Scale of housing development

The Neighbourhood Plan proposes the development of approximately 150 dwellings over the period up to 2030 as set out in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 Indicative numbers of dwellings for phased development up to 2030

Development	NP proposals to 2030
WYE1 ^a	27
WYE2 ^b	25
WYE3 ^c	approx. 50
Change of use ^d	approx. 35
Windfall	approx. 15
Total	approx. 150

^a Planning application approved March 2015

^b Planning approved August 2014

^c Subject to masterplan

^d Eight dwellings approved on the Old Brickworks site Nacolts (February 2015).
Permission for one change of use on the east side of the road, was granted October 2014.

The construction of approximately 150 new dwellings in total proposes an increase of c. 15% in housing numbers within the plan period 2014-2030. The Plan accepts that these numbers will increase traffic significantly in Wye and on the surrounding access roads, but consider that the impact of building *up to* the numbers specified will not be severe (see BD4). The high numbers allocated to Change of use is considered realistic given the developments already under consideration by Telereal Trillium for Wolfson House (Upper Bridge St), Carruthers House, Bexley House and Wolfson Lecture Theatre (High St) and, significantly, unused Edwardian buildings on the WYE3 Campus North site (see site policy WNP11).

The increase in housing proposed equates to about 50 additional dwellings in the Parish every 5 years. This reflects (but is slightly greater than) the recent growth in the Wye housing stock since the 1970s and the long held approach to quanta of development in this parish adopted by the Local Planning Authority (see BD5). This figure takes into account the need to use land to provide more employment as well as the suitability of the development of housing given significant infrastructure, landscape and heritage constraints on building within an AONB (see NPPF para 116). Fundamental issues about the suitability of new housing development are the major concern of parishioners. These have already been addressed in Core Policies WNP1a and b (the protection of Wye’s sense of place), WNP2 (design principles) and WNP5 (affordable housing).

In seeking to protect and enhance the character of the village, the incremental development of Wye to reach the targeted number of new dwellings requires an indication of anticipated phasing to minimise impacts on the environment and traffic in particular. Phasing of new development will be essential in order to ensure that the village does not lose its character and that growth is organic. It is considered unrealistic to attempt to phase windfall and change of use sites. The sites allocated in the TRSDPD, WYE1 and WYE2 would be expected to come forward for construction within the first 5 years of the plan, similarly the approved development of nine dwellings on Nacolts brickworks site (as change of use). Completion of building on sites WYE1 and WYE2 is expected to occur within the period 2015-20. In order to control impact on the village, the sites within WYE3 would be expected to be phased later in the plan period to 2030 as outlined in Table 5.2 below. The proposed phasing of Change of use and Windfall sites is included in italics for additional guidance.

Table 5.2 Indication of anticipated phasing of the completion of dwellings

Site	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	Total
WYE1	27	-	-	27
WYE2	25	-	-	25
WYE3	-	50		50
<i>Change of use</i>	15	10	10	35
<i>Windfall</i>	5	5	5	15
Total	72	80		152

Note that the numbers for WYE3, Change of use and Windfall are approximate, as shown in Table 5.1

The impact of development will be assessed every 5 years to ensure that the village infrastructure is able to absorb the new housing in addition to increased business activity.

5.3.2 Tenure and housing type

The household survey (BD1) identified a strong preference for a balanced mix of housing types (tenure and size) in any development, as supported by CS13. In conjunction with surveys carried out through the “Our Place” project (BD10), results indicate a growing need for housing with enhanced ease of access. These views are reflected in the new mobility standards issued by ABC, and these are fully supported by WNP.

The household survey also showed strong support for the provision of super-fast broadband in Wye (see BD1). A high proportion of residents work from home either full or part-time. Wherever possible it is desirable that new development should be accessible to the super-fast broadband network.

5.3.3 *Density and Layout*

Workshops strongly supported the guidance expressed in the Village Design Statement. Housing density has been identified as a critical issue for any new developments, particularly on the edge of the village. The importance of green routes through the village to preserve character and link amenity spaces has been to the forefront of workshop discussions on the environment. The development of village infrastructure that supports the Core policies WNP1b and WNP2 is reinforced by WNP10.

Policy WNP10 *Density and layout*

- **Densities should reflect the existing pattern of housing at 20-30 dwellings per hectare (outside the higher densities at the core of the village). Densities of below 20dph will be acceptable in developments on the edge of the village.**
- **Development will be encouraged to provide links with safe walking and cycling routes to the village centre, facilitating access to schools, the surrounding countryside and station - minimising the need for car use. The loss of existing footpaths and cycleways will be resisted. New development should be built round the idea of a walkable village with integrated adequate pathways directly connecting to the centre of the village.**
- **Major developments should be designed to provide new green amenity spaces, reflecting and extending the existing network of accessible green space running through the village.**

*WNP housing policies provide local focus and complement **NPPF** Core principles – the delivery of homes, promotion of mixed use and using brownfield land, and Sustainability policies 5 and 6; and **Core Strategy 2008** CS1 guiding principles C and F, CS2 Borough wide strategy and support CS6 The rural settlement hierarchy.*

6. Site Policies

The sites submitted for allocation in the TRSDPD are shown in Figure 2.8. These sites were also considered in the preparation of the WNP. The conclusions reached in the TRSDPD and from the WNP site selection process, are summarised in Table 2.1. During preparation of the WNP, planning permission was granted for 27, 25 and 9 dwellings on WYE1, WYE2, and the Nacolts brickworks sites respectively. Background information on these sites is provided in BD13.

In addressing the allocation of land for additional development the NP has considered the following

- The availability of brownfield sites (see BD12)
- Alternative uses for built areas
- Designation of the village envelope (Policy WNP1a)
- Appropriate housing densities (see Policies WNP2 and WNP10)

With regard to previously developed or brownfield land, the former landholdings of Imperial College London at Wye, now acquired by Telereal Trillium, represent the key areas with potential for redevelopment in the parish.

6.1 The former Imperial College London Campus at Wye, the WYE3 site

For many years the economic and social vitality of the parish was focused around the presence of Wye College. The redevelopment of the former college site (WYE3) therefore represents a tremendous opportunity to shape Wye for the future, preserving and enhancing the vitality and sustainability of the historic village and surrounding Parish. In particular, there has been a long-standing commitment from both the borough and parish council to continuing the original and long-established educational use of this site and this has been strongly endorsed through Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires (BD1 and BD2).

The college land holdings in the village are shown in Figure 6.1. To the west of Olantigh Road lie the historic college buildings, laboratories and student's union building (described here as the Main campus). To the east are the Kempe Centre, glasshouses, a number of other smaller buildings, including some housing and further north the derelict ADAS site. To the east of the village (off the map) along Scotton Street/Coldharbour Lane is Withersdane Hall and a number of other buildings including student accommodation. The combined area of these three sites is approximately 25 hectares. The landscape of the college landholding is particularly varied, encompassing formal gardens, campus recreation space, agriculture, parkland and woodland. The designation of brown- and greenfield sites in WYE3 is shown in BD12.



Fig 6.1 WYE3 sites (inside the red line) within the village. Note that Withersdane lies to the east along Scotton St (see Figure 2.1b)

6.1.1 Main campus

The historic college buildings The medieval and Edwardian buildings form a significant and highly attractive part of the village centre. The buildings, some of which are Grade I and Grade II listed, make a major contribution to Wye's distinctive character. This site is a densely arranged cluster of interlocking buildings that range from the 15th to early 20th centuries. The buildings are arranged around external courtyards (see Fig 6.2) and are an integral part of the historic core of Wye and its Conservation Area.

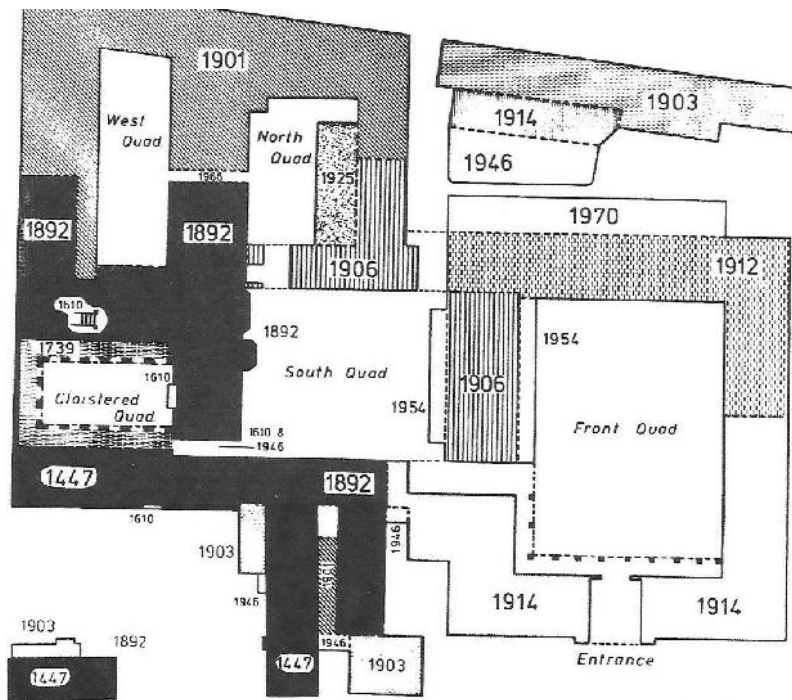


Figure 6.2 Main campus listed buildings with dates of construction noted

The laboratories and Students Union The laboratories along Olantigh Rd with an attractive façade, are connected to the historic buildings but more loosely arranged around outside spaces. The adjacent Students Union is at the edge of the site to the north beyond a small car park and is now derelict.

Occupation Road The buildings to either side of Occupation Road are set in more open greenfield landscape context. The site includes the Kempe Centre, a modern former library and IT complex currently occupied by Wye School, and a mix of farmland, small scale housing, ageing glasshouses and industrial/commercial premises. The area to the south is covenanted for horticultural use. The Hop Garden field lies between the buildings and the ADAS site.

6.1.2 Withersdane Hall

The Withersdane site is isolated from the village to the east and protected from view by a woodland landscape. The site contains an unlisted Victorian period house, Withersdane. This house is connected to a series of student accommodation buildings. The site also contains clusters of houses to the north east corner that previously housed staff and postgraduate students. The buildings are set within mature, locally protected, landscaped gardens. These are particularly well preserved to the southern half of the site where a large lawned area opens to southern views across the Stour Valley agricultural lands.

6.1.3 ADAS site

The former ADAS site (Agricultural Development and Advisory Service) is located to the north of the village and contains another group of mixed office and laboratory buildings that are in disrepair. This overgrown site also contains woodlands containing memorial trees, an Arboretum and agricultural land. Usage of this complex declined rapidly from the mid-1990s when ADAS activities were relocated to Cambridge.

- This site was considered by the Parish for residential development (see 2.4.4). However, it lies well outside the 5 minute walking distance from the village centre.

6.2 WYE3 Planning Policy Context

Both the Ashford Core Strategy (paragraph 6.27) and the TRSDPD highlight the importance of the educational facilities at Wye College, not just to the local economy of Wye but the wider economy of the Borough. The TRSDPD advocates a properly masterplanned approach to the future of the College facilities given their local importance. The outcome should inform the formal review of the Core Strategy and subsequently, the review of the DPD. The current policy position with regard to the former Wye College Campus and its future development options is set out in Policy WYE3 of the TRSDPD:

Policy WYE 3 - Imperial College, Wye

The long term future of the buildings, facilities and land at Imperial College campus in Wye (as shown on the Proposals Map as WYE3) shall be the subject of an active and comprehensive marketing campaign for educational and related research and business uses for a minimum continuous period of 6 months with the aim of securing a future for such uses on all or part of the campus.

If the marketing campaign demonstrates that such uses are not possible on all or part of the WYE3 area, then a masterplanning exercise encompassing all of the WYE3 area shall be undertaken in order to establish the nature, scale, location and mix of any alternative uses to deliver a high quality, mixed use development. This exercise should inform the first review of the Core Strategy to be adopted prior to the end of 2014 or, alternatively, a formal review of this policy or the adoption of a SPD based on the agreed masterplan.

In the meantime, the main educational uses of the campus shall be retained and any development functionally related to the continuation of those uses or the associated agricultural, horticultural or employment uses taking place on the land either side of Occupation Road will be acceptable in principle subject to:-

- a. the scale, design and use being compatible with the character of the area and not being visually intrusive within the AONB; and,*
- b. the development not generating an unacceptable level, or type, of traffic;*
- c. the development not generating an unacceptable level, or type of noise or disturbance, or loss of residential amenity.*

Development proposals that would prejudice the potential future use of the campus for educational uses and related research and business uses prior to the conclusion of the comprehensive and active marketing campaign referred to above will not be acceptable.

Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD (2010) Policy WYE3

The NPPF, para 116 demonstrates the caution required in determining the scale of development on a site such as WYE3 within the AONB stating.....

Planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas (AONBs) except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest. Consideration of such applications should include an assessment of:

- *the need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations, and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy;*
- *the cost of, and scope for, developing elsewhere outside the designated area, or meeting the need for it in some other way; and*
- *any detrimental effect on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated.*

The overall scale of developments proposed in the parish including the WYE3 component has been assessed through the SEA (BD9). WNP complements ABC's Core Strategy Review and the TRSDPD, and has been developed in cognisance of ICL's proposed masterplan.

6.3 Background to the provision of education, commercial, community infrastructure facilities and housing on WYE3

6.3.1 Education

Following a successful application to the DfE, Wye Free School, now known as Wye School, has been established on the WYE3 site. The secondary school opened in September 2013 in the Kempe Centre building that was modified for conversion into temporary school accommodation. A hard play area has been established on the adjacent land previously used as a car park. The school has a three form entry in year 7 and will have a maximum of 600 pupils at full capacity, indicating an expected loss of some sixth form students in time. Wye College sports field is currently used by the school, in a sharing arrangement with Wye Monarchs Football Club.

The WNP supports the location of the school on the WYE3 site. The school has planning permission to operate from the adapted Kempe Centre building for 3 years. The EFA, United Learning and Telereal Trillium have agreed that, subject to planning permission, Wye School will be permanently located in the former Kempe Centre building with additional buildings to be constructed, together with new playing fields, to support its expansion.

6.3.2 Commercial

Currently there are small units based in portakabin-like buildings along Occupation Rd that support a range of businesses (designation B6). These provide a good mix of employment opportunities and if renewed and replaced, would provide an attractive component of the eastern entrance into Wye from the North Downs Way. An additional area of land to the south of Occupation Road is currently in commercial use focused on biological control of plant pests. This work generates a number of employment opportunities and is encouraged to continue in Wye. Some rationalisation of the space allocated for horticultural business is recommended in order to improve the facilities available. The location of the workshops and horticultural businesses is also shown in Figure 6.1.

Withersdane lies outside the walkable village. The results of the WNP questionnaire supported the establishment of a care home or clinic on the site which was formerly used, for the most part, as student accommodation (see BD1 questionnaire results) given that such a development would bring employment to the Parish. Such support is on the condition that any such re-use is of an appropriate scale that would not have a harmful impact on traffic flows along Scotton Street which has very limited capacity. The gardens of Withersdane House are locally listed as a Historic Park/Garden and the WNP therefore seeks to encourage the gardens to be open to the public on certain times of the year. Footpath links between Withersdane and the village should be upgraded to allow mobility scooter access. ICL have adopted this approach with the current proposed use as a clinic being put in place.

6.3.3 Community infrastructure

The location of the Main campus part of the college in the heart of the village of Wye makes it an appropriate location for community use. A detailed plan of the Campus North site is given in Figure 6.2 with dates of construction indicated.

The Campus Community Project (Appendix B) provides details on how the Grade I listed buildings might be developed with various sources of funding including the Heritage Lottery Fund. Some examples of potential developments are given here.

- The setting up of a visitors centre for walkers, cyclists and tourists
- The opening of the nationally important historic buildings to the public and for exhibitions
- The relocation of the Wye public library looking for larger premises in the village
- The provision of a community café and day centre (see Our Place)
- The provision of a venue for weddings and events in the period rooms and old hall (this use was successful when the College was functioning)
- The provision of permanent space and meeting rooms for various community groups currently lacking a place of their own
- Access to the buildings for a meeting place for the Church including the chapel
- Use of the Old Hall for concerts and gatherings
- Use of the Old Lecture Theatre as a cinema (there is an existing cinema club using part of the village hall).
- Accommodation on the first floor would be used to support residential courses eg summer schools and field courses.

6.3.4 Housing

The Russell Labs and Students Union building on Olantigh Rd are in disrepair and of little architectural merit. Demolition of the current buildings would enable this part of the College site, which is sustainably located on the edge of the walkable village, to be redeveloped for housing. Highway calming measures would be required to be delivered here as part of any such redevelopment to mark the entrance to the village and reduce the speed of vehicles commensurate with the pedestrian use of this area in particular by children attending the secondary school.

Policy WNP11 is flexible with respect to the location of housing on other parts of the WYE3 site, but defines the quantum of new build appropriate.

6.4. WNP Policy for WYE3

One of the core objectives of the WNP (Objective 6; Core Policy WNP6) is to achieve a mixed use redevelopment of WYE3 in order to ensure the continued viability of the village and a thriving sustainable community here. It is apparent from our questionnaire returns that the major concerns for the Parish arising from any redevelopment of such a significant landholding in this relatively modest-sized village are,

- the impact of the proposed redevelopment of the WYE3 site on traffic flow (in particular queuing at the level crossing),
- that any additional house building occurs only within walking distance and at the edge of the existing envelope, that is in the region of 400m from the village centre and
- the impact on the environment receives particularly careful consideration as part of the planning application process given the highly protected landscape in which these areas of land lie.

Proposals for the establishment of the Secondary School, new low intensity business opportunities (including the re-use of Withersdane), and provision of community space in the main campus will, taken together, result in a level of traffic equivalent to that from the earlier activity at the College (see Section 2.1.4 and BD4) and have, therefore, received support from the community as part of the preparation of WNP. The establishment of the school in particular, is an exciting development that will maintain Wye's heritage as a centre of learning. However, it is recognised that even with these developments there will remain some redundant brownfield land within WYE3 where new housing may represent the most appropriate land use in some areas.

It is essential that the WYE3 site is considered as a whole and that its redevelopment is the subject of an inclusive masterplan approach in the first instance and is compliant with Policy WNP11. Piecemeal applications should not come forward if they will prejudice an integrated solution for what is the major site for development in the village. Policy WNP11 addresses the overall redevelopment of the campus landholding.

Policy WNP11 *The former Imperial College London campus at Wye*

As outlined in Core Policy WNP6, the former Imperial College London landholding at Wye (WYE3) is proposed for a mix of uses, including education, business, community infrastructure and housing. In this regard development proposals for this site shall, subject to viability:

- a) **Provide for the continued use of part of the site for education through the establishment of a secondary school or equivalent activity on the site.**
 - **Any such development should include the adoption of a travel plan to limit the use of cars to bring staff and students to and from the site prior to the commencement of any such development. Detailed design should be submitted to and agreed by the local planning authority and the highways authority for the entrance to the school and the Occupation Rd/Olantigh Rd junction in agreement**

with the developers of the remaining Occupation Rd site prior to the occupation of the buildings for this use.

- b) Redevelop part of the site as a business hub (B1 Office or A2 Research and development).
- c) Retain and enhance the existing commercial land use along the southern side of Occupation Road for employment use (B1).
 - Renovation of the properties here would improve the appearance of the entry route into the village from the North Downs Way.
 - For (b) and (c), adequate parking provision for such commercial floorspace should be provided as part of any such redevelopment.
- d) Incorporate the continued use of the land south of Occupation Rd for horticultural businesses.
- e) Achieve the positive re-use of the Grade 1 and Grade 2 listed, and other unused Edwardian buildings of the former Wye College by a mix of community, residential and business uses.
 - Such development would require provision of a new pedestrian and vehicular access route into the site.
 - Small scale B1 use, live/work units and some residential change of use would also be supported here to encourage the development of a thriving community hub in these historic buildings in the heart of the village.
- f) Retain the Withersdane site for institutional, residential (C2) use, subject to traffic generation being compatible with the highway constraints of Scotton Street and the upgrading of footpath links between the site and the village to ensure mobility scooter access.
- g) Re-develop areas of land not used by the school or business hub for approximately 50 dwellings.
- h) Achieve appropriate reuse of the site of the former ADAS buildings, having regard to the concept of the walkable village.
- i) Pay particular attention to the potential for innovation in materials and form in the design of new buildings, and should where possible embody elements such as green roofs and non-reflective materials to limit the visual impact of additional development here on the surrounding AONB. Any development should provide a connection to the nearest point of adequate capacity in the sewerage network, as advised by Southern Water.
- j) Ensure that all additional landscaping provided across the site is of high quality given its setting within the AONB, is comprised of species native to this area of the Kent Downs and of a design, scale and format appropriate to its setting close to the SAC. Applications should demonstrate how proposed landscaping has been designed to enhance views from the AONB.
- k) Where appropriate, having regard to the statutory requirements, development of WYE3 will be subject to Section 106 agreements to support traffic calming on Olantigh Rd., Scotton Street and Oxenturn Rd., improvement to the village hall complex and the establishment of a day care centre for the elderly (see Appendix B).

WNP policies for the sites in WYE3 complement and conform to the following national and local planning policies -

NPPF Basic Principles- plan led based on a positive local vision, promoting economic development and delivery of homes and infrastructure, promoting the character and vitality of communities, promoting mixed use, conserving heritage, conserving and enhancing the natural environment, using brownfield land, promoting Health and social and cultural well being.

NPPF Sustainability Policies - 1. Building a strong, competitive economy, 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes, 7. Requiring good design, 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment and 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

Core strategy 2008 CS1 guiding principles A-L, Policy CS2 Borough wide strategy, CS17 Tourism, CS18 meeting the communities need.

Saved policies 2000 EN10 Policy 12 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment, EN16 Development in conservation areas.

TRSDPD Policy WYE3

7. Concluding remarks

In summary, the WNP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development in the framework of national and local planning policies by:

- a) protecting the AONB and local habitats by focusing development within the village envelope and by the promotion of the use, recovery and restoration of previously developed sites;
- b) protecting community assets that enhance the quality of life in Wye village;
- c) locating new development within easy walking distance of existing village facilities, close to bus stops, to minimise traffic congestion and thus the related emissions and pedestrian safety concerns;
- d) protecting and enhancing the historic environment of Wye by encouraging high quality development that responds to the distinctive, Kent Downs character and protecting open spaces within the built up area and
- e) encouraging flexible working in the parish by improving the electronic infrastructure, promoting sites for commercial development and educational use, by allocating new housing, helping local businesses and organisations.

8. Acknowledgments

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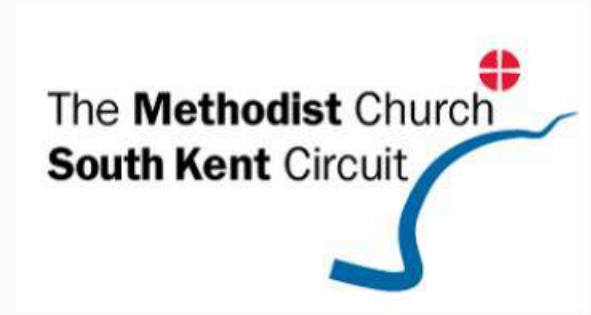
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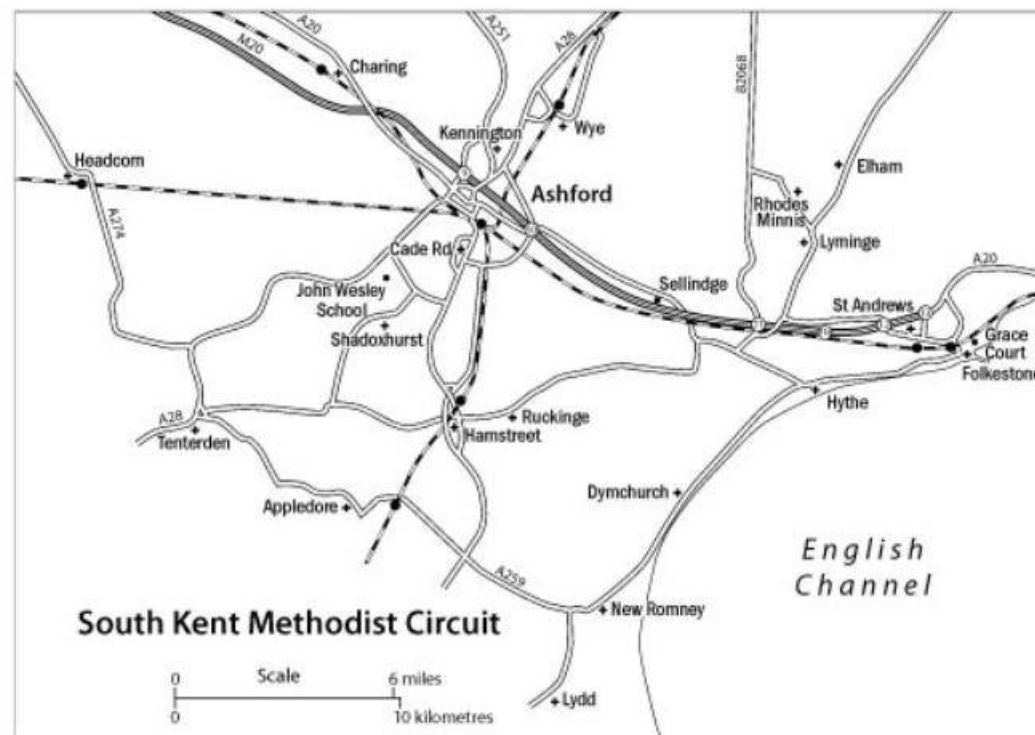


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Wye

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The first chapel was erected in 1824 and replaced by the present one in 1869. In that form it continued until 1979 when a major renovation took place. This maintained the external appearance but allowed a considerable reordering of the interior so as to meet modern needs. From 1980 onwards there have been all manner of further internal alterations and improvements which have added to its amenity and increased its usefulness.

Today, the Methodist Church in Wye provides not only worship but functions in an expressly ecumenical context and provides, too, a social centre for all manner of organisations.

Location:

Bridge Street
Wye
TN25 5DP

Minister:

[Rev H Hollands](#)

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Afternoon Worship:

4:00pm – Cafe style church with a short service from 5pm.

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Tea Service

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WYE

Church Details

Location

Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5DP

From Ashford take the A28 towards Canterbury and turn right at the sign for Wye. Over the level crossing and bridge over the river. Follow the one way system up Churchfield Way until you come to the Parish Church on the left. Turn right into Church Street and the Methodist Church is immediately in front of you at the end of Church Street.

Afternoon Worship 4.00pm

Type of Service

Café style Church starting with tea and cakes in the Wesley Room followed by a talk or presentation. At about 5 o'clock move into the church for a short service of readings, prayers and no more than 2 hymns with the aim of finishing no later than 5:30pm

Number in congregation

10 to 15

Congregational profile

mainly elderly

Holy Communion

A shortened form of Communion is held normally on the second Sunday of the month (see Plan for details) in place of the time of readings and prayers. There is a communion rail in the church.

Resources

Hymn books

Hymns and Psalms, Methodist Hymn Book, Songs of Fellowship

CCL licence N^o

No

Pew Bibles

No

Service books

Methodist Worship Book

Music

Organ in the church, piano in the Wesley Room

PA/sound system

T-loop in the church

Projection equipment

Portable screen, slide and or data projector are available

Worship Leaders

No

Readers

Yes

General Information

Seating

Chairs

Service conducted from.

Lectern or pulpit as preferred

Pre-service contact

Dr Paul Burnham 01233 812784

Notices

read by the steward at the start of the church service during the church service

Collection

Congregational prayer requests.

Will be given to worship leader before the church service

Toilets

Adjacent to the vestry and in the main foyer (including disabled facilities)

Refreshments

Part of the regular programme

Disabled Access

Through side door into the vestry

Car parking

There is parking for up to 5 cars at the rear of the church, or turn left at the end of Church Street and park in Oxenturn Road which is the first turning on the right

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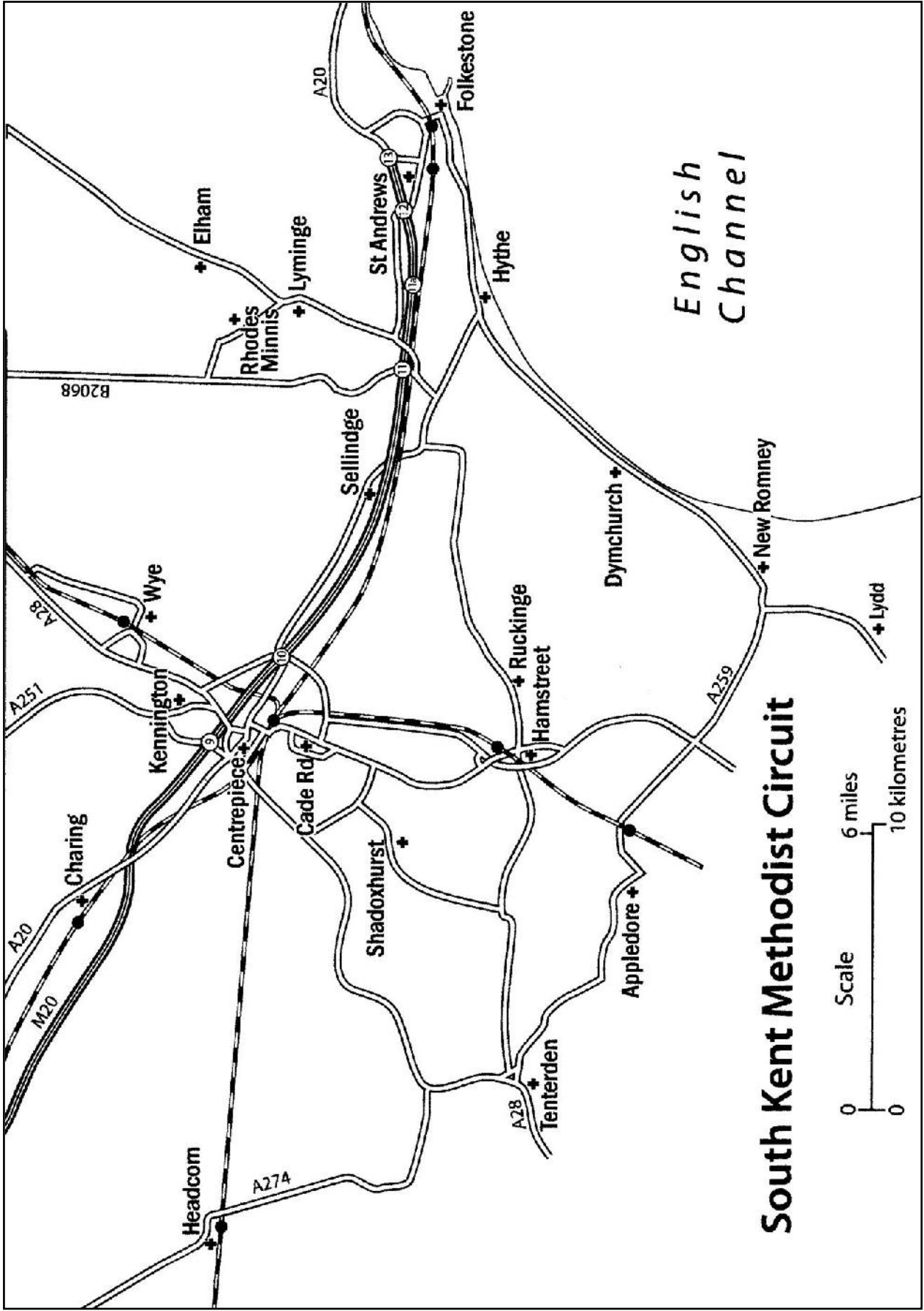
5th September 2021 / [INFORMATION](#)

The members of Charing Methodist Church were glad to return to worship in their redecorated building this morning. This was their first service since the first Covid lockdown, wonderful to see everyone, and to remember those who are no longer with us. A lively service was led by Mr Hugh Burnham.

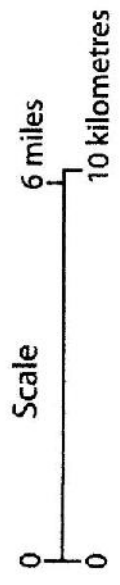
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APPLEDORE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Church Details

Location The Street, Appledore, TN26 2AE
Appledore is on the B2080 which runs from the roundabout at the junction of the A259 and A2070 at Brenzett to Tenterden. It is approximately 6 miles from Tenterden and 4 miles from Brenzett. The chapel is on the right coming from Tenterden opposite the village Post Office.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 3 to 5 though can be up to 8
Congregational profile Elderly
Holy Communion The Tuesday following the second Sunday in the month at 11:45am

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms
CCL licence N^o No
Pew Bibles Yes - NIV
Service books Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Piano
PA/sound system None
Projection equipment None
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern
Pre-service contact Mrs Brenda Fazzani 01233 758322
Notices Read by steward to suit preachers
Collection To suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests Information provided by steward
Toilets At rear of church through the kitchen
Refreshments None
Disabled Access None
Car parking There is a free public car park behind the village hall which is 200 yds from the church on the same side of the road as the church. It is often possible to park in the road opposite the church.

CADE ROAD – URC/METHODIST

Church Details

Location Cade Road, Ashford, TN23 6JE
The church is on the corner of Kingsnorth Road and Cade Road. Coming from Folkestone take the M20 and exit at junction 10. Take the first exit from the roundabout, the A2070, following the signs to the International Station. At the second roundabout take the second exit, Malcolm Sargent Road and at the next roundabout take the first exit. At the next roundabout, take the second exit and continue straight on across the next roundabout and Cade Road is on the right just past the 'best-one' supermarket on the left.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional but open to more modern service style. Duty Steward starts the service with a welcome to the preacher and any special notices. The Steward will read a call to worship if required.

Number in congregation 15 – 20+
Congregational profile Ages from 1 to 80+ majority elderly

Evening Service 6.30pm

Type of service Traditional; duty Steward starts the service with a welcome to the preacher and any special notices. The Steward will read a call to worship if required.

Number in congregation 10 – 15 mainly elderly (half also attend in morning)
Holy Communion There is no communion rail; the elements are taken to the congregation in their seats in the URC tradition

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Complete Mission Praise
CCL licence N^o 6597
Pew Bibles NIV bibles are available for use by the congregation
Service books Methodist Service Book
Music Organ in the morning, usually piano in the evening
PA/sound system No
Projection equipment Digital projector used during morning services
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern
Pre-service contact Worship – Mrs L Charnley 01233 629611
Music – am Mrs J Britton 01233 629611
pm Mrs V Lamport 01303 253241
Notice Weekly printed notices
Collection taken to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests Duty Steward will advise before the service
Toilets in corridor outside the worship area
Refreshments served in the main hall after the morning service
Disabled Access Yes
Car parking To side of church

CENTREPIECE - METHODIST/URC

Church Details

Location Bank Street, Ashford, TN23 1BA

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Normally traditional format with children present for the first part of the service. A children's address is required. A choir can take part in the service should the preacher so desirers. There is also a worship group who will help if required.

Number in congregation adults 30 to 50, children 4 to12

Congregational profile children 3 to 11, adults, young adults to 60+

Holy Communion both the Methodist and URC forms of communion are used depending on who is leading worship

Messy Church 4.00pm Meets on the first Sunday of each month

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Songs of Fellowship, others hymns can be projected by request

CCL licence N^o 43327

Pew Bibles Yes, Good News

Service books Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book

Music Organ or piano

PA/sound system T loop/PA system with fixed microphone in pulpit and a movable one at front of church

Projection equipment video projector

Worship Leaders Yes

Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs

Service conducted from. Pulpit or at front of Church

Pre-service contact Susie Sharp 01233 666505

Notices Printed notices

Collection To suit preacher – offertory prayer given by a Church Elder

Congregational prayer requests. Information given to the preacher as part of the offertory

Toilets Yes, disabled toilet on ground floor off coffee bar.

Refreshments Normally served in the Coffee Bar after the service

Disabled Access By a ramp at front of church into entrance hall then lift to Church

Car parking. There is parking for 5 to 6 cars at the rear of the church. The duty steward will unlock a parking bay if it is required. Alternatively you should use the pay and display Town Centre car parks.

CHARING

Church Details

Location Station Road, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0JA
The church is on the corner of Station Road and the A20 Maidstone Road opposite the Queens Head public house at the traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional, the last Sunday of each month is normally either a praise or discussion service – see Plan for details
Number in congregation 18 to 20
Congregational profile mainly mid to elderly age group plus 6 children aged 2 to 15
Holy Communion communion rail

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship, Sing to God
CCL licence N^o None
Pew Bibles Yes – Good News
Service books communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Organ/piano, a small music group is also available for some services
PA/sound system OHP/screen.
Projection equipment Video projector by prior arrangement.
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern
Pre-service contact Miss Elizabeth Ellen – 01233 712563
Notices read by steward to suit preacher
Collection taken by children before they leave for Sunday School
Congregational prayer requests. Steward will notify preacher before the service
Toilets Yes – behind school room
Refreshments coffee is served after communion services and after the service on the last Sunday of the month
Disabled Access yes
Car parking. A small public car park is available in Station Road almost opposite the church. If this is full we have permission to use the Doctors Surgery car park which is accessed via the entrance to the Railway Station/Hither Field which is further up Station Road from the small public car park.

DYMCHURCH

Church Details

Location High St, Dymchurch, TN29 OTD
on the corner of A259 Hythe Road and Chapel Road adjacent
to central car park opposite the City of London public house

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 12 to 18+
Congregational profile mainly elderly – during the summer there are sometimes
visitors but very seldom are there children
Holy Communion kneel or stand at Communion rail

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Hymns & Songs, Partners in Praise
CCL licence N^o No
Pew Bibles No – limited number at back of church NEB
Service books Methodist Worship Book & Methodist Service Book
Music Organ
PA/sound system T Loop with microphones in pulpit and at lectern
Projection equipment none
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews
Service conducted from. Either pulpit or lectern
Pre-service contact Mr Terry Preston – readings and hymns 01303 873647
Notices read by Steward either at beginning of service or before the
collection to suit preacher
to suit preacher
Collection Steward will inform preacher before service
Congregational prayer requests. opposite the Minister's vestry behind the schoolroom
Toilets sometimes served after service during summer months
Refreshments via ramp at front of church
Disabled Access There is a public pay and display car park adjacent to church.
Car parking. Between October and April preachers can park in Chapel Road
free of charge at other times they can use the car park in front
of the Roman Catholic Church by courtesy of the church which
is at the far end of Chapel Road.

ELHAM

Church Details

Location High Street, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TA
Coming into Elham from Lyminge go past Elham Primary School on the right. The church is an imposing building on left hand side of the High Street about 100 yds up the hill from the Abbots Fireside Hotel & Restaurant

Morning Worship 9.30am

Type of Service traditional
There is a small village ecumenical Sunday School that meets at another location in the village. They take it in turns to join the service at the Parish Church or the Methodist Church at planned intervals for the last 5 or 10 minutes of the service. Preachers will be informed in advance by a church steward when it is the turn of the Methodist Church to host the children and young people. You are asked to endeavour to try and include them in some way in the closing part of the service.

Number in congregation 12 to 22
Congregational profile mainly elderly but 3 young families with nine children between 11 and 20 years old

Holy Communion fixed rail which takes 16 communicants, celebrant serves bread and wine to all in turn. If the congregation is more than 14 or so then a Communion Steward will assist by distributing the wine.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Songs of Praise
CCL licence N^o 571442
Pew Bibles Yes - various
Service books Yes – Methodist Worship Book
Music normally organ but a piano is available
PA/sound system T-loop with mike on stand at the lectern but not in the pulpit
Projection equipment No
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews and chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit
Pre-service contact Mr Mark Rutherford – 01303 840063
Notices printed notices
Collection to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Stewards will give details to the preacher before the service
Toilets one only off the church hall. No disabled facilities
Refreshments served in the church hall after service on the 1st Sunday in the month and for special services

Disabled Access no disabled access, steps up to church and adjacent hall
Car Parking on street parking, there is a free public car park about 300 yds down the hill on the left in Pound Lane near the Parish Church

FOLKESTONE – SANGATE ROAD

Church Details

Location 155 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2DA
On the seaward side of Sandgate Road just up from the Lees Cliff Hall public car park opposite the Clock Tower and Gardens

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 35 to 40
Congregational profile mainly elderly
Holy Communion There is a communion rail. Congregation come to rail as directed by the Stewards.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Songs of Fellowship
CCL licence N° 153042
PRS N° 453917
Pew Bibles No – there is a selection of Bibles in the foyer for congregational use
Service books Methodist Worship Book
Music Organ or Piano, if no person to play then 'No Organist – No Trouble' CD set is used.
PA/sound system T-loop with microphones at lectern and pulpit, also radio mike
Projection equipment none
Worship Leaders no
Readers yes

General Information

Seating chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit, duty steward does a welcome at the start of the service
Pre-service contact Mr Richard McLellan 01303 255294, hymns and readings
Notices Printed notices
Collection to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Prayer request book given to preacher at start of service
Toilets yes – disabled toilets in ladies
Refreshments coffee after service on 2nd Sunday in the month
Disabled Access via ramp at front of church also ramp to toilets
Car parking. There is a small car park in front of the church. There is also some on street park opposite the church and in the side streets which is not time limited on a Sunday. There is also the Lees Hall car pay and display car park just up the road from the church.

GRACE COURT – METHODIST HOMES

Church Details

Location.

Grace Hill, Folkestone, CT20 1HG

A Methodist Homes sheltered accommodation complex of 27 flats.

Evening Worship 5:00pm

Type of Service

Services are normally held once a fortnight with one service per month being a communion service. The informal style service is held in the resident's lounge lasting no more than 40 to 45 minutes consisting of a maximum of 3 hymns, a reading, a short talk and prayers.

Number in congregation,

the congregation is made up of residents and their visitors and sometimes members from local churches in the Circuit so numbers vary widely.

Congregational profile

mainly elderly

Resources

Hymn books

Hymns and Psalms

Service books

Methodist Worship Book

Music

Piano

PA/sound system

There is no PA system so please speak clearly so residents can hear

General Information

Seating

chairs in an informal arrangement

Service conducted from.

From table front

Pre-service contact

hymn numbers to Mrs M Griggs 01303 267041 or Mrs M Sidders

Notices & Collection

there are no formal notices as residents exchange information verbally.

Congregational prayer requests.

Up to preacher to ask for concerns before prayers are said a toilet is located opposite the entrance to the flats

Toilets

Car parking.

There is a small resident's parking area behind the flats which is accessed from the one way system via a slip road which is on the right as you go round the bend opposite the Canterbury Christ Church University complex.

HAMSTREET - METHODIST/ANGLICAN

Church Details

Location The Street, Hamstreet, Ashford, TN26 2HG
Coming from Ashford on the A2070 take the exit signed for the B2067 for Tenterden & Hamstreet and at the top of the exit road turn left across the bridge and down the hill past Hamstreet School and the railway station. Continue straight on across the cross road with the B2067 and the church is on the right next to the 'McColl's' supermarket. Coming from the Folkestone area either take the M20 to junction 10 and follow the above instructions or take the B2067 from Lympne which will bring you out in Hamstreet opposite the playing fields and car park and the church is just up on the left.

Morning Worship 10.00am

Type of Service 1st Sunday – Methodist style communion
2nd Sunday – All age family worship
3rd Sunday – Anglican style communion
4th Sunday – Morning worship normally taken by a Local Preacher
5th Sunday – see Preaching Plan for details
Number in congregation 20 to 30
Congregational profile 20 to 80+ (a few primary age children may be present)
Holy Communion served at communion rail. Bread and wine consumed as received then wait at rail till all those at the rail have received then return to seats after the dismissal prayer.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Mission Praise
CCL licence N^o Yes
Pew Bibles No
Service books Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Small music group or 'No Organist, No Problem' CD set.
PA/sound system T-loop system with suspended microphone and lectern mike
Projection equipment no but a screen is available if required
Worship Leaders Yes
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern or portable stand
Pre-service contact David Smith 01233 732368
Notices Printed notices
Collection taken during service to suit preach
Congregational prayer requests. Preacher to request before service from stewards
Toilets at rear of church through school room
Refreshments served in church after service
Disabled Access level access to front of church and to side of church for the toilets
Car parking. Large public car park adjacent to playing fields about 150 yds on the right past the church.

HEADCORN

Church Details

Location 2 High Street , Headcorn, TN27 9NE
Headcorn is on the A274 midway between Tenterden and Maidstone. The church is at west end of High Street coming from Tenterden, where A274 turns north into North Street (next to Parish Church). The fastest route from the Folkestone area is via the M20 leaving at junction 8 following the signs for Leeds Castle. Turn right onto the B2163 through Leeds until you reach the cross roads with the A274 at Langley by the Plough Inn. Turn left onto the A274 and follow this road through Sutton Valance. The Methodist Church is right in front of you as you come down the hill into the centre of Headcorn. There is a shorter cross country route via the M20 junction 9, the A20 towards Maidstone, Hothfield, Pluckley and Smarden Bell.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation Around 12 but can be between 8 to 18
Congregational profile Mainly 60+, with one young family (not always present). Some time with the (young) children is appreciated.
Holy Communion The congregation gather as a whole to kneel at the communion rail. The elements are each distributed to all, and taken together

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms
CCL licence N^o None
Pew Bibles None though various bibles are available
Service books Holy Communion supplement from Methodist Worship Book
Music Organ or piano
PA/sound system T-loop with fixed microphones at pulpit and lectern, also radio mike
Projection equipment None
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews
Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit to suit preacher
Pre-service contact Mrs Angela Donovan 01622 891440 for hymns. Readers are generally found on the morning if required
Notices Read by Steward to suit preach
Collection During service to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. No system, but any special needs would be told to preacher beforehand
Toilets Off schoolroom at rear of church
Refreshments One or two Sundays a month, in the schoolroom after service
Disabled Access By ramp at front of church, or to schoolroom at rear (so prior warning would be appreciated if possible)
Car parking. There is no off street parking.
There are parking bays along the High Street and in North Street, and time restrictions do not apply on Sundays. There is a short stretch of unrestricted parking in North Street, and more parking bays in Kings Road (1st right along North Street). *The road between the church and the Parish Church is usually full!* If all else fails, there is a "Pay and display" car park behind Sainsbury's, 300m before the church.

HYPHE

Church Details

Location Rampart Road, Hythe, CT 21 5BG
On the main road through Hythe opposite Stade Street which leads down to the sea.

Morning Worship 11.00am

Type of Service 1st Sunday Joint Anglican Methodist Worship
2nd Sunday Anglican sung Matins, with shortened Communion
3rd Sunday Joint Anglican Methodist Worship
4th Sunday Methodist communion Service
5th Sunday as 2nd Sunday

Number in congregation 30-50
Congregational profile Mainly elderly
Holy Communion At the Methodist Communion the Celebrant hands the bread to stewards who distribute to each person. When all have received everyone eats together, likewise with the wine. Those wishing to receive communion at the rail are then invited to do so and the elements are distributed in the usual way with a final prayer of dismissal.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Old Power Praise
CCL licence N^o 1363707
Pew Bibles Yes, NIV
Service books Methodist Worship Book
Music Normally provided by an organ
PA/sound system T loop system with fixed microphone at lectern and pulpit
Projection equipment None available
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews
Service conducted from. Normally from the lectern although a pulpit is available
Pre-service contact Mrs June Coles 01303 230439 for readings. Mrs. Molly Griggs 01303 267041 for hymns.

Notices There will be weekly printed notices. The duty steward will read out any other notices at the start of the service and light a candle to signify the start of the Service.

Offertory Taken during the service to suit the preacher.
Congregational prayer requests. If there are any they will be given to the preacher at the start of the service.

Toilets Yes, including a disabled toilet available off both church halls.
Refreshments Occasionally served after the service in the church hall.
Disabled Access Is via a slope at the front of the Church along the corridor and left into the Church..

Car parking. There is a small car park at the rear of the Church which should be available each Sunday for 5 or 6 cars which is accessed from Chapel Street which is a one way street eastwards. To get there pass the Church in Rampart Road and turn left and follow left down Bank Street to the High Street. Turn left down the one way High Street, along to the end and turn left and then left again into Chapel Street and the Church car park is along the end on your right. There is a public car park in front of Aldi's but a payment must be made. Alternatively turn into Stade Street which is opposite the Church and across the canal bridge where free parking is available.

KENNINGTON - URC/METHODIST

Church Details

Location Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford TN24 9AJ
Coming from the centre of Ashford take the A28 towards Canterbury and then the A251 towards Faversham. The church is on the right of the A251 Faversham Road next to the Rose Inn just before you get to Ulley Road

Morning Worship 10.00am

Type of Service Unconventional and flexible. Usually a time of worship lasting about ½ hour led by a member of the congregation, including songs, prayers, a reading and maybe a children's focus. After the children have gone out: further readings, sermon, intercessory prayers. Service frequently include a "Time of Sharing" in the service, when people can contribute testimony or thanksgiving for answered prayer, for example.

Number in congregation
Congregational profile
Holy Communion

12 to 20
A few children, Otherwise middle aged to elderly
No fixed way. Often, the communion table is brought into the centre of the church, and the bread and the wine are taken to people in their seats. There is no communion rail.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Songs of Fellowship (hardback containing numbers 1 -1150). Sounds of Living Water/Fresh Sounds. 1609
CCL licence N^o
Pew Bibles Yes, NIV
Service books Holy Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music A digital piano is available, normally music is provided by Stewart (Saxophone) or Hugh (Guitar)
PA/sound system A single microphone on a stand can be used, but with people sitting so close it is not usually used.
Projection equipment Electrically operated screen, Overhead projector. Stewart and Hugh have laptops and digital projectors which are frequently used – particularly for songs and hymns.
Worship Leaders Yes. Mr. Stewart French.
Readers Yes, most members of the congregation are happy to take part in a service in some way.

General Information

Seating Chairs arranged in a horseshoe – or three sides of a rectangle.
Service conducted from. Normally from the lectern although a pulpit is available.
Pre-service contact Hugh Burnham (01233 812042) or Stewart French (01233 626581)
Notices Are usually given out just before the children go out.
Collection Taken during the service to suit preacher.
Toilets Yes, in the foyer. Including a disabled toilet.
Refreshments Normally served after the service in the church.
Disabled Access Is via a ramp and double-doors at the front of the church into the foyer.
Car parking. There is a car park at the rear of the church for about 10 cars which is accessed from Ulley Road.

LYDD

Church Details

Location New Street, Lydd, Romney Marsh, TN29 9DJ.
Coming from either Folkestone or Ashford leave the A259 at Hammond's Corner and take the B2075 past Lydd Airport. Immediately after crossing the railway bridge bear left past the cemetery. At the round about take the forth exit in to Ness Road. New Street is the third street on the left and the chapel is about 50 yds on the left almost opposite the rear entrance to the Parish Church.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Services are normally held in the church during summer months and in the school room during the winter.

Number in congregation 10 to 14
Congregational profile Mainly elderly between 65 & 95
Holy Communion There is a communion rail in the church. The congregation will come forward as a whole and stand or kneel in an arc at the front of the church. The celebrant will distribute the bread to each person who retains it until all have received and then all eat together after a short verse; likewise for the 'wine'. The celebrant then collects the empty glasses and gives the prayer of dismissal. For united services there may be 2 or more 'rails'.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship
CCL licence N^o No
Pew Bibles Yes, NIV
Service books Holy Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Normally provided by a Digital Hymnal though a piano is available in the school room for services held in there.
PA/sound system T-loop system with fixed microphones at pulpit and lectern
Projection equipment a portable screen is available but no projection equipment
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews in church, chairs in school room
Service conducted from. Normally from the pulpit though a lectern is available
Pre-service contact Mr David Richards 01797 363226
Notices read by steward normally before the collection
Collection taken during the service to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Yes, will be given to the preacher before the start of the service
Toilets Yes, through the kitchen behind the vestry
Refreshments Normally served after the service in the church
Disabled Access via the side door in to the school room
Car parking. There is no car park, park in New Street outside the church

LYMINGE

Church Details

Location Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone, CT18 8JA
Coming from Ashford take the M20 and leave at junction 11 for Hythe. Take the third exit from the roundabout for Hythe and the A20 and then the first turning on the left towards Folkestone. Follow the A20 for about a mile. Here the A20 turns sharp right but carry straight on following the signs to Lyminge. As you enter Lyminge turn left into Mayfield Road and then right into Church Road. The church is on the left opposite the Lyminge Primary School

Morning Worship 11.00am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 30, no children
Congregational profile Adults from 30 to 90
Holy Communion Please contact a church steward for details.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms
CCL licence N^o 1025739
Pew Bibles Yes
Service books Methodist Worship Book
Music Organ
PA/sound system Yes radio mike controlled by sound system at back of church
Projection equipment No
Worship Leaders Yes
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews
Service conducted from. Pulpit or lectern
Pre-service contact Andrew Blanch 01303 863284
Notices read by steward to suit preacher
Collection to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Given to preacher in a book before the service
Toilets in vestry
Refreshments at back of church after service
Disabled Access
Car parking. On street or in school/village car park opposite church

NEW ROMNEY

Church Details

Location High St, New Romney, TN28 8AH
On the corner of the A259 High St and Tritton Lane opposite Romney Grill

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 15 to 20+
Congregational profile Mainly elderly
Holy Communion There is no communion rail in the church. The congregation will come forward as a whole and stand in an arc at the front of the church. The celebrant will distribute the bread to each person who retains it until all have received and then all eat together after a short verse; likewise for the 'wine'. The celebrant then collects the empty glasses and gives the prayer of dismissal.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns & Psalms, Songs of Fellowship 1, 2, 3 & 4.
CCL licence N^o The church does not have a CCL licence.
Pew Bibles Yes, NIV
Service books Holy Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Normally provided by an organ though a piano is available
PA/sound system T loop system with fixed microphone at lectern and pulpit
Projection equipment Overhead projector and portable screen
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews
Service conducted from. Normally from the Lectern although a pulpit is available.
Pre-service contact Mrs June Heath 01797 363873 for hymns and readings
Notices There are printed notices for the month and the duty steward will read out any other notices at the start of the service.
Collection Taken during the service to suit preacher.
Congregational prayer requests. Yes, will be given to the preacher at the start of the service.
Toilets Yes, in vestry also a disabled toilet is available off the church hall.
Refreshments Normally served after the service in the church hall except when there is Holy Communion.
Disabled Access Is via a ramp at the front of the church into the church hall.
Car parking. There is a small car park at the rear of the church for 5 or 6 cars which is accessed from Tritton Lane which is a one way street from Church Road through to the High Street. To get to Church Road follow the Car Park signs at the cross roads by the pedestrian crossing in the High Street, and for Tritton Lane go past the public car park and take the first turning on the left. You can park for free in the High Street opposite the church outside the Nat West bank but parking is limited there to one hour. There is also parking outside Romney Cycles on both sides of the road which has no limit. There is a chargeable public car park in Church Road opposite the Parish Church.

RHODES MINNIS

Church Details

Location Chapel Lane, Rhodes Minnis, Canterbury, CT4 6XR
Approaching Rhodes Minnis from Lyminge you go up Longage Hill for about 1.2 miles to a cross roads where you turn right into White Horse Lane. After about 170 yds turn left into Chapel Lane and the church is on the left next to the village hall

Morning Worship 9.30am

Type of Service Traditional but open to change
Number in congregation 10 to 12+
Congregational profile almost all 60+
Holy Communion served at communion rail

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship 1, 2 & 3
CCL licence N^o no
Pew Bibles no
Service books Methodist Worship Book
Music organ
PA/sound system none as it is a small chapel
Projection equipment none
Worship Leaders no
Readers yes – requires notice

General Information

Seating chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit
Pre-service contact Mrs Daphne Andrews 01303 862865 hymns & readings
Notices read by the steward to suit preacher
Collection during the service to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Not usual
Toilets in the meeting room at the rear of the church
Refreshments served in the meeting room at the rear of the church
Disabled Access one very shallow step to main door to church, ramp to side door to church and meeting room
Car parking. Park in the village hall car park immediately next to the church unless there is an event in the hall; then park in the small car park to the right of the church or on the grass verge outside the church but please leave the lane clear for farm machinery etc. to pass.

RUCKINGE

Church Details

Location Marsh Road, Ruckinge, Ashford, TN26 2NZ
Ruckinge is on the B2067 about 1.5 miles from Hamstreet or 6.5 miles from Lympe. Marsh Road is off the B2067 by the Blue Anchor public house and on the same side of the road as the pub. The church is about 100 yds down Marsh Road from the road junction with the B2067 on the right.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service Informal all age worship following the Roots format
Number in congregation 3 adults plus 3 children/young persons

Afternoon Worship 3.00pm

Type of Service Traditional
Number in congregation 6
Congregational profile 60 to 90
Holy Communion congregation remain seated, celebrant distributes the elements to each person who retains them until all are served when celebrant will invite all to eat/drink; celebrant will then collect glasses

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms
CCL licence N^o no
Pew Bibles yes – Good News
Service books Holy Communion supplement to Methodist Worship Book
Music Organ, piano or digital hymnal
PA/sound system no
Projection equipment no
Worship Leaders no
Readers yes if required

General Information

Seating pews
Service conducted from. pulpit
Pre-service contact Mr Deryck Owen
Notices read by steward as required by preacher
Collection following the notices
Congregational prayer requests. Notified to preacher before the service
Toilets yes accessed through the vestry and kitchen to outside.
Refreshments no
Disabled Access ramp can be placed at front of chapel when required
Car parking. In road alongside the chapel

SELLINDGE

Church Details

Location Main Road, Sellindge, TN25 6EQ
Situated on the main A20 road between Ashford and Folkestone on the right hand side coming from Ashford about 1/4 mile after the Parish Church.

Morning Worship 11.00am

Type of Service Traditional – held in school room through the church to the left
Number in congregation 6 to 8
Congregational profile elderly
Holy Communion there is no communion rail in the school room

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms
CCL licence N^o no
Pew Bibles
Service books Holy Communion supplement to the Methodist Worship Book
Music organ
PA/sound system no
Projection equipment no
Worship Leaders no
Readers yes

General Information

Seating chairs
Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit
Pre-service contact Mr P Shorter 01303 813560
Notices Read by steward
Collection following the notices
Congregational prayer requests. Notified to preacher before the service by steward
Toilets yes outside through kitchen
Refreshments no
Disabled Access no
Car parking. Parking for max of 6 cars beside church

SHADOXHURST

Church Details

Location Church Lane, Shadoxhurst, TN26 1LY.
Church Lane is off the Woodchurch Road going towards Woodchurch through Shadoxhurst just after the Kings Head public house on the same side as the pub. The church is on the right, approx. 200yds from turning, just before a crossroads.

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service A lively, thriving, family church, with various service types. Sunday School meets at same time as main worship, they leave at the second hymn. A children's address is much appreciated by the entire congregation. Preachers must be child friendly, 4-12yr olds present every week. A small group of musicians is available with prior notification for a special occasion.

Number in congregation 23 to 30, always includes children
Congregational profile Babes to the grave (mixture of life long Methodists and new young families)

Holy Communion No rail, groups come to the front, families first, some children share in the bread and wine, and others have a blessing. Each accepts, receives and partakes immediately. Prayer is said as a blessing and dismissal. Church welcomes new initiatives for this service.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship 1, 2, 3 &4.
CCL licence N^o no
Pew Bibles yes - Good News
Service books Holy Communion supplement to the Methodist Worship Book
Music Digital Hymnal
PA/sound system no, only a small building with good acoustics
Projection equipment OHP & screen, digital projector can be made available by prior arrangement

Worship Leaders Yes but Lisa also takes the Sunday School so only available for start of service.

Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs
Service conducted from. Moveable pulpit, or front of church, no lectern available.
Pre-service contact Mrs Lisa Cooper 01233 732178
Notices Given out during the service by one of the Stewards normally before children leave for Sunday School
Collection taken after the notices normally by the children
Congregational prayer requests. No but check with the Steward before the service
Toilets Yes, access is either through the Sunday School room or from the side entrance, not wheelchair friendly
Refreshments Yes, served in the Sunday School room after the service
Disabled Access Yes, there are no steps in the building
Car parking Small hard stand to the side of the church enough for 6 cars otherwise park in the road.

ST ANDREW'S FOLKESTONE

Church Details

Location Surrenden Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, CT19 4DY
On the corner of Surrenden Road at its junction with the A20
Cheriton Road

Morning Worship 10.00am

Type of Service traditional
Number in congregation 40+
Congregational profile mainly elderly but children present for first part of the service
Holy Communion kneel at communion rail

Evening Worship 6.00pm

Type of Service varied
Number in congregation 20+
Congregational profile mainly elderly

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Worship Today
CCL licence N^o 277825
Pew Bibles yes – Good News
Service books Methodist Worship Book
Music organ – Clavinova also available
PA/sound system T-loop with fixed and roving mikes
Projection equipment no
Worship Leaders Yes - 2
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating chairs
Service conducted from. Usually the pulpit but lectern is available
Pre-service contact Mrs Mary Greenhalgh – 01303 276300
Notices printed notices but steward will read any additional notices at
start of the service
Collection to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. Will be given to preacher before the service
Toilets yes – off the linking corridor between church and hall, including
disabled toilet
Refreshments After the morning service in the hall
Disabled Access Yes via side door into the linking corridor between the church
and hall
Car parking Approximately 12 spaces to rear of church including 2 disabled
spaces. Parking is also available in adjoining streets.

TENTERDEN

Church Details

Location West Cross, High Street, Tenterden TN25 5DP
At the west end of Tenterden High Street just before the traffic lights and the left turn (B2082) to Smallhythe

Morning Worship 10.30am

Type of Service traditional
Number in congregation 20+
Congregational profile retired – 60+
Holy Communion There is a communion rail and the congregation is lead forward by the communion steward in groups of about eight. One of the communion stewards is happy to help with the communion. A prayer of dismissal is said after each group has received communion

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Songs of Fellowship
CCL licence N^o no
Pew Bibles Yes - NSRV
Service books Communion supplement to the Methodist Worship Book, old style Methodist service books are available
Music normally organ though a keyboard is also available
PA/sound system T-loop with mikes at lectern and pulpit
Projection equipment No
Worship Leaders No
Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Pews and some upholstered chairs
Service conducted from. Normally from the lectern though a pulpit is available
Pre-service contact Either Mrs Elva Bains 01580 762285 or Mrs Sylvia Dalgarno 01580 764981
Notices printed notices are available and the duty steward will read give a welcome and read out any additional notices at the start of the service
Collection taken to suit preacher
Congregational prayer requests. The duty steward will give any requests to the preacher before the start of the service.
Toilets Yes through the door behind the pulpit
Refreshments Served in the church on the Sundays when there is a communion service
Disabled Access ramp at front of church
Car parking On street parking opposite the church; there are also several pay and display public car parks if there is no space on the street.

WYE

Church Details

Location Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, TN25 5DP
From Ashford take the A28 towards Canterbury and turn right at the sign for Wye. Over the level crossing and bridge over the river. Follow the one way system up Churchfield Way until you come to the Parish Church on the left. Turn right into Church Street and the Methodist Church is immediately in front of you at the end of Church Street.

Afternoon Worship 4.00pm

Type of Service Café style Church starting with tea and cakes in the Wesley Room followed by a talk or presentation. At about 5 o'clock move into the church for a short service of readings, prayers and no more than 2 hymns with the aim of finishing no later than 5:30pm

Number in congregation 10 to 15

Congregational profile mainly elderly

Holy Communion A shortened form of Communion is held normally on the second Sunday of the month (see Plan for details) in place of the time of readings and prayers. There is a communion rail in the church.

Resources

Hymn books Hymns and Psalms, Methodist Hymn Book, Songs of Fellowship

CCL licence N^o No

Pew Bibles No

Service books Methodist Worship Book

Music Organ in the church, piano in the Wesley Room

PA/sound system T-loop in the church

Projection equipment Portable screen, slide and or data projector are available

Worship Leaders No

Readers Yes

General Information

Seating Chairs

Service conducted from. Lectern or pulpit as preferred

Pre-service contact Dr Paul Burnham 01233 812784

Notices read by the steward at the start of the church service

Collection during the church service

Congregational prayer requests. Will be given to worship leader before the church service

Toilets Adjacent to the vestry and in the main foyer (including disabled facilities)

Refreshments Part of the regular programme

Disabled Access Through side door into the vestry

Car parking There is parking for up to 5 cars at the rear of the church, or turn left at the end of Church Street and park in Oxenturn Road which is the first turning on the right

WYE WITH HINXHILL



PARISH REPORT 2015-2016

Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 25th May 2016

for worship on Sundays. This is a big project and so far we have more than half the funding in place.

The 5-yearly review of the church's structure took place at the end of the year, thankfully revealing no serious problems. We hope that we have finally managed to sort out the problems we have been having with the quality of sound produced by our audio visual system.

██████████ Church Warden

Wye Methodist Church

Traditionally, Methodist church congregations are called 'societies' but we seldom use the term. Ours was founded about 1824 and, in common with others, has undergone many changes up to the present day. From the society we organise three meetings, the Sunday Tea Service, Options on Thursdays and Open House on Saturdays. Our Tea Service has developed over the years and, through visiting speakers, covered a very wide range of subjects. Unlike a sermon, there is the opportunity to 'talk back' to the speaker.

As is widely known, our building effectively functions as a community centre with 70-80 meetings per month. Relative to this we have two interesting considerations. Firstly, it is a Grade II listed building and secondly, within this framework, we need continually to maintain and upgrade. Recently we have added two sets of glass doors and provided the Wesley Room with acoustic panels. Following the departure of the Benefice office, we have converted the vestry to a room suitable for less able people, a logical decision giving its close proximity to our car park. We are currently making arrangements to install WiFi. The most recent development is the start of our organ tuition programme organised from the Royal College of Organists and generously supported by ArtServe, an ecumenical charity. Presently, we are offering two bursaries for young organists.

Geoff Chapman

Association of Friends of St Gregory and St Martin Church at Wye

The events organised by The Friends have followed a similar pattern to that of recent years in relation to supporting the Church financially. We were also involved in the Church Fête as well as contributing to wider

WYE WITH HINXHILL



**PARISH REPORT
2011-2012**

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Warden Scheme

It is with a degree of sadness that I submit my final report with respect to Wye. As most of you are aware I have moved, on promotion to the Dover District. It is thus apt that we look at the current situation and successes achieved with the help of partners and the community whilst I have been in post.

Nick Thistle (now Dover District Supervisor)

In terms of crime, burglary anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the village are at levels not seen for some long while. Graffiti fly tipping and neighbour dispute feature far, far less in a warden's daily workload than previously. I would agree that parking, speeding, and dog fouling are perhaps 'works in progress' and that the new warden will need to address these issues further. I know that he will. We have built the new play park and will be looking at stage two in the future.

How has this been achieved? In simple terms by a collective response and partnership working. From day one I have had the full support of the Parish Chair, Clerk and Councillors. Kent Police furnished the village with two excellent officers in the guise of PCs Barney and King and together we formed excellent working relations. With the enduring help of Christine Woodman and her security staff and the generosity of Imperial College we formed a base at the College where information could be exchanged, collated and strategy planned. But above all it is the support from the people of Wye, whether individuals or collectives (such as Neighbourhood Watch) that have promulgated the reductions we have seen. It is for these reasons that Wye can be regarded as a true community as opposed to just a village. Please continue to support your new Warden in the same way as you have me and the community will go from strength to strength. I make no apologies for repeating that Wye really is a safe place to live, work and enjoy. Long may it continue and thank you.

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We aim to instil a strong sense of community at a very early age and these visits and trips help to promote this.

One of the most enjoyable trips round the village was our 'Dinosaur Hunt' and picnic on the green, where we were welcomed by many familiar faces from the village. The children and families of the setting have also been able to attend a play put on by a local theatre group, join in with a spring craft afternoon and enjoy the well maintained preschool garden. Outdoor play forms a large part of the EYFS and we are grateful that we are able to provide these facilities to local children and their families. Many families have joined us for story reading sessions, art sessions and social events throughout the year. Helping to develop everyone's idea of community. The setting has managed to maintain a full register and continues to develop in all areas of early year's education and care. Staff training, involvement of the committee and support from outside agencies all help to support this.

Our Parent Playgroup held on a Wednesday and Thursday morning has under gone some changes in recent months and is now led by a member of the preschool staff. The group has invested in large amount of equipment in order to provide a siting, enjoyable and safe place for parents to meet with their babies and children. The group has enjoyed visits from book clubs, craft clubs and baby massage sessions. We aim to continue to invest in the parent playgroup so that it meets the needs of the families within the village.

The development of Wye under Fives and the Parent Playgroup is something that we are constantly working on. We know that we need to maintain high standards of care and education in order that all children and families with us now, and those that will hopefully join us in the future can continue to benefit from a well run and local community setting.

The setting is only able to do this with the support and encouragement from local people and the backing of the village hall members. We are very grateful for patience and understanding of the village and the village hall community.

We hope that you are all aware that the coming year will mark 50 years of child care and education in the village of Wye. We look forward to seeing some of you at our forth coming celebrations.

Wye Methodist Church

Geoff Chapman, Senior Steward, (Secretary)

The ensuing notes were prompted by comments made to me by friends in the village and beyond about the usefulness of the Methodist building and it seemed sensible to set out systematically some details with present and future users in mind. Many people cross our threshold in the course of any week including a number from well beyond Wye.

We have four meeting rooms in approximate order of size, namely:

The chapel worship area: it has a hearing loop and organ with seating for 50-60 people depending on layout. There is a pulpit, lectern and communion area.

Wesley Room: Seats 40 or so depending on layout with access via shutters to be included in joint activity with the chapel. Of its piano, regularly tuned, a musician from Glyndebourne commented, "What business has a Methodist building with a piano of this quality?" There is direct access to the small garden beyond. The room has a white board and a hearing loop connection to the chapel system. There are folding tables and stacking chairs.

Adjacent to this room is our kitchen, well-appointed and, with modern fittings including a refrigerator and meeting the various statutory requirements.

Thomas Berry room (upstairs): Seats up to about 30 and is provided with a whiteboard, easel, electrically driven projector screen and projector stand.

Small fellowship room: off the lobby. The room serves as a monthly foot clinic and is suitable for three or four people to meet in committee.

General comments: It is not unusual for us to host between 20 and 100 meetings per month with up to seven on a given day. All bookings are arranged via [redacted]

Each room is arranged so that tea and coffee can be made to hand and access to the toilets is direct without needing to disturb any other meeting. All toilets are suitable for disabled people. We have a car park with ramped access from it through the church. Our heating system, recently renewed, is arranged in separate circuits so that only rooms being used are heated. We have available six Velcro display boards, a slide projector, stand and screen for down stairs projection. (Increasingly, nowadays, digital projectors are the property of those using them at meetings.)

The range of activities we host is wide and includes Parish Council meetings, dancing, Pilates, Yoga, WEA and u3a and many others such as the Parish Church Sunday Club. Since June 2009, our vestry has served as the Benefice office for eight local Anglican churches. We host Lent lunches for all three Wye churches, Roman Catholic, Anglican and ourselves. The building is cleaned weekly and is subject to statutory five year inspections. An on-going programme of maintenance and upgrading is in place which needs to take account of Grade 2 listed status and its place in the village Conservation area. Management of the building is upon a voluntary basis.

As regards specifically religious services, we hold, jointly with our Anglican friends, a Celtic service at 8.00am on Friday mornings. Our Sunday service is a new venture The 'Tea Service' which takes a largely novel form and seeks to break fresh ground in regard to worship. It begins at 4.00pm.

Among the pleasing aspects of working with this building is the care for it shown by all our users. Accidental damage is rare and deliberate damage unknown.

Wye Parish Church (St Gregory and St Martin)

PCC

The annual report of the Parochial Church Council is available from the Parish Church. In summary;

Wye Benefice now covers eight parishes; Wye, Brock, Hinxhill, Boughton Aluph with Eastwell (downhill parishes) and Hastingleigh, Waltham, Petham, and Elmsted (uphill parishes). A meeting was held including Bishop [redacted] and the Archdeacon of Canterbury, to discuss whether to run it as one benefice or eight separate PCCs, as at present.

[redacted] was ordained as a Priest in July; she has organised a parish visiting team. The parish is much involved with mission work round the world. [redacted] has been out to the Lebanon, and [redacted] was in Recife, Brazil for two years working with street children.

Bishop [redacted] of Rajasthan, a member of the Delhi Brotherhood, came to Wye to talk about the Wye and Brook India Trust (WBIT) which pays for the education of children in Delhi; the WBIT coffee morning raised £1200 towards this.

A lot of work is being done on the fabric of the church. The heating system and the sound system have been upgraded. The clock face is in a very bad state and a new face will be installed and some work is needed on one of the buttresses of the church.

During the year there were several social/fundraising events. In March a "come and sing Messiah" was held with 130 singers and a scratch orchestra of 15 players. A Victorian Cricket match was very enjoyable in spite of intermittent rain, with various side stalls and games for the children as well as the cricket match. A vintage car and a vintage pedal tricycle were very interesting. The proceeds were split between the church and the cricket club. In August there was a Fete in the Garden at Olanthigh House in lovely weather with lots of activities for the children. A Barn Dance in October in the Village Hall exercised many people. In March an Open Church Day attracted many people, and offered the chance to climb the tower to see bellringing, the church bells, and the lovely view from the top of the tower.

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Ofsted [a government department that deals with children's care and education] have over the past year implemented new practices and as a registered group we are obliged to carry out any new instructions that become law or are seen as good practice. One new practice is the regular visits made by a representative who, observes the staff, inspects the environment and generally gives advice on best practice.

In the past we have been very lucky that the management of the village hall have been community minded. This has been sadly lacking in the past year and as a result we have felt less welcome, however the societies who actually use the facilities have as always been interested and supportive of the role that the Pre school and Toddler group plays in the development of children who will be part of this village for many years. We are very grateful for their support and for their continued patience.

We are looking forward to a renewed emphasises on the importance of community during the coming year. Which we hope will be apparent to everyone, adults and children alike as during 2012 we will hopefully be celebrating the groups 50th birthday and we would like to think that the societies in the village will celebrate with us.

Glenda Hughes – Manager

Wye and District U3A

Geoff Chapman Chairman

A new departure for Wye has been the founding here of a unit of the University of the Third Age. Because the wider organisation has agreed that we are responsible for Ashford, the 'and District' part of our name takes this into account. We were inaugurated as recently as September 27th 2010, our membership reached a total of 100 within five months and continues to increase and we have activities located in Kennington, Shadoxhurst and even, as far afield, as Waltham. About a quarter of our membership is from beyond Wye.

We have, in our first year, arranged 15 courses as diverse as Medical Ethics and Furniture Renovation and with others planned. Some courses have been full to capacity and one has had to be repeated given the demand for it. We had our first Annual General Meeting only in March this year. We are almost Wye's newest association with all that implies in terms of setting up and establishing an organisational 'personality'.

Given the changing pattern of retirement living, U3A is a constructive response to it and it has been immensely stimulating and encouraging to have the support and guidance of the small but highly efficient national office as we have put in place the various arrangements. We are indeed grateful for this.

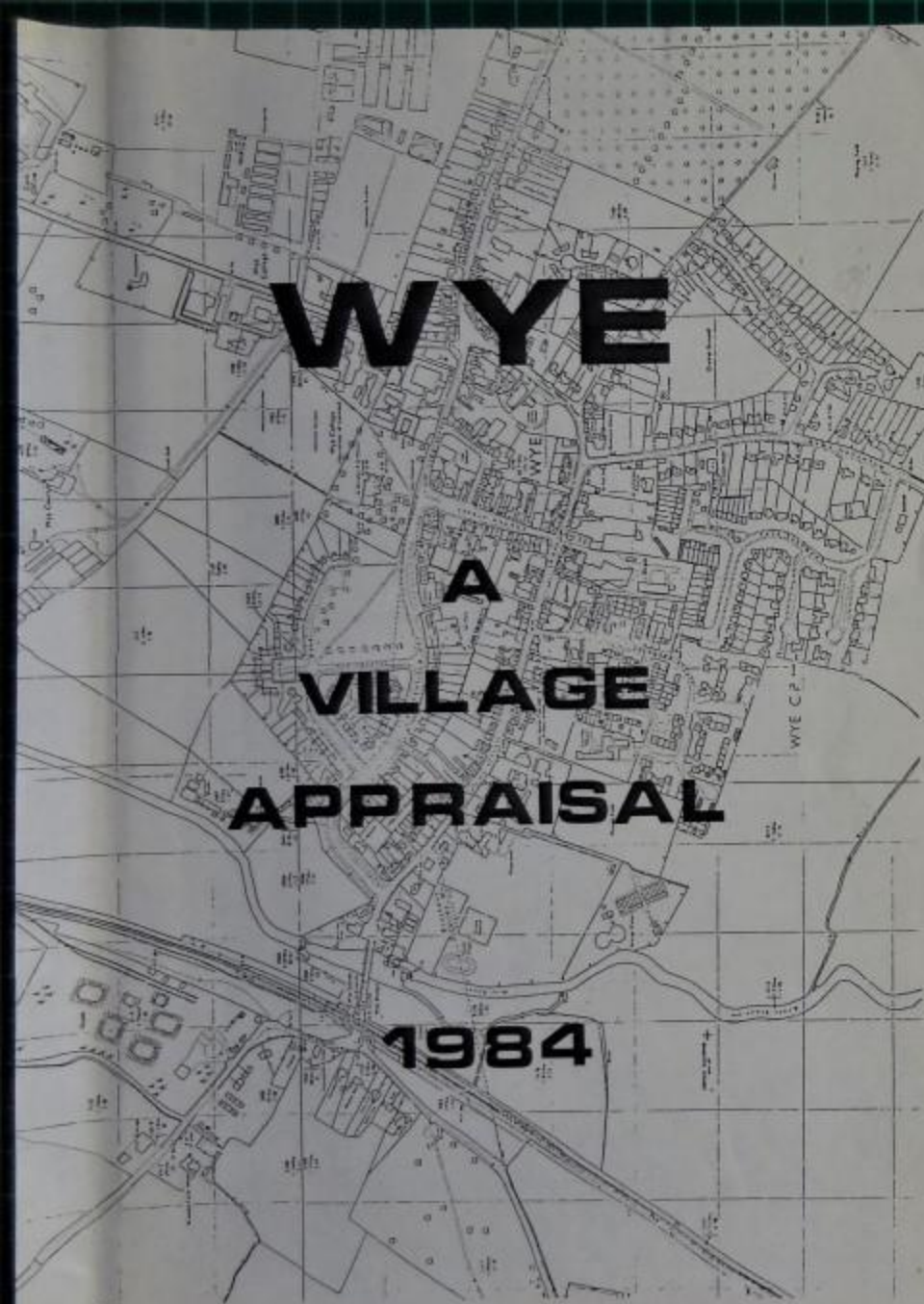
Wye Methodist Church

Geoff Chapman Senior Steward

In terms of position, Wye Methodist Church is at or near the centre of the village. In recent years, this has come to have an additional meaning since our building hosts so many community activities. In February and March 2011, for example, the number of bookings for each month exceeded 100 which is a remarkable total for what, to outward appearance, is just a small country chapel. A point particularly to stress is our gratitude for the care with which our hirers treat the building. Part of the reason for this turn of events is that there is an ongoing programme to enhance the internal amenity of the building which prompts increased use. We are especially grateful to Mrs Mary Lambert, our bookings officer and to [REDACTED] our cleaner for the excellent job each of them does.

More particularly, as regards our religious commitments, there have been significant developments. From June 30th 2009 our vestry has become the Benefice Office for the eight parish churches of the Wye benefice and our Wesley Room is the location for the lunches for all three Wye churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Lent. We are self evidently ecumenical. Most recently, due to the initiative of Dr Paul Burnham, we have made a radical and stimulating departure from our traditional form of service to an altogether different format for Sunday worship – the 'Tea Service'. Each week, following refreshments, we have an invited speaker to talk about some item of Christian outreach after which there is a brief act of worship in the chapel.

After many years of steady renovation, the building is in good order but, because it dates from 1869 and is listed grade 2, the maintenance programme is ongoing and not inexpensive. During the past year we have been grateful to Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council for a grant in aid toward the cost of new guttering. During 2011, there are further changes to be made and for which we shall be applying to other grant giving bodies. Especially, at this time of financial stringency, no application is guaranteed success but, our intense community involvement and the maintenance we self finance are strong arguments in our favour.



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9. Churches

Parish Church of St. Gregory and St. Martin

It is known from the Domesday Monachorum, compiled by the monks of Canterbury in the eleventh century, that Wye church then ranked among the principal churches of Kent, having under it seven subordinate churches including those of Ashford and Hawkhurst. The present church is thought to have been built in the thirteenth century, though it has undergone major alterations.

John Kespe, who under Henry VI rose to be Chancellor of the Realm and Archbishop of Canterbury, was born in 1380 at Glantigh, a manor within the parish of Wye; and he remained attached to the place for most of his life. In 1447 he founded Wye College as a residence for secular priests. At the same time he put new windows in the church, which by this time was a collegiate church.

In 1572 the steeple and tower were struck by lightning, and repairs took twenty years. In 1686 a further disaster occurred. The tower suddenly collapsed and demolished almost the whole of the east end. The former transepts were never reconstructed, nor was the chancel restored except on a greatly reduced scale. The tower was rebuilt in a new position further to the south of the building.

Wye Church has a peal of eight bells which are in regular use not only as a call to worship but also for visiting bellringers to try their skill.

The baptismal and burial registers go as far back as 1536, and the marriage registers date from 1545.

Services are held every Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. and at 11.15 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Evensong takes place at 6.30 p.m. on the first Sunday. There is also a Holy Communion service in the College Chapel on Thursdays and Saints' days at 8 a.m. Attendances at the 10 a.m. services regularly number about 150, with some reduction when the College students are not in residence but with larger numbers up to full capacity for Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival and Village Sunday (when leaders in the life of the village community are invited to be present).

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The Wye and Brook Fellowship, a social gathering of Christian people, holds a service once a month at 3 p.m., coming between "open house" meetings held at the same interval and at the same hour.

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Catholic Church of St. Ambrose

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United Services

Members of the three denominational churches meet from time to time for united services, notably during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Palm Sunday and for the Women's World Day of Prayer.


Parish Magazine

The Parish Magazine, which has a monthly distribution of about 500 copies, goes to many households in the village. Although it is assembled, edited and distributed by members of the Parish Church it contains news of activities of many village organisations and is a valuable source of information about forthcoming events. It also serves the neighbouring village of Brook. It reproduces each month not only the list of clergy and officers of the various churches but also a useful register of some thirty village organisations and the names and addresses of persons who may be contacted for information about them.

Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 25 South Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Appledore	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Charing	18	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24
Dymchurch	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Elham	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Folkestone	43	43	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	32
Hamstreet *	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Headcorn	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lydd	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Lyminge	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
New Romney	13	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15
Rhodes Minnis	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Shadoxhurst	15	16	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	14
St Andrew's Folkestone	56	53	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	37
St Michael's Hythe	26	25	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	40
Tenterden	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
United Church Ashford *	0	0	114	3	2	0	0	0	2	46
Wye 	12	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Circuit Total	302	299	147	11	2	4	6	0	11	334
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Total	299	301	147	9	1	16	10	7	12	323
DISTRICT TOTALS	179,390	172,632	30,941	2,253	921	3,353	3,381	4,273	6,041	140,287

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STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Statistical information on Church/Circuit/District membership, attendance and associated data relates to the current Conference-approved Circuit/District structure. More information can be found at www.methodist.org.uk

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 1 Hants-Surrey Border

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Aldershot	53	49	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	26
Alton	115	106	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	70
Church on the Heath *	1	1	178	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Cove Farnborough	71	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38
Fleet	181	171	0	4	0	0	4	8	2	150
Frimley Green	44	43	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	32
Hartley Wintney	21	25	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	20
North Camp	84	76	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	55
Rowledge	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
The Spire Church, Farnha *	0	62	126	0	1	1	1	0	6	65
Upper Hale	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Circuit Total	616	648	304	8	1	3	18	10	19	662
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Bagshot	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Bracknell	42	50	0	0	3	7	1	0	1	40
Crowthorne	53	50	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	52
High Cross Camberley *	56	56	136	3	0	0	2	0	1	81
Sandhurst & Yateley	40	39	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	34
The Church at the Pines *	5	5	19	2	0	0	0	0	1	40
Wokingham	201	196	0	2	0	2	3	1	5	120
Woosehill Community Chu *	10	38	92	0	2	0	0	13	1	40
Circuit Total	427	454	247	7	5	11	8	14	13	422
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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 4 Thames Valley

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Burnham	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Colnbrook And Poyle Unit *	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Cookham Rise	23	21	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	20
Eton Wick	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Hampshire Avenue	49	50	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	34
High Street Maidenhead	129	128	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	85
Ledgers Road	59	60	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	35
Old Windsor	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
St Andrew's (English)	132	110	0	0	0	0	13	6	3	60
St Andrew's (Urdu)	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
St Mark's Crescent	48	49	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	35
Windsor	116	98	0	0	0	1	1	17	1	48
Woodlands Park	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Circuit Total	634	594	9	4	1	3	15	24	10	373
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 5 Staines and Feltham

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Ashford	20	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	16
Ashford Common	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Englefield Green *	4	4	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Laleham	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Southville	34	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Staines	71	72	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	50
United Church of Egham *	17	16	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
Circuit Total	176	173	126	3	0	2	0	0	8	193
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 6 Wey Valley

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Addlestone	26	23	0	4	2	2	0	1	1	21
Byfleet	69	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
Cranleigh	46	47	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	36
Godalming *	0	139	139	0	0	2	1	0	7	82
Guildford St Mary's	35	38	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	42
Knaphill	82	72	0	0	0	2	0	12	0	35
Merrow	74	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	47
St Michael's Sheerwater *	3	9	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	19
Stoughton	31	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20
Trinity Woking	143	133	0	1	0	0	2	6	3	144
Walton-on-Thames	69	67	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	45
West Horsley	19	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Weybridge	28	28	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	18
Circuit Total	625	741	160	6	2	14	5	23	21	568
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 8 West Sussex (Coast and Downs)

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Bognor Regis	62	63	0	4	0	1	1	0	3	45
Chichester Christ Church *	90	108	138	5	0	0	5	0	8	80
Durrington *	2	8	12	0	1	0	0	0	3	10
Felpham	77	79	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	50
Goring-by-Sea	93	93	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	60
Lancing	49	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36
Littlehampton *	0	24	48	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
Offington Park	197	205	0	5	0	4	1	0	0	120
Rustington	186	183	0	0	0	8	5	0	6	145
Selsey	25	26	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	30
Shoreham-by-Sea	56	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	28
Southwick	157	152	0	6	0	1	1	7	4	65
Steyning	32	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	25
Trinity Storrington	69	70	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	44
Westergate	19	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21
Circuit Total	1,114	1,160	198	26	3	20	13	9	41	804
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 10 Dorking and Horsham

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Cobham United Church *	13	41	49	2	0	0	2	0	0	33
Effingham	28	26	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	20
Horsham London Road	157	154	0	6	0	2	2	4	5	79
Leatherhead	66	72	0	0	0	11	0	1	4	53
Partridge Green	21	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	19
Southwater	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
St Andrew's Roffey	51	53	0	6	0	0	0	0	4	30
St Martin's Dorking	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Circuit Total	376	402	49	14	0	13	8	5	16	275
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 11 Redhill and East Grinstead

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Horley	102	103	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	142
Redhill	175	163	0	3	0	4	4	7	1	110
Reigate	151	153	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	88
St Paul's Crawley	127	125	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	73
Trinity East Grinstead	210	207	0	8	0	1	4	5	3	160
Circuit Total	765	751	0	13	0	10	12	13	5	573
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 12 Brighton and Hove

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Dorset Gardens	86	83	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	39
Hove	96	87	0	3	0	0	0	5	7	51
Patcham	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Stanford Avenue	104	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Woodingdean	36	33	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	33
Circuit Total	381	366	0	3	0	0	4	5	9	213
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 13 Central Sussex United Area

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Broadway United Church *	32	30	60	0	0	0	0	0	2	40
Burgess Hill	62	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	35
Buxted	20	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	15
Chyngton	26	26	0	3	0	1	2	0	2	28
Cornerstone *	1	45	46	1	0	2	0	0	0	40
Cross Way *	32	30	73	5	0	0	0	0	2	55
Cross-in-Hand	13	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Crowborough *	32	30	73	0	0	0	0	0	2	40
Emmanuel *	0	220	220	0	0	5	24	0	21	140
Gamelands	8	8	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	8
Hailsham	41	41	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
Haywards Heath	127	122	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	85
Hurstpierpoint	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Lewes *	0	15	38	0	0	0	0	0	2	33
St Barnabas *	9	10	30	4	0	4	3	3	1	24
St Michael's Newhaven *	1	0	67	0	0	4	7	30	4	40
The Haven *	2	2	24	3	0	0	0	3	0	28
Trinity *	8	6	20	0	0	0	0	2	2	18

Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 13 Central Sussex United Area

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers		Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Circuit Total	434	698	651	20	0	In 16	Out 44	38	44	685
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 15 Gibraltar

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Gibraltar	64	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Sotogrande *	25	27	66	0	2	0	0	0	0	60
Circuit Total	89	91	66	0	2	0	0	0	0	140
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 16 Malta

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers		Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
						In	Out			
St Andrews Scots Church *	67	71	71	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
Circuit Total	67	71	71	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Battle	44	44	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	44
Calvert Memorial	60	61	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	39
Christchurch Bexhill on S	85	77	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	47
Little Common	38	38	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	20
Ninfield	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
Pett	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Rye	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
Sackville Road	33	26	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	11
St Helens	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	16
St Leonards-on-Sea	90	83	0	3	0	0	1	3	6	46
Trinity	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Circuit Total	454	429	0	5	3	3	4	16	18	283
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 18 Weald of Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
East Peckham	48	45	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	22
Hawkhurst	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Horsmonden	14	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7
Offham	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otford	112	120	0	0	0	18	0	4	6	100
Paddock Wood *	0	0	190	0	4	1	0	4	4	120
Southborough	31	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0
The Drive Sevenoaks	79	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
Tonbridge	111	128	0	2	0	25	0	0	7	70
Circuit Total	411	397	190	2	4	46	34	9	23	376
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 21 North Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Bearsted	49	49	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	37
Burham	13	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
Chinese Church	31	34	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	52
Christ Church Chatham *	1	1	32	0	2	1	0	0	0	48
Dene Holm	13	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11
Eccles	12	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	15
Gillingham	118	117	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	101
Gravesend	103	98	0	3	0	2	5	8	0	74
Hartlip Church & Retreat	24	24	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	20
Hextable	57	55	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	45
Holy Trinity South Chatha *	4	85	85	0	0	0	0	0	1	88
Kingswood *	10	10	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Larkfield	66	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
Newington	17	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	15
Sittingbourne	85	78	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	58
Spital Street	37	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	33
St Luke's Rochester	32	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	35
Swanscombe	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
The Brent	80	65	0	0	4	0	2	0	2	65
The Church in Hope Stree *	8	35	35	2	0	0	1	0	2	33
The Peninsula	30	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Tonbridge Road	62	60	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	45
Union Street	80	78	0	3	1	0	1	2	3	40

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 21 North Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers		Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Circuit Total	942	1,021	179	12	7	In 15	Out 16	14	23	931
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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Circuit Membership & Attendance Statistics Summary October 2019

District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 25 South Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Appledore	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Charing	18	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24
Dymchurch	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Elham	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Folkestone	43	43	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	32
Hamstreet *	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Headcorn	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lydd	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Lyminge	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
New Romney	13	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15
Rhodes Minnis	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Shadoxhurst	15	16	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	14
St Andrew's Folkestone	56	53	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	37
St Michael's Hythe	26	25	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	40
Tenterden	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
United Church Ashford *	0	0	114	3	2	0	0	0	2	46
Wye	12	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Circuit Total	302	299	147	11	2	4	6	0	11	334
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

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District: 36 South East District

Circuit: 27 Canterbury and East Kent

Church	Methodist Membership		LEP Members	Recorded Gains and Losses						Estimated Average Attendance
	2018	2019	Total Members	New	Other Gains	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Other Losses	Deaths	Typical Sunday or Mid-Week Service
Birchington	28	27	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	23
Broadstairs	44	42	0	5	0	0	1	5	1	31
Challock	14	17	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	11
Faversham United *	23	23	38	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
Garlinge	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Hardres Street	43	59	0	0	0	0	3	9	3	48
Herne Bay United Church *	25	36	41	0	0	0	0	1	1	25
Margate Union Church *	19	15	30	0	0	0	1	1	2	22
Marshside	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Monkton	6	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Old Wives Lees	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
River	80	76	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	44
St John's Whitstable	85	81	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	58
St Peter's Canterbury	168	158	0	0	3	2	2	10	3	80
Sturry and District United *	0	49	49	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
The Beacon Church & Chr *	0	0	61	0	0	1	2	2	8	35
Trinity Deal *	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	2	1	44
Circuit Total	573	631	270	7	5	6	11	33	28	525
DISTRICT TOTALS	169,351	169,377	29,217	2,378	1,596	3,588	3,688	5,016	5,574	133,007

NOTE:

The figures shown are as submitted by churches and circuits locally during the annual statistical returns. Unsubmitted returns are indicated by a blank record. For Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs), 'Methodists' are those holding membership of the Methodist church forming the partnership; 'Total Members' are all those who hold membership in the partnership.

Some Church names may appear incomplete due to formatting restrictions.

* indicates an 'LEP'

06 May 2020

Memories of the Royal Flying Corps years and early days of the Royal Air Force

The war diaries of Cpl Gordon Tucker (1897-1974)

Stationed at RFC Beaulieu (1916-1917), and RFC Wye (1917-1919).



Exhibition in the Latin School Garden 2019

Gordon Tucker *'kept daily diaries, detailing his repairs on various WW1 planes, his flights with the airmen, his run-ins with senior officers, his likes, dislikes, the food he had to eat, visits to the cinema and the theatre, his holidays and, most intriguing of all, his many romantic liaisons.'*

In 2019 Funder Films CIC [exhibited the original Tucker Diaries](#), his letters, notebooks and uniform at East Boldre Village Hall, Hampshire and the Latin School, Wye in Kent.

Examples of Gordon Tucker's social life when he was stationed in Wye (emphasis added)

Extracts:

'...Hear that we are shifting to Wye on Sunday. Jolly sorry and mean to have a jolly good time for the rest of the time I am here. On 13th: misty early, but clears at midday and we send off all the De Havillands to Lanford and pack up ready to go to Wye in the afternoon.

On Sunday 21st December 1917. Misty and rainy day. Not so much flying. **Go to a dance given by the villagers of Wye. Rather tame show, but have a good time and get off with quite a nice little girl for Wye.** Get in at 12 midnight.

On 22nd December 1917. Sgt. Major plays hell because we don't get up for Reveille. Just the kind of thing that spoils the Army! Very cold and bitter day. On Sun. 23rd: Lovely day. Pretty busy, **but go to a nice Service at Wye Church in the evening and then meet Nan and go for a nice walk. Asks me to tea on Xmas Day!** On 24th: Misty kind of day, so not much flying, Stop in, in the evening to write letters. Have supper and go to bed. **[Miss Nancey Dodd didn't waste any time in inviting Dad to tea in three days time on Christmas Day!]**

On 25th December 1917. Christmas Day. Very windy day and two Sopwith Camels overturn. Have a very Merry Christmas dinner with the boys. **Go to Nan's friends to tea and spend a jolly evening afterwards going for a nice walk.** On 26th Boxing Day: Very cold and snowy day, so not much flying. **Call for Nancy at 8pm. And go for a decent dance at Wye College. Afterwards I go to her home and spend a most enjoyable hour in an easy chair in front of the fire with her. How she can kiss! Tells me she is actually 28-years-old. [This was not uncommon for couples to fall head over heels with each other in the times of War. It was one of the natural things in life. From then on he referred to her in his diaries as Nancy, Nance or just plain Nan!]**

On 30th December 1917. Miserable rainy day. Finish at 5pm and go to Church. Call on Nan afterwards and spend a lovely evening with her. On 31st: New Years Eve. Very cold, but still plenty of flying and one Avro crash! Finish at 8pm and **go to an absolute topping dance at C.E.T.S. See Nan's cousin there. Have a topping time and finish at 1 am.**

So ends another year of terrible Warfare. What will the next year bring forth? Will PEACE come? Please God it will. How thankful I should be then. [I believe that there are two small pages missing at this point] I don't deserve it. I know I don't. I often think with great sadness of the many chums of mine gone out of this life through this War — Askin, Chown, Goldsmith, Marvin, Stanley. So many! May this next year see the end of this terrible War? Amen.

On 1st January 1918. Here begins another year and still in the Army. Is it to be the last year of Army life? **After work, go and spend a quiet evening with Nan. How loving and passionately affectionate she is.** On 2nd: Pretty busy. As Sgt. Armstrong is away, I have to give lecture to the Officers on rigging. **Finish at 6.30pm and go round to see Nan and spend a nice evening with her till midnight.**

On 4th January 1918. I have my first flight at Wye Aerodrome. It was very cold and misty and there were three smashes that morning. I accompanied Lt. Whelan for a 25-minute flight in a 100 Mono Avro No.4322. We took off at 9am. I do my first loop— a most thrilling flight! Lt. Whelan is a crack pilot— he takes the passenger's seat while I take the pilot's seat. Go straight up towards the hills in climbing turns. Keep my eye on the pressure gauge and other instruments. Tell him when we reach 2,000 feet. Then down goes the nose. The speed 130 mph, then back comes the stick into my chest and over we go! Hang upside down for a few moments suspended only by the belt. Then come down to 300 feet in a spinning nosedive. **Do plenty of thrilling stunts over Aerodrome and village, putting wind up some people.** Absolutely do the rigging in of the machine and strain it considerably. Come down absolutely frozen.

On 13th January 1918. Lovely day, but very cold. Terribly busy and do 14-hours flying, so don't finish till 8.30pm. **Go round to Nan's and have supper and a nice two hours in front of the fire.** Feel terribly fed up and tons of work to be done.

On 29th January 1918. Fine day, finish quite early and **call for Nan at about 7pm and we go for a nice walk to the CROWN on top of the hills. A perfect moonlight night until a big Air Raid! Have supper with her and depart.**

On 7th February 1918. Fair day, but not much flying! Medical Inspection for Scabies, etc. **Go round to Nan's at 9pm and we then go to some girl friends of hers and play cards and have a topping supper. Don't get in till 12 midnight.**

On 10th February 1918. Very windy day, so quite slack. Start making a model! **Go to Church in the evening and afterwards meet Nan. Pop down to the Camp. Then call on Mrs Goddins and then have supper at Nan's and then spend one of the nicest evenings at her home.**

On 12th February 1918. Dull day and a little rain. **Never felt so utterly depressed in my life. Call on Nan and we pop round to Ethel's and spend a jolly evening getting in at midnight.**

On 21st February 1918. Fine day and fortunately no crashes. **Finish at 6.30pm, pop round to Nan's, but feel absolutely too tired for anything. She makes an awful fuss of me. Really think I ought to give up going there. It isn't fair on the girl.**

On 16th: Lovely day. Cpl. Jack Crawford being i/c lets me off at 3.50pm. Get home at 7.30pm. **Feel tired and in a rotten mood. How I wish this War over. Have supper and go to bed.**

On 27th March 1918. Windy and misty. So not much flying. Avro is still not finished till midnight after all. Finish at 9pm and pop round to Nan's. What a lovely girl she is! On

On 1st April 1918. Fair day, not much flying! Don't finish work till 9pm and **pop round to Nan's for a little while.** The RFC and RNAS no longer exist now and I am in what's known as the ROYAL AIR FORCE.

On 3rd: Rainy and misty day thank goodness and we, at last, have a clear Shed. Finish at 4.30pm and **go round to a party given by Mrs Tully. Spend a jolly musical evening with dancing and supper.** On 4th: Rainy day! That's the stuff to give 'em. Finish at 5pm and **go round to Nan's. Properly gets the breeze up when I tell her I went round to Mrs Tully's.**

On 13th: Windy day in more senses than one. 4 machines in dock! Leave at 5.28pm. **Nan sees me off. Meet Beryl at 8.30pm outside the Alcazar and we go for a nice walk. A nice little girl!** Get home at 11.30pm. Hear that poor Bert Howell and Howard James are killed.

On 25th April 1918. Sleep all day—lovely day too. The most awful tragedy occurred today: Lt. Whelan and passenger in an Avro collide with Lt. Levy in a Sopwith Pup and are dashed to pieces! One thing about this topping fellow, Lieutenant Whelan, I shall never forget. On the occasion of my first flight with him, I asked why he always took the front seat, and he replied, 'Oh, because when I do a lot of stunting, there is a chance of the chap in the front seat getting killed and I'd rather get killed myself rather than live to know that I had been the cause of someone else's death.' ...All three officers were killed outright. **Lt. Marrable was buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Kennington, Ashford, near Wye.**

On 6th May 1918. Lovely day. Poor Sgt. Forsdick burnt to death in a Camel. [According to official records Sgt. Horace Reginald Forsdick (18) recovered from a spin too late in his Camel No. B 9192 **over Hinxhill. A local man named Tait attempted a gallant rescue, but was fought back by the flames...]**

On 22nd: Very hot day. Pretty busy in the Repair Section! Looks thundery in the evening! **Go to Nan's, but as she is getting too serious, think I shall have to leave.** Poor old Lt. Biddle terribly mutilated in Sopwith Pup crash. Something wrong in this Squadron!

On 28th: Showery day, not so very busy. Aerodrome vigorously raided by the enemy. We raid them and lose a Camel and one Avro shot through by very light (Main spar too). Finish at 8pm and **go to CETS with Davis and have some eggs and chips.**

22nd July ...At 5pm told I'm going on a 6-week instructor's course on physical training at Lincoln

On 26th July 1918. Rainy day! Leave Wye at 9.40am ... reach Cranwell at 3pm. Draw bedding! Sleep in tents. Tons of earwigs, Ugh!

On 15th September 1918. It was Dad's first day back at Wye after leave.

On 1st October 1918. The windiest day I've ever known. Have to be up at 6am every morning. Blinking Roll Call at 9.30am and I don't know what! Go to Canterbury to have a tooth seen to, but have to go again next week. **Get back at 4pm and go round to 7, The Green, and spend a jolly evening.** [This is where Nan lived...]

On 28th: Fine day. Finish work at 4.30pm and **go to Ashford and meet Phyl. Go to the cinema and then for a stroll. Catch the 9.30pm back. Call at Nan's — Lily there!**

On 31st October 1918. Fine day, but wet evening. **Finish work at 8pm and go round to Nan's — Lil, her sister, there and she makes a frightful fuss of me. Get in at midnight.**

On 8th Nov. Rainy morning, but turns fine later. Germany crumbling away! PEACE in sight, thank God. **Finish at 8pm and go to 7, The Green. Take Lil for a walk. She tells me she loves me, Oh, dear. [At this stage it looks as if both Nan and her sister Lil, are both after our Dad! Well, well, well! What is he to do?]**

On 11th November 1918. PEACE. Go to Wye Station to collect Avro and **the flag is hoisted on the village Church for Peace, thank God.** Ructions and jubulations at the Camp! **Don't finish till 8 pm and go to 7, The Green. Lil and Nan @ the dance. Go there. Absolutely packed, so come home with them. What a dear loving girl is Lil.**

On 10th January 1919. Pouring wet thundery day. Test Avro D2118 with Lt. Nicholson during a bright spell for 15-minutes. Take off at 3.15pm. We test the machine which has been overhauled. Clouds present a wonderful spectacular. Do all sorts of stunts, but notice that she is left wing low. Immelmann into 'Drome and rectify machine. **Later in the day go to a farewell dinner of the Boys of 42 Training Squadron at Kings Head Hotel, Wye.**

On 19th: Fine, but misty day. Get up at 8am — **whole Squadron goes to Church in the morning. Go to Nan's in the afternoon and find that CG (whoever she is) has told her all my carryings on, the mean despicable wretch of a girl. Have a proper bust up, but more or less make it up. Have tea with her and leave at 10pm.**

On 3rd February 1919. DEMOBILIZED...'



Wye War Memorial: plaque to commemorate the centenary of the armistice

ACV APPENDIX8 The History of Methodism in Wye (1810-2020)

Monograph (in publication). Author: Dr C P Burnham (South East District Methodist circuit preacher and Anglican Reader, and formerly, Property Steward of Wye Methodist Church 1978 - 2008), and 'Secretary for the Church in Rural Life' for the London South East District of the Methodist Church (1979 -1981).

Extracts:

Witness amid difficulties and decline in the twenty first century

In 2000 Wye College was taken over by Imperial College, who terminated their local activities in 2008, ending a valuable symbiosis with village institutions, such as the Methodist Church. Numbers in the Sunday congregation gradually dwindled, the average attendance in 2004 was thirteen. The suitability of traditional services for such small numbers was questioned, alongside an interest in the current enthusiasm for 'fresh expressions', such as 'cafe church'. Maureen Burnham suggested a format to be called 'the Tea Service', which would suit a Sunday afternoon time. This was adopted in January 2011, and has proved popular, with attendance stabilising at an average of twelve. This is ideal, as all can gather around one table in the Wesley Room. Tea and cake was served from four o'clock. At half past four a speaker gave a presentation lasting twenty or twenty five minutes, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. At ten past five, all moved into the Church for a short service, often led by the speaker but otherwise by John Makey or one of the Local Preachers. No further address was allowed, After an opening hymn and prayer, there could be another psalm or hymn, followed by one scripture reading, often the Gospel for the day, the offering, the intercessions and a closing hymn. The service ended at, or not much after, half past five. Once a month the presentation and short service was replaced by a full service of Holy Communion in the Church, immediately following the tea. Each month one or two tea services was taken by speakers recruited locally; for the remaining services, leaders were provided on the Circuit Plan, most frequently our very able present minister, the Revd. Helen Hollands. She is the first woman to be minister of Wye Methodist Church, and is now Assistant Chair of the South East Methodist District.

The Wesley Room, and to a lesser extent the Thomas Berry Room, were used almost every day of the week for community activities, including Parish Council committees and exhibitions. Geoff Chapman, as Property Steward, continued to maintain the premises to high standards, aided by Mary Lambert, handling bookings, and an informal advisory committee, reporting to the Church Council. The Church proper is used much less, although the Pentecostal Church has resumed using it for their Sunday morning service, and Sheila Chapman has a group of flower arrangers who meet on Friday morning, There is a weekly Celtic service, following a pattern from the Northumbria Community, held weekly on a Friday

morning at eight o'clock. It is a joint activity with the Parish Church, but held in the Methodist Thomas Berry Room.

Rent income from outside users helped in funding further improvements to the buildings. In 2004 the kitchen was upgraded and two toilets, one for the disabled, were installed. In 2018, a sophisticated fire alarm system was fitted. Wye Methodist Church has continued active community involvement, for example, as a valuable weatherproof base for the annual Christmas Street Party and as a base for the village tidying sessions of Wye Ground Force,

In June 2019, Wye Methodist Church celebrated 150 years in its present building. In addition to a celebratory meal and a special service of worship and thanksgiving, its history will be commemorated through the publication of this volume and an accompanying exhibition.

Paul Burnham began the preparation of this History, and gave a lecture based on it to the Wye Historical Society in January 2020. The Society have agreed to publish it in their series of booklets on aspects of the history of Wye,

The closing of Wye Methodist Church

In March 2020, all activities of Wye Methodist Church were closed as part of the national 'lockdown' resulting from the COVID 19 epidemic. In August, Leslie Johnson unexpectedly died. He had succeeded Geoffrey Chapman as Property Steward and had taken responsibility for the safe resumption of services. As there were now only seven remaining church members, and no one was able to take over his responsibilities, a Church Council Meeting, held using ZOOM technology on 8 October, reluctantly decided that the time had come to commence the procedure for the closing of Wye Methodist Church.'

As recorded in this history, Wye Methodist Church arose as a largely lay led, more pragmatic and informal alternative to the Parish Church. Until 1980, Anglican churches were expected to worship using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, Since then the adoption of 'Common Worship' has enabled much more flexibility, including a 'Service of the Word' which resembles typical Methodist non-eucharistic worship. Through the twentieth century Anglican structures have become more democratic and opportunities for lay ministry have multiplied. In a village, the Parish Church is the natural focus of Christian worship and witness,

The persistence of Wye Methodist Church through many vicissitudes for over two hundred years has been remarkable, made possible by the loyalty of many Christians who found it an encouraging focus for their faith. But it is right in much changed circumstances to move towards a more united Christian presence. But its contribution over more than two centuries will always be an important part of the heritage of our village.

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WYE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be no Methodist services or other activities at Wye chapel during September. We are working towards reopening at the end of the year but the government guidelines are comprehensive and currently we do not have the capacity (in terms of people who are able to do the necessary work) to reopen. These requirements are more challenging in smaller buildings.

All being well we are reopening some churches in the United Church Ashford, at Kennington (10am) and at Cade Road (11am) from the 6 September. We will keep you posted!

Rev Helen Hollands

THE INFORMAL EVENING SERVICE

There will be **no** Informal Evening Service in September.

WYE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Summer Report

The Wye Arts Association (WAA) would usually post a listing here of films and events for the next month. As you all know, the Covid-19 lockdown has forced us all to stay close to home. We had hoped that Wye Arts would be able to resume our activities soon, but it appears that we will be unable to continue normal service this year – so no film nights or talks for now. However, we are looking forward hopefully. The WA committee has agreed that we will rollover Members' subscriptions for 2020 to 2021, and will be booking a full calendar of speakers and events for next year.

For many people, the lockdown has been an isolating experience. We know that some members will be shielding and others not wishing to risk mixing in large groups, but there may be some of you longing for a social event. If you fall into the last group and would be interested in attending some kind of social gathering (when rules allow), please contact [REDACTED] at Wye Arts [REDACTED]

We would also be happy to receive your ideas and suggestions for ways we can keep in touch, and interested in the arts, such as through 'virtual' online activities.

Keep safe everyone.

[REDACTED] (WAA Committee Member)

FRIENDS OF WYE CHURCH

It is with regret that, following much discussion and consideration of the various relevant regulations and recommendations about Covid19 regarding personal safety, The Friends' Committee have decided that it is not possible to hold our annual autumn Coffee Morning this year.

We had hoped to postpone the event until later in the year but given how the current situation is developing that is not practicable.

Hopefully this article will appear in DEC/JAN. Parish Magazine

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Katherine Stephens

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 27 January 2021 21:05
To: Clerk
Subject: Wye Methodist Church

I have just seen the item in the Wye newsletter about the closure of the Methodist church.

This would be a great loss to the village as a community resource, especially as other college facilities are also disappearing. I have personally attended many different activities in the Methodist hall as well as running a weekly music group there. I am sure you already have information about the kind of activities that have been run in the hall.

I have found the village hall to be well booked and difficult to find an empty slot as well as being more expensive to hire. Community groups are often run for the community by members of the community and are not run for profit so affordable spaces are important.

I am very saddened to read this news. Is there anything we can do?

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Stephens

From: [REDACTED].com>
Sent: 27 January 2021 09:49
To: Clerk
Subject: Methodist hall

Hi Debbie,
I hope you are well.

Is there perhaps a way for the village to buy the methodist hall, or arrange to lease it from the South Kent Methodist Circuit, to enable its continued community use?

I have been in the actual "church" part once, for a talk to Scouts! From distant memory it was sloped like a theatre. Perhaps this area could be re-purposed, made level to create a further useable space.

It is a far more accessible building than the village hall for our elderly residents, with rear disabled access, so could have a formal daily "pop-in" centre use, perhaps.
There is such a problem with loneliness in the village, and isolation.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Katherine Stephens

From: [REDACTED] PLUS.COM>
Sent: 29 January 2021 12:07
To: Clerk
Subject: Wye Methodist Church

In reply to your request for suggestions for future use how about a Pannier Market



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Katherine Stephens

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: 22 March 2021 19:09
To: Clerk
Subject: Wye Methodist Church - community meeting spaces

The location of the Wye Methodist Church is so central to the community that it would be a great loss to the village, were it to cease to provide meeting space of the wide variety of activities previously offered, from musical appreciation groups for the mainly senior citizens of the village to the young, aspiring ballet dancers.

Katherine Stephens

From: [REDACTED]@invictanet.co.uk>
Sent: 27 January 2021 13:45
To: Clerk
Subject: Wye Methodist Church closure

The closure of the Methodist Church is clearly a matter for regret and Rev. John Makey has submitted an article for the Parish magazine about this. For many years I served as Property Steward and Secretary and am well aware of the problems of sustaining a grade 2 listed building. Among the practical problems was the requirement to put in an elaborate fire alarm system. Readers might like to ponder the feasibility of assembling a team available 24 hours a day seven days a week throughout the year to respond to the alarm. Apart from a small payment to a cleaner, maintenance of the building, compliance with Health and Safety and other day to day matters were organised upon an entirely voluntary basis. The Charity Commission requires such buildings be sold to the highest bidder and our hope is that a proportion of the sale price will be used for social/low cost housing. Whatever might be the level of regret about closure it needs to be tempered by a recognition of the practicalities.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Katherine Stephens

From: Helen Hollands [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2021 14:59
To: Clerk
Cc: Cllr Reece
Subject: Re: Wye Methodist Church

Dear Katherine,

Thank you for getting back to me and for your invitation to meet with Parish Councillors. I wonder if you could let me know more about the purpose of the meeting before we arrange a date, I have a very full diary and would appreciate some further information regarding the queries the Parish Councillors wish to address in our conversation. I am willing to meet but wonder if any questions might be more easily resolved by email?

With best wishes

Helen Hollands

Revd Helen Hollands
Superintendent Methodist minister in the South Kent circuit
Assistant Chair Methodist South-East District
[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 1:18 PM Clerk <Clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Reverend Hollands,

Thank you for your email. Parish Councillors discussed your correspondence at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council on 16 February 2021.

Parish Councillors would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, virtually, via a Teams meeting.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know your availability over the next two weeks and I will arrange a meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Katherine Stephens
Clerk to the Parish Council

Please note my working hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 12.00 - 5.00 and Wednesday 12.00 - 2.30.

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From: Helen Hollands [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2021 14:41
To: Clerk <Clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]; Circuit Office [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <methchurch12@btconnect.com>
Subject: Wye Methodist Church

Dear Ms Stephens,

I understand that you have been in touch regarding our decision to close the Methodist church in Wye and to sell the building. You may be unaware that we are hoping to worship alongside the Anglicans in the parish church so I am pleased to say that the worshipping community will not be lost to the village.

Of course the Methodist church has had a role in the village for many years and, in addition to worship, by providing a space available for lettings for various social and other groups. However, the building has always been managed and maintained by the Methodist church and this has placed a particular burden on the local trustees in terms of maintenance requirements, health and safety and safeguarding. We have always taken these responsibilities very seriously. Over the years this burden has fallen on the shoulders of fewer people and as the membership of the church has decreased they have reached the time when this burden has become too great. They have prayerfully considered the future and concluded that to close the building is the best course of action and to meet alongside others elsewhere.

We are sorry that this will be a loss to the village but it is simply unfair to expect a very small group of older people to manage the premises and sadly we do not have the capacity in the Methodist circuit to manage it ourselves.

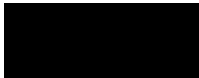
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I hope this helps to explain the situation more fully.

With best wishes

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25 February 2021

Sent by email to: [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] Cllr N Ovenden, Wye Ward Member

IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Rev'd Hollands

Closure of the Wye Methodist Church and its facilities

The Parish Council asked me to write to you formally on this matter, but your email 15th February arrived first. May I start by expressing the Council's sorrow and dismay at this news, and repeat its urgent request for a constructive dialogue with yourself. The Council fully understands your point about *'the burden on local trustees'* but given the gravity of the consequences of closure, cannot understand why nobody picked up a telephone and asked for help with this purely administrative and secular burden.

Context

For many years the Wye Methodist Church rooms have functioned as a lively and well used community asset in the centre of this busy village. This enabled a hive of social activities to take place. Indeed, as your Circuit website states succinctly, it was *'a social centre for all manner of organisations.'* This was a valuable mission to the community of Wye and surrounding parishes, so the impact of its closure will affect a great many people. The timing of this closure could not be worse as it will constrain our ability to *'build up our sense of togetherness'* or more accurately, to rebuild it post COVID-19.

Community uses and benefits

As you know the building was a flexible resource, particularly suited to small group meetings. Being central and within walking distance it was valued by older residents, of which Wye has many. Councillors know how busy the building was, and recent conversations with Rev'd [REDACTED] have confirmed that it provided rooms for some 80 to 100 bookings a month before lockdown.



The Parish Council was one of the many bodies that booked rooms and thereby contributed to the upkeep of the building. Over the years the Council has held hundreds of meetings, workshops and exhibitions there. Although I started work during the COVID-19 pandemic, my predecessor warned me to expect difficulties whenever I need to search for an available meeting room in Wye in a hurry. Given the increasing range of projects and problems that the Parish Council deals with, the Clerk often needs to arrange meetings at short notice, the Thomas Berry room being particularly useful for these occasions.

Actions

In response to the announcement of the permanent closure of the Methodist Church, and the loss of its important facilities the Parish Council's most immediate concern is to quantify the level of community use as necessary data for any remedial undertaking. Second, the Council needs to consider options and plan to make good the gap in the provision of community spaces. Wye need to be ready when COVID-19 restrictions lift and activities can resume so the urgency for this preparation is self-evident.

Therefore Councillors request an exploratory meeting with you to clarify and understand the consequences of closure, and to consider options that will solve problems, not add to them.

The starting point for the Parish Council is its statutory, as well as a moral duty, duty to act in the public interest, and on behalf of all parishioners, both present and future. Please note that as a body incorporated by statute, it has legal powers and duties in respect of public buildings, and can access funding streams. For example, the Parish Council can borrow capital from the Public Works Loan Board at fixed rates for up to 50 years, and it can also reclaim VAT. This provides a significant advantage over a charity, but any application for external funding, a loan or both must be led by a business case built on facts and figures and a credible evidence base.

As we understand from [REDACTED] the Wye booking records no longer exist the obvious, and perhaps only documented way to evidence community use and need is to approximate the number of bookings based on the income received from room hire over a period of years. Your treasurer will have retained those records. As the Parish Council already has numerous invoices which show the hourly hire rates, the calculation should be simple.

- Therefore as a matter of urgency, please can you provide the sub-total figures for Wye, for at least the two most recent years pre-COVID-19?

Plan B

Clearly, the Parish Council's strong preference is to retain the building in community use. However, if disposal is the only option then the Parish Council puts down a marker and requests that, in the event of a sale, any surplus funds derived from that sale should be:

- a) repurposed to remain in Wye;
- b) applied for the benefit of local people who are in housing need;
- c) held for this purpose in perpetuity.

Please note that the term '[local needs](#)' defines housing provided for people with a strong local connection at a social rent, and which is exempt from the right to buy in perpetuity. There is a perception that Wye is a wealthy place, but the reality is quite different, and



affordable housing is a significant issue. I attach at Annex A some demographic data to illustrate this.

This approach resonates with the original grant of Earle Drax land, and with [REDACTED] indication that the funds realised from a sale could be applied to enable affordable housing. Unsurprisingly, Wye shares its acute housing affordability crisis with much of rural Kent. However, you may not know that the Parish Council has long campaigned for affordable housing provision to meet 'local needs', and initiated surveys in 2009, 2013 and 2018 to quantify the level of unmet housing need. As the data gathered by these surveys has a short shelf life, we are preparing to conduct another study later in 2021. For background information, please find a link to the [Wye Housing Needs Survey 2018](#).

In passing, to emphasise this last point the [photograph on your website](#) shows one of the Parish Council's street boards with a poster (image attached below) intended to raise awareness of the 2018 Wye Housing Needs survey, and encourage public participation.

Housing projects are complex and challenging. To work, they need lead time, and the necessary land and resources assembled before any detailed planning can start. Please note that this is urgent as there is a viable serviced site in Wye in prospect, but this opportunity will not stay open for long - another reason for an urgent meeting with you.

Plan B has policy support. Please note that the Wye Neighbourhood Plan forms part of Ashford Borough Council's adopted Local Development Plan, specific to Wye. This includes:

- 'Objective 5: Integration of new affordable and general needs housing within mixed developments.'
- 'Policy WNP5 Integrated housing Local Needs Housing should mainly be met by integration within the affordable housing component of any new developments in Wye.'

Please suggest some convenient times for a Teams meeting from Monday 1st March onwards and I will be pleased to send you an invitation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Katherine Stephens,
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ANNEX A

Demographics (KCC/ONS data November 2020)

The common perception that Wye is a wealthy place is misleading: for example, the parish has:

- 230 single person households aged over 65
- 23.9% of all households in Council Tax Bands A and B
- 8% of pensioners in receipt of Pension Credit (national data shows that more may qualify but do not claim, and understate the extent of low retirement incomes)
- 282 residents providing unpaid care
- 1,350 residents aged over 50 (51.9% of the parish population)
- 660 residents aged over 65 (25.3% of the parish population)

KCC's Mosaic system classifies 40.5% of all households in Wye as '*Rural Reality - living in inexpensive homes in village communities.*' Compare this to the whole population of Ashford Borough who also fall into this category (9.1%), and across all Kent (7.3%).

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Please note that Wye is a rural service centre. As such it provides facilities and social activities e.g. in the Wye Methodist Church, that are not available elsewhere. For example, Wye Surgery has some 8,600 patients and its catchment area covers around 125 square miles. Wye Library also has a long reach: in 2019 it was one of the few cases where KCC extended the opening times - by 10 hours. KCC ranked Wye as 32nd out of all 99 libraries, which reflects its high level of use. There is a significant economic dimension: people who come into Wye for its social facilities and events also buy from local shops and support jobs.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Wye Local Needs

Household Survey

2018



English Rural Housing Association
Local Needs Housing Scheme
Godmersham, built 2011

Please post your household questionnaire
by Friday 17th August

to Tessa O'Sullivan (ACRK Rural Housing Specialist)
Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Penstock Hall Farm
Canterbury Road
East Brabourne
TN25 5LL

17th August

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Survey initiated by Wye with Hinchill Parish Council
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28th February 2021

cc. by email to [REDACTED] Cllr Reece,
Cllr Ovenden
by post to Revd. [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Stephens,

Thank you for your letter regarding the closure of Wye Methodist church, received on the 25th February by email.

Thank you for providing further information regarding the position of the Parish Council. I will set out some initial comments but we are also seeking advice from the Methodist Church legal team so will reply regarding the requested figures in due course.

We are sorry that the Methodist church building is closing in Wye and we also regret the loss of the facility to the community. This decision was not made lightly but after careful thought by the church members, the local circuit and the Methodist district. We understand that the building has been appreciated and used by the community for many years and it has been our privilege and pleasure to provide such a community space. However, I am sure you will understand that the primary purpose of the building is as a church, not as a community facility. I am saddened to note that your letter makes no reference to the loss of the church community, nor indeed the difference they have made to the village over many years. It is this loss which is felt most keenly by the local church members.

It may be useful to explain the background of the decision to close the church building and how governance operates within the Methodist church. Each local church has a set of local managing trustees who, along with the minister in pastoral charge, look after the day to day running of the church, ensure the premises are well maintained and enable the worshipping life and other activities of the congregation. Methodist governance also requires a number of local officers who hold responsibility for safeguarding, property, finance etc. I am sure

you will be pleased to know that these roles are taken seriously and cannot simply be filled by others from outside the church however well-meaning those people may be. One illustration might be that the church was struggling to find a Safeguarding officer, who must be a church member. This is not a role that could have been filled by another person outside the Methodist church but of course it is vital.

The building is not in public ownership and our letting fees (deliberately kept low) have always fallen short of maintenance and other church costs.

Each local Methodist church functions within a Methodist circuit, in our case, the South Kent circuit and the circuit is another decision-making body with oversight over all the local churches. However, church buildings are not owned by local bodies or by circuits, they are owned by the national Methodist church. As a charity the church is bound by charity law and by our own internal governance rules, known as Standing Orders.

In the circuit we are taking advice as to whether we are able to provide the figures you request. As previously stated in earlier correspondence, we are obliged to sell the building for the best possible price. However, we do not wish to be unhelpful and will reply when we can. [REDACTED] has already provided some information about the number of lettings.

Regarding your 'Plan B', whilst we are very sympathetic to the needs of Wye, particularly regarding local housing, we are simply unable to agree to your request as we do not own the building. Once a Methodist building is sold a substantial proportion is recouped by the national church for the benefit of church communities around the country. We cannot constrain ourselves in the manner you suggest and we are unable to give the assurances you request about the proceeds of sale.

I will be in touch once we have received further advice. We can then set up a mutually convenient meeting.

With best wishes

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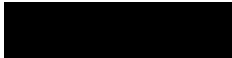
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All agreed that the pandemic will have an impact on people's behaviours. Cllr Ovenden noted that the Parish Council were not asked for additional money for meetings rooms by the Methodist Church in the past. [post meeting note: the Parish Council paid its room hire bills promptly and has given grants for capital works to the Methodist Church in the past when asked by Dr Chapman.]

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Rev'd Hollands and Ms Talbot stated that the Methodist Church has been used as ad hoc meeting space, very cheaply, for a long period of time. It was suggested that the Parish Council have taken advantage of the goodwill of the people at the Methodist Church. Rev'd Hollands confirmed that the Methodist Church takes community activity very seriously – however its primary purpose is to be a church. The Methodist Church are experiencing vulnerability due to the pandemic and difficult decisions have been brought forward. The Methodist Church has to decide where the priorities of the charity are best served. From a

church perspective, there are Methodist Churches locally and there is a strong link with the Parish Church. Church members can hold groups in people's homes. The purpose of the building as a place to be a worshipping space is completed. The Methodist Church undertook an analysis of priorities and the resources of the church. A key factor that was taken into consideration was the age of the members in the church community.

Cllr Bartley noted that the Parish Council are considering letting the building on a short term basis (5 years). The population of the village will increase due to development and such an arrangement would enable the Parish Council to address capacity issues.

The Catholic Church has not been offered ~~widely~~ for outside use. The location of the building is not conducive, unlike the Methodist Church which has individual rooms which is conducive for meeting spaces for small groups. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council have struggled to find meeting spaces.

All agreed that the pandemic will have an impact on people's behaviours. Cllr Ovenden noted that the Parish Council were not asked for additional money for meetings rooms by the Methodist Church in the past. [post meeting note: the Parish Council paid its room hire bills promptly and has given grants for capital works to the Methodist Church in the past when asked by Dr ████████.]

There will be a net loss of space if people return to pre-pandemic levels of groups meeting. The Parish Council are looking to consider short term/long term solutions.

Rev'd Hollands confirmed that no timescales have been identified by the Methodist Church. The Parish Council need to know these timescales in order to prepare plans. Cllr Bartley suggested that a short term lease arrangement would provide some income for the Methodist Church and some time to plan for future. The length of the lease would depend on the works needed to maintain the building.

Rev'd Hollands agreed to discuss the options suggested by the Parish Council at a management meeting on Thursday 15 April in the evening. Ms. Talbot noted that the difficulty with letting is that the Methodist Church end up in the same situation – have to maintain the building and ensure it is fit for purpose. This is not desirable for the Methodist Church.

The Parish Council's option will be considered along with other options. If it is a possibility then the Parish Council can take it forward. Cllr Ovenden asked that the Methodist Church management meeting consider what the longest time would be, that they would consider as a short term lease.

Rev'd Hollands gave further details of the outcome of the 2018 inspection of the Methodist Church:

£5-7k worth of essential works needed in the next 12 months – it is not clear what work has been undertaken.

£5-7k worth of essential works needed in the next 5 years

£5-7k worth of advisable works needed in the next 5 years

Ms. Talbot noted that these are only estimates – it is an old building which needs lots of maintenance. A short term lease would mean that the building would still be the responsibility of the Methodist Church and they need to know the building is safe.

The Methodist Church need to look at their own interests – if they can't afford to maintain the building, as a responsible body, they need to look at the sale of the building.

Cllr Ovenden suggested that there is the potential for the building to have several functions to generate enough income to maintain itself as a building. This will depend on what the terms are of a short term lease. Previous letting of rooms on an ad hoc basis has not necessarily been quantified or let at the correct market value. It was agreed that the Methodist Church has a key central village location – the blue plaque on the building marks the centre of village.

Rev'd Hollands and Liz Talbot were thanked.

The meeting closed at 09:50.

APPENDIX13 Wye Methodists Hall non-ancillary user groups

(pre-COVID-19 pandemic)

Place of worship functions

1. Weekly services

Methodist services (Sundays, weekly) 4pm either Tea Service 5.15 Chapel Service or eucharist.

Celtic morning prayer (Fridays, weekly, ecumenical) 8.00am - 08.30am

See *Appendix 13(c) Pattern of services Wye Parish Magazine September 2020*

(ICM Ashford Pentecostal Church) <https://www.icmashford.org.uk/welcome.htm>

Sunday service moved to 11.15am - 12.30pm at Stanhope Parish Hall TN23 5TG

Community centre functions

2. Weekly activities (room booking / licence)

One hour bookings

Yoga general

Yoga Monday group

Senior yoga (three classes)

Two hour bookings

Open House (drop-in, refreshments, games (Saturday mornings all year round)

Tap dancing (piano in Wesley Room)

Pilates (two classes) see *Appendix 16*

Options Club for the elderly – two rooms for 2 hours (every Thursday morning)

Wye Singers (fortnightly) (piano in Wesley Room)

WEA music and history courses (weekly adult education) [Ashford & Wye Branch](#)

Bridge Club

U3A history (just in spring term) [Ashford Wye and District](#)

[Wye Parish Council](#) / Resources Committee / Staffing Committee / Annual Meeting /

Planning Working Group / Flood Working Group (some meetings exceeded 2 hours)

Five hour booking

Ballet, tap and modern dance Margaret Giles School of Dancing several age groups (Wednesdays and Fridays during school terms) see *Appendices 14 and 15* (piano in Wesley Room)

(NB. Saturday morning MG Dance classes 10am -1pm held in Wye Village Hall, as the Wesley Room was used by Open House drop-in see *Appendix 22*)

3. Every 6 weeks booking Chiropody - whole day clinics

4. Occasional / irregular bookings 2 hours+

AGMs, quiz nights and social evenings e.g Wye Footpath Preservation Society
Children's parties and funeral wakes
Wye Children's Playing Field Charity (*trustee meetings*)
Soup and social light lunches / Lent lunches**
Wye Ground Force litter picks – *meeting point, WCs and for refreshments indoors*
Kent Police community engagement drop-ins see *Appendix 17*
Wye Neighbourhood Watch
Our Place Wye CIC www.ourplacewye.org.uk
Christmas Street Party (annual event) refreshments, WCs and shelter
Amnesty International (Wye Sub-Branch of Canterbury) letter writing group
meetings, non-religious Christmas public card signing sessions
Wye Parish Council meetings, internal meetings, residents' meetings, interviews e.g.
<https://www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/agenda-2019-0117-extraordinary-council.pdf>
<https://www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/agenda-2019-1121-resources.pdf>
<https://www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/agenda-2019-1218-extraordinary-pc.pdf>
<https://www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/agenda-2020-0108-council.pdf>
Wye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group / Review Working Group

5. Occasional bookings (all day)

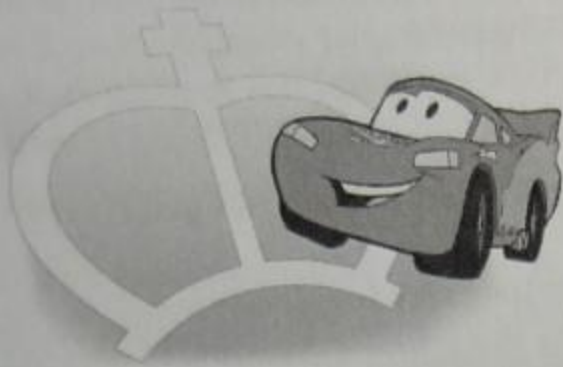
Traidcraft fairs
Art exhibitions see *Appendix 13(d) event poster, Wye residents Mary and Phil Ward*
Our Place Wye Reference Group and Steering Group
Wye Neighbourhood Plan public consultation exhibition
WYE1 public consultation exhibition
WYE3 Masterplan public consultation exhibition (10 days)
ABC Housing Needs officers meeting with Wye residents facing eviction.

Notes. The ad hoc meetings are also important for social wellbeing, as the spare capacity and flexibility provided by the Methodist Church rooms enabled the village to support an active and dynamic community, and crucially for new groups to form. Statements from both Dr [REDACTED] and Dr [REDACTED] confirm the building accommodated about 80 bookings per month, all year round. This community usage figure remained consistent and stable, up to the point of closure for lockdown in March 2020. See *Appendix 5, Annual Parish Meeting Report 2016*

The meeting rooms are ideal for small meetings and new groups, however activities can outgrow the space e.g. the [U3A which formed in Wye Methodist Church in 2010](#).

Given the building's central location, in addition to the range of meeting spaces it provided the building had a wider practical role in support of community wellbeing. For example it provided: accessible WCs for the annual Christmas Street Party; a community noticeboard in the open porch; a prominent poster site; a collection point for local charities e.g. food donation point for the Ashford Foodbank, and a mains power connection point needed to run the Wye Christmas street lights for some six weeks a year between the beginning of December and twelfth night.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED!



A free car lift service has been established in Wye to take people to medical appointments within the village – doctor, dentist and physio etc.

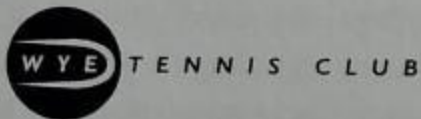
At the moment there are only a small number of people who have volunteered and we would like to increase this so the load can be spread more evenly.

The service is *only for within Wye* (ie. so lifts would only be for a mile or so at most).

[redacted] is coordinating this.

If any kind people would like to help please contact Robin on:

[redacted]@live.com



(AFFILIATED TO THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION)

Patron: Damian Green, M.P.

COME AND PLAY TENNIS

Calling all people between the ages of 4 & 84 to join us for fun, friendship and fitness. We have sessions for all ages and abilities.

For membership details go to www.wyetenis.org.uk or telephone [redacted]

Courts are available to non-members. Please contact [redacted] at Wye News Agency 01233 812271

[redacted]
£10 returnable deposit for court key.
£10 per hour per court

Remembering Jill Waltham Village Hall Fundraising Day Saturday 7th September 2019

Books - Bric-a-brac - Pictures - China etc.
11am to 4.30pm morning coffee,
light lunches, teas available

Contributions to
cake, produce and
plant stalls
all welcome.



Contact [redacted]

OPTIONS CLUB

The Club meets weekly on Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall in Wye at 10 am until 12 noon under the auspices of the Methodist Church. Options is not a religious club and men and women of all denominations or none are welcome. Come and go as you wish.

- 5th A Summer Break to Remember
- 12th Our Kind of Music
- 19th Noel Ovenden Borough Councillor
- 26th Maggie's Quiz

£1.00 a week covers coffee & biscuits.
Everyone welcome – men, woman, all ages

Please observe the courtesy of wearing a face mask when collecting your copies.

WYE OPTIONS CLUB—THE END

One of the consequences of the closure of Wye Methodist Chapel is that the Options Club has come to an end. Although not a religious Meeting, it was under the auspices of the Methodist Church, and the premises were ideal for the two dozen or so folk who attended.

The Club first met in April 2002 the brainchild of Aileen Makey. Loosely based on the Wesley Guild, which was fondly remembered by Aileen from her experiences some decades ago, it was a social gathering for anyone who wished to join, with an informal base, but a topic of some kind in the latter part of the meeting to be introduced by an Options member or sometimes a visitor.

Once a month it was listening to music; in the early years “John’s music” but later that alternated with “Our kind of music”.

Over the 18 years of its life, Options grew gracefully older and a big “Thank you” is due to those who helped in the running of Options. I mention just one of them, [REDACTED], the Options Secretary, and over the years a very successful maker of hundreds and hundreds of cups of tea or coffee.

Thanks too to the people who attended, and made Options the pleasant experience we enjoyed.

[REDACTED] (Co-ordinator)

EXHIBITION

a pop-up gallery
featuring work by
Mary and Phil
Ward

Wye Methodist Hall
(TN25 5DP)
2-3 July 2016 10am-4pm
Free Admission
original artwork/prints/cards



mission today we welcome
the many community groups
which use these premises.
enquiries 813011
Methodist Minister 621216
Council Office 813793
Council Bookings 812519



Wye Parish Council
with Hinxhill

www.wyeparish.info

Wye with Hinxhill **Q&A** 
Parish Council

NEWS! Consultation extended until Tuesday 5pm 8th May. It's your chance!

Drop-in and find out

Telereal Trillium's

WYE3 Masterplan

*and its impact on traffic, the level crossing
and the future of Wye as a place to live*

Drop-in and Exhibition

open daily until

Saturday 5th May

10.00 - 12.00, 14.00 - 16.00

 & 18.00 - 20.00

Wye Methodist Church

**ABC deadline extended - reply by
5pm Tuesday 8th May**

To keep informed... please register for free parish e-newsletters. www.wyeparish.info/contact-us



WYE GROUND FORCE

Village Clean-up

Saturday August 11th 2018

Summertime Special!!

Please take a little time out of your Saturday morning to help spruce-up our lovely village

This is not strenuous work and will be a chance to get some fresh air and have some fun too!

Just come along, all equipment, litter pickers, gloves etc. will be provided

Bring your family and friends along!

Meet at the **Methodist Hall at 10am** returning afterwards for some well-earned refreshments

Contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
for more information

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The Wye Society

For the present and future of life in the village

*What will
Wye
be like in 10
years time?*

*How will
Wye
grow and
change?*

*Will my
friends and I
still want to
live here?*

**7.30 Tuesday
24 June**

Methodist Hall
Bridge Street Wye

all welcome

Bring your ideas &
independent thoughts

***The informed debate starts here.
Will you join us?***

Summer 2001 Activities

for young people around Wye

Secret Agents
July 26th and 27th
For all primary age children
from Wye and Brook parishes
Tel. Ali Poole 812366

Target
£12,000

TODAY - 7th July

FREE
Tennis Coaching

Under 10.... start at 2.00
10 - 13 years...start at 2.45
Over 13..... start at 3.30
Tel. John Freeman 812230
Thanks to Wye Tennis Club

NEW! HALF-PIPE APPEAL

Wet Sponge Throwing

10.30 Sat 21st July - The Green
Victims needed for the stocks!

Splash Out! Car Wash

10.30 Sat. 4th August

Just bring your dirty car and lots of £££!

Signing Classes

(BSL) British Sign Language

Starts 17th July

6.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesdays, 8 weeks

open to all ages

Under 18 - £2.50

Over 18 - £20

Booking forms now at Wye
Newsagents (Spearings)

HURRY - BOOK NOW!

....LUCKY DIPPERS

news to follow!(Subject to
confirmation from Imperial College)..
Free Swimming for 11-16 year olds

Wye Youth Club

Small Village Hall

Friday evenings

Youth Fellowship

Large Village Hall (usually)

Sunday evenings -

starting again in September

Wye Youth Forum

Wye Methodist Hall see notices

**GANNAH
CAMP**

in

Herefordshire

28th July to

4th August -

Fully booked

This year!

check out! ..

www.wye.org

for local events

Wye Youth Forum

MANY THANKS to all who provide
activities for young people in Wye -

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

**DON'T
MISS OUT**
book before 30th
January 2009!

PUTTING YOUR POINT ACROSS

High-impact workshops
to develop key skills
in your Youth Council
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We will provide:

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- an experienced trainer
- a fun and engaging training session
- an activity booklet.

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PUTTING YOUR POINT ACROSS

Booking Form

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel no:

Mobile:

Putting Your Point Across... Tick the workshops you would like delivered:

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Representing

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Please provide a selection of dates before 31st March 2009 on which the training could take place. Please provide at least three convenient dates. Payment will be by invoice following delivery of the workshop.

1. 2. 3.

4. 5. 6.

Please use the space below to outline any special needs within the group so that they can fully participate in the day (i.e. disabled access, large print documents etc.)

Please send to Helen Marshall, Training Officer, The British Youth Council, CAN Mezzanine London Bridge, 1 Downstream Building, 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9BG.

Please note the following terms and conditions

Host organisations must cover the costs of the training fee of £60, plus trainer expenses and venue hire, which should include flip chart stand with paper. BYC will provide all other training materials.

You will receive a contract on receipt of your booking form. If you wish to see the Booking Conditions, please visit Our Services on www.byc.org.uk

The British Youth Council would like to hold your details in order to contact you about our wider work. If you would prefer us not to use your details like this, please tick here.

If you are happy for us to contact you about these things by email, please tick here.

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CONSULTATIONS

Spring 2002

Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council is circulating this notice to inform you and every resident about the opportunities to be involved in planning Wye's future. Please give your views and ideas.

By chance, there are three significant, but separate public consultations taking place this spring concerning proposed developments in Wye.

Consultation 1. Proposed expansion of Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary School

KCC Education and Libraries (response deadline: 7th March 2002)

The proposed expansion to two form entry (60 pupils per year) will increase the school roll to 420 pupils. Issues include traffic congestion, parking, road safety and the impact on the Village Hall.

Consultation 2. Wye traffic survey and proposals

KCC Highways (timetable and response deadline to be advised, possibly May 2002)


A study of traffic, parking and related issues with recommendations for a one way system in Bridge Street, additional parking and other changes to the road network. Unfortunately this study does not consider the impact of the proposed expansion of the primary school.

Consultation 3. Draft Development Brief for the Oil Depot, Bramble Lane

Ashford Borough Council, Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council (response deadline: 29th April 2002)

The document aims to constrain any future developer by setting out design principles, issues and proposals for landscaping the Oil Depot site. The Local Plan allocates 35 houses (including seven affordable houses) for this brownfield site. If adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, any planning application will have to conform to the Development Brief, so now is the time to give your views.

Timetable for Consultation 3.

8th March	Consultation Draft becomes a "public" document (open for 52 days)
21st March	Wye Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Methodist Hall 
16th April	Wye Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Methodist Hall
20th April	Exhibition and informal discussion, Wolfson (during Farmers' Market)
25th April	Presentation at Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm Wye Village Hall
29th April	Consultation ends 5.00pm (statement of consultation to be prepared)
3rd May	Public responses incorporated in revised Development Brief
8th May	Officers' report and recommendations to Ashford Borough Council
22nd May	Presentation to ABC for adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance

How do I find out more and give my views?

Please read the material on display in the Public Library, Bridge Street from 8th March, attend the Exhibition and Annual Parish Meeting and ask questions, then use the comment forms and replies box provided in the Public Library, or write direct to:

The Parish Clerk, Billing Cottage Canterbury Road, Billing Ashford TN25 4HA.

Technical problems permitting, the Draft Development Brief may also be viewed shortly on the Wye Website www.wye.org, or through links to www.wye.villagedesign.org.uk

NB. The authors of the Development Brief waive copyright and the document may be photocopied. However, the original in the Library benefits from the use of coloured illustrations. For background reading and reference, copies of the Wye Village Design Statement are available in Wye Public Library, Wye Newsagency, Danny's, the Post Office and Wye Antiques.

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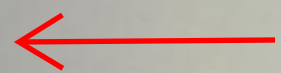
www.wyebenefice.org.uk/

WYE – St Gregory and St Martin's

Every Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
1 st Sunday	10am	Parish Communion
2 nd Sunday	10am	Morning Prayer
3 rd Sunday	6.30pm	The Informal Evening Service – Informal Worship
4 th Sunday	10am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Celtic Evening Prayer – Wye College Chapel
	10am	All Age Service – All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

During most 10am services at Wye, except the All Age Service and during August, there are activity groups for children and young people from ages 0 – 17.

Monday – Thursday	8am	Morning Prayer – Common Worship
Friday	8am	Celtic Morning Prayer – Wye Methodist Church



BOUGHTON ALUPH – St Christopher's & All Saints

www.allsaintsba.org.uk/

1 st 2 nd & 4 th Sundays	9.30am	Parish Communion – Common Worship
3 rd Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Common Worship

BROOK – St Mary's

www.wyebenefice.org.uk/

1 st 3 rd & 4 th Sundays	10am	Parish Communion – Common Worship
2 nd Sunday	10am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer

HINXHILL – St Mary's

www.wyebenefice.org.uk/

2 nd Sunday	3pm	Evensong – Book of Common Prayer
4 th Sunday	11.15am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer

CURRENT SERVICES

Please see the website and check notice boards for the latest service times.

WYE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH – St Ambrose, Oxenturn Road

Sunday	9.15am	Mass
Most Thursdays	11am	Mass (see notice board in St Ambrose church porch)
Holy Day Evenings	7pm	Mass

WYE METHODIST CHURCH – Bridge Street

Sunday	4pm	The Tea Service
Sunday	5.10pm	Chapel Service
Friday	8am	Celtic Morning Prayer



THE BRAMBLES

Last Monday in the month	3pm	Holy Communion
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AGNOSTICS ANONYMOUS

1st Thursday 7.30 pm

OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS

MID-WEEK GROUPS - WYE

Tuesday 8.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 pm

Boughton Aluph:

WYE & BROOK FELLOWSHIP

1st Thursday 3.00 pm
3rd Thursday 3.00 pm

Service in Wye Parish Church

Open House,

FIG WOMEN'S GROUP

1st Thursday 9-10 am

Wye Parish Church:

FIG WOMEN'S HOME GROUP

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9.00 am

BUMPS AND BABIES GROUP

Thursday Term Time 10:30 am

Wye Parish Church:

HEALING GROUP

1st Monday 2.30 pm

LISTENING PRAYER

Tuesday 11:30-12:30

Wye Parish Church:

MUSIC GROUP PRACTICE - WYE

Alternate Fridays 8.00 pm

Wye Parish Church:

BELL RINGING PRACTICE - WYE

Friday 7.30 pm

Tower Room:

ECO CHURCH

Sunday 11.30 am
(every 3 months)

Tower Room:

MEN'S BREAKFAST

2nd Saturday 8.30 am

Kings Head:

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE GROUPS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NAMED CONTACT. LATEST CHURCH SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON THE BENEFICE WEBSITE

MAGAZINE NEWS

Welcome back to our September issue!

Our cover this month is a photographic montage of the recent Boughton Lees Scarecrow Safari which was held on 11 and 12 July. This fantastic array of scarecrows is just a small selection from over 40 entries. Sadly we couldn't feature them all but more photos of the event can be seen at [redacted]

We are busy arranging the magazine subscriptions for 2021. Further details can be found on page 24.

The Parish Magazine Editorial Team



AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting (8th January 2019)**
- 2. Updates/progress of ongoing matters**
- 3. Flood Forum presentation – 9th February 2019, Large Village Hall 11-12**
- 4. Consideration of revised Community Flood Plan**
 - 4a - widening the plan to include Bramble Lane**
- 5. AOB**

Actions agreed at last meeting

1. To continue work on the draft Community Flood Plan for further review (AB and SB) and liaise with RH.
2. DB to add draft Community Flood Plan to PC agenda when ready to adopt.
3. Spring Grove School – has there been/there should be a survey of culvert pipes and their fitness for purpose.
4. Culvert at the railway - contact Network Rail to urge for cleaning to take place and request sight of their maintenance schedule (DB).
5. Contact [REDACTED] at KCC to obtain a copy of the maintenance schedule for clearing of gullies in the village and undertake follow up inspections (DB).
6. AB and RB to discuss next steps regarding potential flood storage land.



AGENDA

1. **Minutes of the last meeting (5th February 2019)**
2. **Updates/progress of ongoing matters**
3. **Feedback from meeting with Head of Planning Policy at Ashford Borough Council**
4. **Feedback from the National Flood Forum presentation of 9th February**
5. **Report from [REDACTED]**
6. **Updates regarding draft Community Flood Plan**
7. **Date of next meeting**
Introductory meeting for new FWG members – Tuesday 26th February, 7pm

Actions agreed at last meeting

Draft Community Flood Plan put to Parish Council meeting for adoption

Culvert at the railway - contact Network Rail to urge for cleaning to take place and request sight of their maintenance schedule

Contact [REDACTED] at KCC to obtain maintenance schedules for clearing of gullies in the village and undertake follow up inspections



AGENDA

1. **Welcome and introductions**

2. **Actions and notes from the last meeting (23rd April 2019)**

Actions

- 1) Meeting with [REDACTED], Monday 29th April (road closures) (DB, AB, PB, DH)
- 2) Check of ditches at the railway (culvert already checked) (AT)
- 3) Make contact with [REDACTED] (AB – or if not possible, RB)
- 4) Site visit at Spring Grove Farmhouse Wednesday 24th April (AT, BS, RB, AB)
- 5) Site visit to Spring Grove School (AT)
- 6) Bramble Lane Community Flood Plan drafting (DH)
- 7) Bramble Lane Care home contact (PB - or if not possible, RB)

3. **Updates/progress of ongoing matters**

4. **Report from [REDACTED] Watercourse Officer Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership**

5. **Community Flood Plan**

6. **Next steps**

7. **Date of next meeting**

Meeting with [REDACTED] 29th March 2019

Road closures:

Insurance cover needs to be checked to ensure that public liability insurance cover is sufficient and the level of training required. (Level of training – to be competent, or something more formal?) KCC insurance will not cover any road closures undertaken by the Parish Council. E-mail for closures provided (roadworks@midkent.gov.uk). Message should be sent immediately.

[REDACTED] Asset Manager – moving on, [REDACTED] covering her post.

Storage space – needs to be dry and secure. 6x6x6 should be sufficient. Suggested Spring Grove school as storage location. Reflective cones are mostly used as barriers are heavy objects. Cones are suitable for short closures.

Spring Grove school

- Weekly grill clearance needed, although in winter step up to twice weekly
- Involve parents in the flood planning (what happens if a flood event occurred at pick-up time?)
- Palmston and other local business should be included on the contacts list. In addition, they may have spare land that could be used for storage.

Water diversion barrier requirement

- Easy to move, with no additional equipment required, self anchoring
- Ask salesman to come out and survey the area for requirements and demonstrate products.
- Watergate -suggested brand
- Birmingham conference in September (suitable products)

Harville Road gully - Ideally: replace with new drainage system (600ml sump)

- KCC has received £2m in extra funds for flood prevention etc – funds not yet allocated
- Pipe under road 2x300 ml pipes
- Shallow road? – may not have been possible to install a 600ml pipe). Two smaller pipes work less effectively than a 600 ml)
- There may be gas/water/electricity mains in the way.
- Aim to have more water reaching the ditch earlier and more consistently
- Harville Farm – fully aware that they need to maintain ditch – not KCC's responsibility. Some maintenance work has been done over the winter.

Request for pavement raising

- 25m normal clearance height. Ideally should tip towards the road, to channel water in to the road/drains.



Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council

Ways to Contact the Clerk

By phone on: **01233 812459**
(if there is no reply please leave a message)

By email: clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

Website www.wyeparish.info <http://www.wyeparish.info>

**Wye with Hinxhill
Parish Council Report**

May 2012 - April 2013

preschool will continue to be an outstanding setting, which we can all be proud of and which will prosper for many years to come.

(University of the Third Age)Wye and District U3A

U3As are self-managed lifelong learning co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a friendly environment. Members run courses with many operating on a "self-help" basis with participants contributing their knowledge. Some courses are time limited and others continue from year to year.

Wye and District U3A, which was formed in 2010, currently has 192 members, of who approximately one-third come from Wye, approximately 90 from Ashford (including Kennington and Willesborough) and the remainder from surrounding villages.

In 2012-2013 courses offered by Wye and District U3A have included French Conversation & Grammar, Basic Guitar Chords, Digital Photography, Russian History, Poetry for Pleasure, Painting, Shakespeare in Context, Bridge for Beginners, Homemade Soups & Bread, Wye Connections with National History and Ballroom Dancing. There are also four book groups and two current affairs discussion groups.

Bi-monthly coffee mornings in local venues are held so that members may meet socially. Outings have become a regular feature with visits over the past year to Pashley Manor Gardens, Gad's Hill Place, Brighton Pavilion and Greenwich.

The annual subscription is £15 per year, payable in January with a reduction for new members joining after June. For further information contact: [REDACTED] (Membership Secretary) on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@btinternet.com;

Loss of Methodist Church Hall

██████████ ██████████

Wed 2021-09-15 22:55

To: clerk@wyeparishcouncil.co.uk

Cc: ██████████

Dear Sir

I am writing in regard to the proposed sale of the Wye Methodist Church Hall.

I am the current principal of the Margaret Giles School of Dancing which has a school community of approximately 180 students ranging from 3 to 20 years old. The school was started by Miss Giles during the war around 1940 and has operated in the Ashford area ever since. The classes in Wye have been running for at least 60 years and at the Methodist Church Hall since the 1980s.

Mrs ██████████ was my predecessor who took over from Margaret Giles in 1977 and in 2009 when she retired I took on the role of principal.

Countless students who have passed through our doors have benefitted from learning to dance. Not only have they gained the physical skills associated with a dance education; co-ordination, strength, balance, spacial awareness and musicality, they have also gained life skills such as, self-discipline, resilience, performance skills and team work. On top of that, the sense of achievement when gaining exams and the excitement and sense of community experienced when they perform in our biannual shows, all combine to produce a confident child and young adult.

The loss of our venue at the Methodist Church hall has had a huge impact on us. We have survived the pandemic by moving to the village hall but have had to significantly alter our timetable as the village hall is so busy with the pre-school and after school club, who use both halls five days a week, along with the many other groups now all competing for time and space. The Methodist hall was a friendly and safe place to which many children could walk from school, and it has a piano, as there is no piano in the village hall our pianist can no-longer be engaged to play for our ballet classes.

We would like to be able to resume our lessons in the Methodist Church hall in the future. Our school is viable but we are limited in the classes we can offer due to the lack of community space, loosing the Methodist church hall will be a blow to our school and the wider community.

Kind regards

Liz Moriarty

MG Dance

APPENDIX15 Margaret Giles School of Dancing

Evidence of non-ancillary community use of the building for over 70 years

<https://www.mg-dance.co.uk>

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HOME DANCE GALLERY NEWS CONTACT ABOUT

Margaret Giles School of Dancing
Established over 70 years




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The Margaret Giles School of Dancing, established over 70 years ago, offers ISTD accredited classes in various dance forms in Ashford and Wye

[Margaret Giles School of Dancing](#) (images and text copied with thanks)



The following extracts are from the MG Dance termly newsletters:



[Autumn Newsletter 2020](#)

All Term Dates and Timetables are subject to change.

Term commences Friday 18th September to Saturday 5th December

Half Term: Sunday 25th Oct to Sunday 1st Nov

Dear Parents and Pupils

Just when I thought we were able to get back to some sort of normality I have received the frustrating news from the Ashford Parish Council that they are currently unwilling to open the Ashford hall this month for our lessons.

I am in the process of appealing this decision as the government clearly states that the 'Rule of 6', introduced last week, should not affect educational activities.

Therefore all of our **Ashford** classes are **regrettably on hold until further notice**, with the exception of our Tuesday classes which will be held at the Repton Community Centre (subject to confirmation). The Tuesday timetable may need to be adjusted if we can find a way to accommodate more classes on that day.

I have some space in some of our Wye classes if people are willing and able to travel.

I shall contact individual classes with more information on that in the next few days.

I am extremely disappointed by the recent decision made by the Ashford Parish council regarding the hall, but am hopeful that it will only be a short delay to the start of our Ashford classes.

As you may know the Methodist Church hall in Wye is also currently unavailable to us but we are able to hold classes at the Village hall for this term.

For classes that can resume we would like to make dance classes feel as normal as possible but must follow the current guidelines therefore please adhere to the following requests:

- We will be running a one-way system; the **Wye Village halls**, which are ajoined, we will exit through the fire exits, the small hall fire exit is on the far left of the building and the large hall exit is on the far right of the building.

[Spring Newsletter 2020](#)

Spring Term 2020 Newsletter

Term Dates:

Wednesday 8th January to 29th March

Half Term: 16th to 23rd March

Dear Parents and Pupils

Happy New Decade everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you so much for the gifts and cards, so very kind and gratefully received.

So to a new term. **The timetable is almost unchanged from last term** but please check it carefully. Primary ballet on Thursdays in Ashford will start at 4pm to 4.30pm but all other classes on Thursdays have stayed the same.

[Autumn Newsletter 2019](#)

Term Dates: 9th September to 8th December

Half Term 21st October to 27th October

Spring Term 2020 start date: Wednesday 8th January

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to a new term. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer break. To all pupils starting a new school or moving onto further education, we wish you the very best of luck. A big thank you to Caiti Carpenter (some of you may remember her as the Mad Hatter from our 2015 show) for the fantastic contemporary class you gave at the end of last term. Well done to Miss Sophie's Street Group who performed so well at Ashford's Create Festival in July.

New Classes. Please note we have a few new classes starting this term:

Inter Foundation Contemporary:

A brand new ISTD syllabus, Tuesdays 5.45 to 6.30pm Ashford, open to all of Grade/Level 5 Modern or Ballet upwards.

Primary Tap/Modern:

Tuesdays 4.00 to 4.45pm in Ashford

Wednesday 4.30 to 5.00pm in Wye

Open to Yr 1 upwards, tap shoes available to hire for £5. A great class for boys too!

Junior Street Class:

Wednesdays 4.15pm to 4.45pm in Ashford for ages 5 to 8 yrs. Another great class for boys! If you would like more information please let me know. All classes are subject to a free trial offer.

Saturday 5th October Classes on this day will be at Chartham Hatch village hall instead **or Wye village hall**, many apologies for any inconvenience.

Summer 2019 Newsletter

Term Dates

23rd April to 15th July

Half Term 27th May to 2nd June

Please note there are no classes on the following days:

Thursday 2nd May and Friday 14th June

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome back after the Easter break and many congratulations to our show pupils, thank you for your professionalism and enthusiasm, I have received many fantastic comments about your dancing and acting skills and the success of the show is testament to the hard work you put in throughout the year. Thank you too for such thoughtful gifts, cards and messages, I am so grateful for your support and kind words.....

This term we have a few disruptions because of Bank Holidays and Polling days; there are no classes on Thursday 2nd May due to elections or Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. We may have to vacate the hall for European Elections on Thursday 23rd May, I will let you know asap if we have to cancel our normal lessons on that day, but if we do we will hold lessons on Thursday 18th July instead.

Please note there are no lessons on Friday 14th June in Wye.

Check the timetable carefully for any changes. Some of our senior Modern and Tap classes have been suspended until after the GCSE and A Levels and I apologise for the inconvenience and wish those pupils the very best of luck with their exams. Miss Gwen will be teaching all Monday classes and **our Saturday classes are now in Wye Village Hall.**

DAY	LOCATION	CLASS	TIME	TEACHER
APRIL 2019				
MONDAY	ASHFORD	GRADE 2 TAP/MODERN	4.00 - 4.45	GWEN
	ASHFORD	GRADE 3 MODERN	4.45 - 5.15	GWEN
	ASHFORD	GRADE 3/4 TAP	5.15 - 5.45	GWEN
	ASHFORD	GRADE 5 TAP	5.45 - 6.15	GWEN
	ASHFORD	GRADE 5 MODERN	6.15 - 7.00	GWEN
TUESDAY	ASHFORD	GRADE 5 BALLETT	4.45 - 5.45	GWEN
	ASHFORD	SENIOR BALLETT	5.45 - 6.45	GWEN
WEDNESDAY	ASHFORD	JUNIOR STREET	4.45 - 5.30	SOPHIE
	WYE	PRE SCHOOL BALLETT	2.30 - 3.00	LIZ
	WYE	PRIMARY BALLETT	3.30 - 4.00	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 2 BALLETT	4.00 - 4.40	LIZ
	WYE	GRADE 1 TAP/MODERN	4.40 - 5.30	LIZ

THURSDAY	ASHFORD	PRE-SCHOOL BALLE	3.45 – 4.15	LIZ
	ASHFORD	PRIMARY BALLE	4.15 – 4.50	LIZ
	ASHFORD	LEVEL 1 BALLE	4.50 – 5.30	LIZ
	ASHFORD	LEVEL 2 BALLE	5.30 – 6.10	LIZ
	ASHFORD	LEVEL 3 BALLE	6.10 – 6.50	LIZ
	ASHFORD	LEVEL 4 BALLE	6.50 – 7.30	LIZ
	ASHFORD	LEVEL 5/6 BALLE	7.30 – 8.15	LIZ
FRIDAY	WYE	PRIMARY BALLE	3.30 – 4.00	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 1 BALLE	4.00 – 4.30	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 2 BALLE	4.30 – 5.10	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 3 BALLE	5.10 – 6.00	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 4 BALLE	6.00 – 6.45	LIZ
	WYE	LEVEL 5 BALLE	6.45 – 7.30	LIZ
SATURDAY	WYE V.HALL	GRADE 5 BALLE	10.00 – 11.00	LIZ
	WYE V.HALL	GRADE 4 TAP	11.00 – 11.30	LIZ
	WYE V.HALL	LEVEL 3 / 4 BALLE	11.30 – 12.15	LIZ
		GRADE 2 MODERN		

Total weekly use for non-ancillary activities (ballet and dance): seven hours

Total demand need for ballet space in Wye: nine and a quarter hours

NB. Saturday morning classes coincided with the Open House event held weekly in the Wesley Room, hence the venue change to Wye Village Hall

[Spring Newsletter 2018](#)

Dear Parents and Pupils

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you so much for the amazing gifts and cards (some super talented artists!) so very kind and thoughtful and gratefully received.

There has been a lot of sickness around this holiday but I hope everyone will be feeling ready to get back into class or indeed try out any new classes. I'm very keen to drum up enough interest in our **adult jazz class** to keep it going so if you know anyone that is looking for a fun exercise class, especially those with some dance experience, then please spread the word; Mondays 8.00 to 8.45pm, Ashford Venue, £5. Please let us know if you are interested so we have an idea of numbers.

New Primary Ballet class starting in Wye on Wednesdays 3.30 to 4.00pm

There are still a few spaces available in this class so please get in touch if you would like to join. **Any children attending the Friday Primary class who wish to switch to a Wednesday are welcome to do so.**

Autumn Newsletter 2014

Welcome back to a new academic year. Unfortunately the summer weather wasn't ideal, but I hope you had a good break regardless.

Following successful exams and a wonderful performance of Giselle in Bromley (with current and past Margaret Giles pupils included), I hope all pupils well rested and looking forward to dance classes again. We have exams to focus on initially, and the prospect of our slightly delayed bi-annual show on the horizon!

We have a new teacher in Wye, Katrina, who replaces Hannah. We wish Hannah every success in her new career as a primary school teacher.

Following hall fee increases some time ago, and an unusually long 11-week term instead of the usual 10-weeks, prices have been adjusted accordingly. Classes commence in the week starting Mon 8th September.

Autumn Newsletter 2013

Welcome back to a new academic year. Following successful exams and a wonderful performance of Swan Lake at the Marlowe (with some Margaret Giles pupils included), we hope you're well rested and looking forward to dance classes again. Unusually this term consists of 11 weeks, so our prices have been adjusted accordingly....

Wye classes on Thursday 19th September Unfortunately we are unable to have the hall on this day as it is being used for a Canterbury Diocese training event. I'm really sorry for this inconvenience. Therefore the Thursday Wye classes are for 10 weeks this term and fees will either be £37 for half hour class or £60 for one hour modern/tap class.

NB. This one week out of 11, so worship related interruptions to room bookings for ballet and dance teaching were rare events.

Autumn Newsletter 2012

Welcome back and hope you all had a good Summer break and are ready for the exciting term ahead? This term's newsletter features information on our bi-annual show and some excellent tap and modern exam results....

Please note there will be a slight increase for some Chartham Hatch and **Wye pupils** to bring their fees into line with the rest of the school.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 September 2021 9:49

To: Clerk <Clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Wye Methodist Church Hall

Dear Wye Parish Clerk,

I attach my notes of dismay and indeed tragedy of the closure and now sale of the Methodist Church Hall.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

For the past 38 years I have lived in the parish of Wye. I come into the village centre to visit the shops and post office, for medical needs and so on, as well as see friends and join in various activities. As an example, for at least the past twelve years, once a week, I have attended Pilates classes held in the Methodist Church Hall. The closure and now sale of the Methodist Church Hall has meant that these classes in Wye have ceased. I feel this loss keenly.

The weekly Pilates Classes was just one of countless meetings, classes and social gatherings that took place in the Methodist Church Hall. The Hall has served as a venue for numerous occasions and events, which in many instances people relied upon in their day-to-day lives. For Wye and the whole village community closure of the Methodist Church Hall is a tragedy.

That the Methodist Church Hall is no longer available and offering a room to hire has meant the loss of these weekly Pilates classes. 'Live' classes have had to move to Godmersham, when they started up again a couple of months ago. For me and, I imagine a number of other people attending the classes, Godmersham is a much less convenient place, further away, a difficult journey (narrow lanes) and only possible by car. Each of the classes were attended by around eight people and held three days a week; around 24 in total attending. These people no longer come to the village centre for this weekly date, which carries with it other potential losses for the village. On their visits to join in classes, they may have called into shops or met people and at the same time contributed to the economic and social well being of the village.

The Methodist Church Hall was particularly well suited to the Pilates Class and other activities of this type, which were small – about eight people is the maximum number for a class run by one person, who needs to be able to keep a eye on everyone. For small groups it provided an ideal space, which also offered a more intimate and informal setting and one that could be easily heated.

The Methodist Church Hall served as a meeting place and played a key part in everyday life in Wye. It helped underpin the network of interactions, communications and links that are so important to the active functioning of a village. Thus the Methodist Church Hall provided benefits not only at the time, but also in the long run for everyone through its role in hosting the widest range of practical, social and cultural activities. Its sale and loss of this venue and meeting hub is, indeed, a tragic outcome for Wye, its residents and the surrounding areas.

Pilates Classes: Wye, UK

Wye, UK

Within 1 mile

All styles

All abilities

Any day

Any time

Search 

Pilates and You Kent: Pilates And You Kent

The Methodist Hall Bridge Street

Wye Ashford Bridge Street TN25 5EA

Level: All abilities

Style: Body Control Pilates

Schedule: Thursday 18:45 - 19:45

0.2 miles | [Pilates class](#)



Pilates and You Kent: Pilates And You Kent

The Methodist Hall Bridge Street

Wye Ashford Bridge Street TN25 5EA

Level: All abilities

Style: APPI of Physiotherapy led Pilates

Schedule: Thursday 20:00 - 21:00

0.2 miles | [Pilates class](#)



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 September 2021 15:57

To: Clerk <Clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Crime Prevention Meeting, 26November 2019 18.00pm Methodist Church,Wye

To the Clerk

I attended this meeting with my good friend Annette Vousden to help with refreshments, and to get some information from the PCSOs and the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

We arrived a little early to find a number of people waiting to get into the side hall, however the Yoga class was overrunning its allotted time which was causing a little annoyance.

It was therefore suggested that the meeting was held in the church.

It was a very informative meeting with an interesting talk from Peter New (Neighbourhood Watch) and we also had some insight into the role of the PCSO.

The audience was able to ask questions

Hopefully we will be able to have more of these public meetings in the future for the protection of our village.

[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows

The Methodist Church

Bridge Street
Wye
Kent, TN25 5DP.

INVOICE

DATE:
30 June, 2018

INVOICE #
101599

Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Monday June 11 th , CPFC, Thomas Berry room rate	9.00
Thursday, June 21 st , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Monday June 25 th , Cycling Group, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	
	£37.00

With Thanks,

Make all cheques payable to:-

Wye Methodist Church

Internet Banking Details:-

Acc Name -

Acc Number

Sort Code -

Please State Invoice Number(s) as Your Reference when making Payments.

The Methodist Church
Bridge Street
Wye
Kent, TN25 5DP.

INVOICE

DATE:
31 March, 2017

INVOICE #
101470

Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Monday March 13 th Thomas Berry Room, 11/2 hrs	9.00
Thursday March 16th, Thomas Berry Room, 11/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday March 21st, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£30.00

With Thanks,

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[Wye Methodist Church](#)

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Acc Name -
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The Methodist Church
 Bridge Street
 Wye
 Kent, TN25 5DP.

INVOICE

DATE:
 28 February, 2017

INVOICE #
 101460

Bill To:
 [REDACTED]
 Unit 2b, Briar Close,
 Bramble Lane
 Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:
 Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Friday January 6th, Thomas Berry room 2hrs	12.00
Monday January 9th, Wesley Room,3hrs	21.00
Tuesday January 10th, Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Monday January 16th, Thomas Berry room 11/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday January 17th, " " " 1hr	6.00
Thursday January 19th, " " " 11/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday January 31st, " " " 1½ hrs	9.00
Tuesday February 16th, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday February 21st, Wesley Room ,2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£113.00

With Thanks, [REDACTED]

Make all cheques payable to:-
 Wye Methodist Church

Internet Banking Details:-

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 Sort Code - [REDACTED]

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The Methodist Church

Bridge Street
Wye
Kent, TN25 5DP.

INVOICE

DATE:
31 October, 2018

INVOICE #
101629

Bill To:

[REDACTED]
Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday September 20 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Monday October 8 th , CPFC, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday October 18 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Friday October 26 th ,Sustrans, Wesley room 3+ hrs	21.00
TOTAL	£63.00

With Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Make all cheques payable to:-
[Wye Methodist Church](#)

[REDACTED]

Internet Banking Details:-

Acc Name -
Acc Number
Sort Code -

[REDACTED]

Please State Invoice Number(s) as Your Reference when making Payments.


The Methodist Church

Receipt

Date: 21 April 2018

No: 1,093

Received from: Wye With Hinxhill

The sum of: Forty-Nine Pounds

Use of Wye Methodist Church Hall

Cheque	49.00
Cash	
Bank Credit	
Total:	49.00

Invoice(s) Paid

101570



(HOW TREASURER)

WITH THANKS

The **Methodist Church**



Receipt

Date: 29 May 2018

No: 1,114

Received from: Wye With Hinxhill Parish Council

The sum of: Seventy-One Pounds

Use of Wye Methodist Church Hall

Cheque	71.00
Cash	
Bank Credit	
Total:	71.00

Invoice(s) Paid

101572



(HOW TREASURER)

WITH THANKS

The Methodist Church



Receipt

Date: 15 September 2018

No: 1,148

Received from:



The sum of:

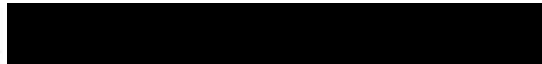
Twenty-Four Pounds and Fifty Pence

Use of Wye Methodist Church Hall

Cheque	24.50
Cash	
Bank Credit	
Total:	24.50

Invoice(s) Paid

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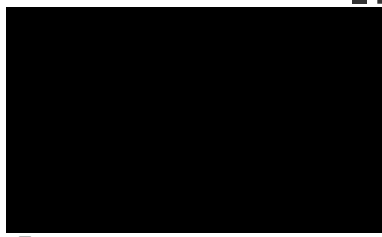


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WITH THANKS

The Methodist Church
Bridge Street
Wye
Kent, TN25 5DP.

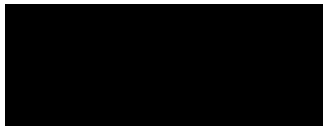
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DATE:
31 May, 2014

INVOICE #
101173

Bill To:



For:
Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Tuesday, May 20th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£14.00

With Thanks,



Make all cheques payable to:-

[Wye Methodist Church](#)



Internet Banking Details:-

Acc Name -

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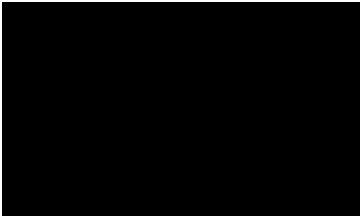
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The **Methodist** Church 

Bridge Street
Wye
Kent, TN25 5DP.

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31 December, 2014


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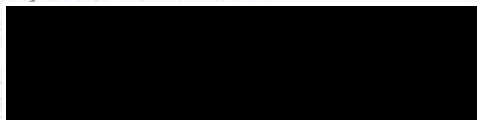

Council Office
The Street
Wye
TN25 5DP
clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

For:
Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday, October 9th. Thomas Berry Room, 11/2 hrs	9.00
Saturday, October 11th, * * * 1hr	6.00
TOTAL	£15.00

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For:
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Tuesday December 2nd, Thomas berry room, 5hrs	16.00
Friday December 5th, * * * *	16.00
Monday December 8th, * * * *	16.00
Tuesday, December 9th, * * * 3hrs	16.00
Thursday, December 18th, * * * , all day	16.00
Friday December 19th, * * * *	16.00
TOTAL	£108.00

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Council Office
The Street
[Brook TN25 5FE](mailto:clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com)
clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

For:
Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Tuesday December 2nd Thomas herry room, 6hrs	18.00
Friday December 5th	18.00
Mondsy December 8th,	18.00
Tuesday, December 9th,	18.00
Thursday, December 18th	18.00
Friday December 19th,	18.00
TOTAL	£108.00

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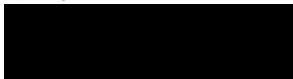
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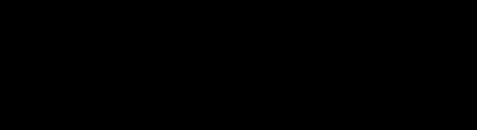
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Wye Parish Council	
Thursday, January 8th, Th. Berry Room, 21/2 hrs	15.00
Thursday, January 15th, " " " , all day	18.00
Friday, January 16th, " " " , all day	18.00
Friday, January 23rd, " " " , all day	18.00
TOTAL	
	£69.00

With Thanks,



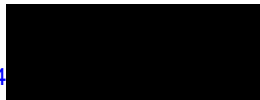
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The Street
[Brook TN25 5PF](#)
clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

For:

Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Wednesday, January 7 th Th.Berry Room, 3+ hrs	18.00
Thursday, January 22 nd , " " " 1 1/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday, January 27 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday, January 29 th , Th.Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£53.00

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Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Wednesday, January 7 th Th.Berry Room, 3+ hrs	18.00
Thursday, January 22 nd , " " " 1 1/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday, January 27 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday, January 29 th , Th.Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£53.00

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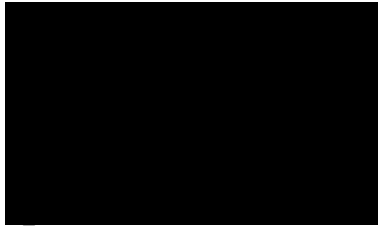
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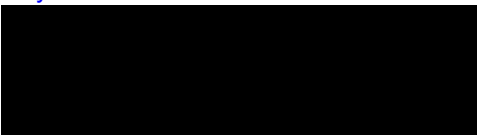
Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday April 2 nd , Th.Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£12.00

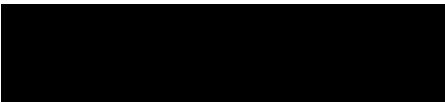
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For:

Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Thursday, April 2nd, Th. Berry Room 1hr	6.00
TOTAL	£6.00

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Bill To:

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clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

For:

Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Outstanding from 10 th March, Thos. Berry, 21/2 hrs	15.00
Outstanding from 31 st March, " " 11/2 hrs	9.00
Outstanding from 2 nd April, " " 2hrs	12.00
Monday 4 th May, Th. Berry, 2hrs	12.00
Wednesday 13 th May, " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday 14 th May, " " 2hrs	12.00
Friday 22 nd May, " " 1hr	6.00
TOTAL	£78.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday October 2 nd ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday October 17 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday October 19 th , Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday, October 31 st ,Thomas berry Room, 1 1/2hrs	9.00
TOTAL	£49.00

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For:

Room Hire

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday October 2 nd ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday October 17 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday October 19 th , Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday, October 31 st ,Thomas berry Room, 1 1/2hrs	9.00
TOTAL	£49.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday December 13 th ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday December 21st, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£26.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:
Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday, January 9th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Monday January 15 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday, January 18 th ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Wednesday, January 24 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	
	£56.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday March 7 th ,Wesley Room, 1hr	7.00
Thursday March 15 th ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday March 29th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Wednesday March 28th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£49.00

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The Street
[Brook TN25 5PF](#)
clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

For:

Room Hire

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Our Place	
Thursday October 9th, Th. Berry Room 2 1/2 hrs	15.00
Thursday October 16th, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday October 28th, Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Friday, October 31st, Th. Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Thursday November 20th, " " 2hrs	12.00
Friday, November 21st, " " 3hrs	18.00
Tuesday, November 25th, " " 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£102.00

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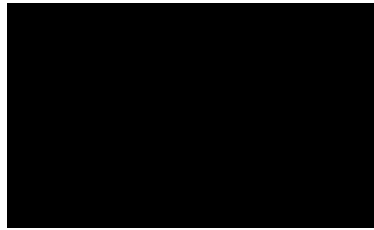
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Bill To:

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Council Office
The Street
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TN25 5PF
clerk@wyeparishcouncil.plus.com

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday, October 15th, Thomas Berry Room, 1hr	6.00
Thursday October 22nd, " " " , 21/2 hrs	15.00
TOTAL	£21.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday, August 7th, Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Wednesday August 21 st , Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
TOTAL	£42.00

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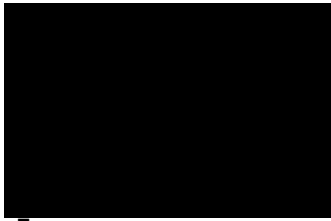
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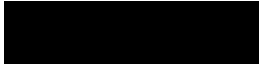
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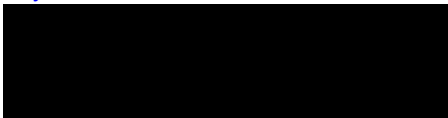
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday October 20th, Thomas berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Thursday November 17th, " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday November 17th, " " 11/2 hrs	9.00
Monday November 21st, " " 11/2 hrs	9.00
Wednesday December 14 th " " 21/2 hrs	15.00
Thursday December 15th, " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday December 22nd, " " 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£81.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday July 20th, Thomas Berry room, 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday August 1st, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday August 17th, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£38.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday April 5th, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday April 25th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	
	£26.00

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Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday July 3 rd ,Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday July 9 th ,Wesley Room, 3hr total	21.00
Wednesday July 31 st , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£49.00

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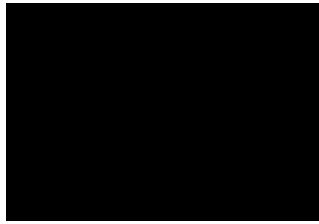
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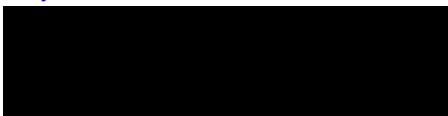
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday, April 21st, Thomas Berry Room, 11/2 hrs	9.00
Thursda, 19 th May, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday, 2 nd June, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday, 9 th June, " " " 1hr	6.00
Thursday, 16 th June, " " " 11.2 hrs	9.00
Thursday, 23 rd June, " " " 1hr	6.00
TOTAL	£54.00

With Thanks,



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Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:
Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday September 5th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday September 7th, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Tuesday September 19th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday September 21st, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	£52.00

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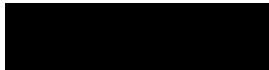
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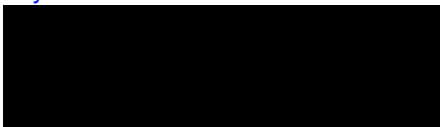
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Monday July 16 th , Thomas Berry Room, 1hr	6.00
Thursday July 26 th , " " " 3hrs	18.00
Thursday, July 26 th , Garden Room, 3hrs	12.00
Thursday July 26 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£50.00

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For:
Room Hire

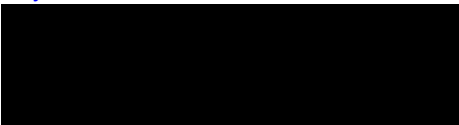
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Monday February 4 th , Thomas Berry room, 1 ½ hrs	9.00
Tuesday February 5 th , “ “ “ 2hrs	12.00
Monday February 18 th , “ “ “ 1 ½ hrs	9.00
Thursday February 21 st , Wesley Room 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday February 26 th , Thomas Berry Room, 1 ½ hrs	9.00
TOTAL	£53.00

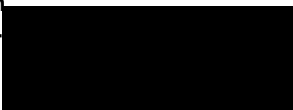
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101658

Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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For:
Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday January 8 th ,Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
Thursday January 17 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday January 22 nd ,Thomas Berry Room, 1 ½ hrs	9.00
Wednesday January 23rd, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£47.50

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For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday November 16th, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	14.00
Friday November 24th, Thomas Berry Room, 1hr	6.00
Wednesday November 29th, Thomas berry room, 3 ½ hrs	18.00
“ “ “ Garden Room, 2 ½ hrs	10.00
Thursday, November 30th, Wesley Room, 3 ½ hrs	21.00
“ “ “ Garden Room, 2 ½ hrs	10.00
Thursday November 30 th Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£93.00

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday June 15th, Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Monday June 19th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday June 29th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£40.00

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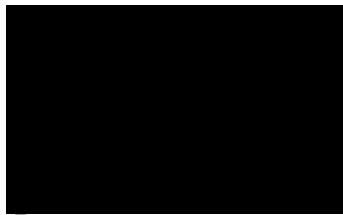
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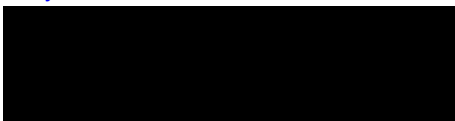
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday December 4 th ,Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Wednesday December 18 th ,Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
TOTAL	£42.00

With Thanks,



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Wye, Ashford, Kent

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clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday, July 21st, Thomas Berry Room, 1 1/2 hrs	9.00
Tuesday, July 26th, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Thursday, August 18th, " " " 2hrs	12.00
Monday, September 12th, " " " 1 1/2 hrs	9.00
Thursday, September 22nd, Thomas Berry room, 2 1/2 hrs	15.00
TOTAL	£57.00

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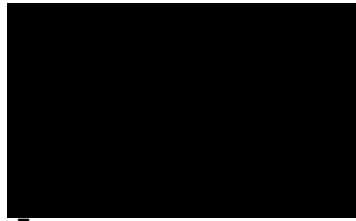
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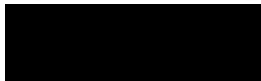
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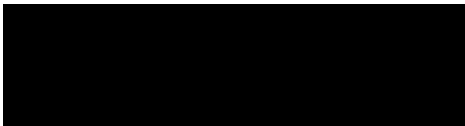
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday August 1 st ,Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
Thursday August 16 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£24.50

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28 February, 2018

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For:
Room Hire

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday February 6 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Thursday February 15 th Wesley Room 2hrs	14.00
Thursday February 22 nd Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
Wednesday February 28 th , Wesley Room	14.00
CPFC Trustees Tuesday February 20 th , Wesley Room 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£68.00

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The Methodist Church

Bridge Street
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DATE:
28 April, 2019

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101691

Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Monday April 15 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Wednesday April 17 th , Wesley Room, 2 ½ hrs	17.50
Tuesday April 23 rd , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday April 23 rd Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
TOTAL	
	£56.00

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For:
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday September 4 th ,18 th , Wesley Room, 3hrs	42.00
TOTAL	£42.00

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The Methodist Church

Bridge Street
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clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Wednesday November 6 th ,Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Tuesday November 12 th ,Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
Wednesday November 20 th ,Wesley Room, 3hrs	21.00
Tuesday Novemebr 26 th ,Thomas Berry Room, 1hr	6.00
Tuesday November 26 th , Wesley Room, 1hr	7.00
TOTAL	£65.50

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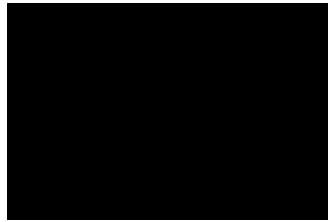
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Thursday November 9th, Thomas Berry room	7.00
Thursday November 15 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Monday November 26 th , CPFC, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£35.00

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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:
Room Hire

clerk@wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday, October 1 st ,Wesley Room ,1 ½ hrs	10.50
Wednesday October 2 nd ,Wesley Room ,3hrs	21.00
Tuesday, October 8 th ,Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
Wednesday, October 16 th ,Wesley Room, 3 hrs	21.00
TOTAL	£63.00

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28 June, 2019

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Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
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Wye, Ashford, Kent

For:

Room Hire

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday June 11 th , Thomas Berry Room, 1 ½ hrs	9.00
Monday June 17 th , Wesley Room, 1 ½ hrs	10.50
Thursday June 20 th , Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
TOTAL	£33.50

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The Methodist Church

Bridge Street
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5 June, 2017

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101485

Bill To:

Unit 2b, Briar Close,
Bramble Lane
Wye, Ashford, Kent

Room Hire

clerk@wyeparish.info

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wye Parish Council	
Tuesday May 9th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday May 16th, Wesley Room, 1hr	7.00
Thursday May 18th, Wesley Room, 2hrs	14.00
Tuesday May 23 rd , Thomas Berry Room, 2hrs	12.00
TOTAL	
	£47.00

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Notice of Public Hearing of the Wye Neighbourhood Plan

CHANGE TO VENUE

Wye Neighbourhood Plan is currently being examined by Richard High, an independent examiner. As part of this examination, a public hearing is to be held.

This Public Hearing will now be held at the Julie Rose Stadium, Willesborough Road, Ashford, TN24 9QX on **Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 10am**, to address 3 outstanding issues.

These issues are:

1. The procedures for the preparation of the screening assessment for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the SEA itself;
2. The definition of the village envelope and the concept of the 'walkable village' with a particular focus on: the justification for the 5 minute or 400m threshold and the implications for the former Imperial College campus (site WYE3);
3. Proposed amendments to Figure 5.1 (WYE3 site boundary). Please see Appendix 1 for information and how to make a comment.

The hearing will be informal and open to the public.

If you have any queries relating to the Public Hearing email ██████████@ashford.gov.uk in the first instance, or phone 01233 330213.

Appendix 1

Boundary as shown within the Submission Wye Neighbourhood Plan



Fig 5.1 WYE3 sites (inside the red line) within the village. Note that Withersdane lies to the east along Scotton St (see Figure 2.1b)

Proposed amendments to figure 5.1



Fig 6.1 WYE3 sites (inside the red line) within the village, including ADAS, the Kemppe Centre, Glasshouses, Horticultural buildings used by BPC, the Students Union, Laboratories and Grade I and Grade II listed buildings. Note that Withersdane lies to the east along Scotton St (see Figure 2.1b)

If you wish to make a written representation on the proposed amendments to the boundary (as shown in red above) please send your comment in writing by the 7th December 2015 to Katy Wiseman, Planning and Development, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL or send an email to [redacted]@ashford.gov.uk

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S DIGEST

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Objective 1: Protect and enhance the village of Wye's sense of place within the parish and its surrounding countryside

The concept of a concentric village with the centre within easy walking distance is a cornerstone of the WNP's approach to the future planning and development of the village. A good indicator of a sustainable settlement is the location of housing within 5 min walk, or about 400m, from the centre of the village, which in the case of Wye is defined as the Bridge St/Church St junction. This concept allows a village envelope to be designated to enclose development to 2030, as shown in Figure 4.1. Development within this area will allow pedestrians to have good access to essential facilities e.g. the primary school, medical centre and railway station, and will preserve the surrounding countryside. The envelope defines the built confines and is drawn within the boundaries of gardens facing the countryside.

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And now for something completely different, a Social Evening in Wye

In a clear break from tradition, the annual parish meeting for Wye with Hinxhill residents will take the form of an informal Social Evening. There will be no speeches this year! Instead everybody will be able to circulate and enjoy conversations with friends and neighbours, welcome newcomers and quiz parish councillors, as they wish.

At some point during the evening residents will see the world premiere... [Read More »](#)

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No trains through Wye next Sunday 4th June

Congratulations and thanks to Wye Parish Award winners

The latest news from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council.

<https://www.wyeparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/2017/06/congratulations-and-thanks-to-the-parish-award-winnerswye>

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Maureen de Saxe - for all her many years of work for the Wye Historical Society. Maureen undertakes historical research, manages the Society's archives and works on new publications with colleagues. Over 20 years ago Maureen was a founder member of the Wye Village Design Group and she worked on numerous drafts of the Wye Village Design Statement, and prepared it for adoption and printing. This document has strong public support and it now forms part of the Wye Neighbourhood Plan. As such the document will guide development in the future, but it now carries far more 'weight', which in planning terms is a very good thing.

Veronica Cackett - for her voluntary work. Veronica is well known around the village for her many years of service as the Warden of Luckley House. Since Veronica retired she has taken on many voluntary roles, and campaigns around Wye, including fundraising for the Poppy Appeal, trees and footpath issues, and keeping dropped kerbs accessible, but she continues to look out for her less able neighbours. Veronica set up a monthly lunch at Luckley House for residents and she organised a large and successful petition to retain the Stagecoach bus services through Wye, which is a lifeline for non-drivers.

Richard Sinden - received a Kent Community Award for 2017 (see photo, above right), which is a first for Wye. The Award is made under the auspices of the High Sheriff of Kent, the Chairman of Kent County Council and the Mayor of Medway. This Award is in recognition of the valuable community work that Richard does to improve and enrich people's lives, in addition to his 'day job' as Wye's Community Warden. Richard initiated the successful Wye Community Lunch in June 2016. Residents meet every Wednesday in the Large Village Hall, where Richard often cooks meals for twenty or more diners. Richard said "although the food is good, it is really a social occasion, as you will know if you walk in and hear the buzz of lively conversations."

The Kent Association for Local Councils administers the Kent Community Award scheme.

Volunteers' Week 1st to the 7th June is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK.

	Monday 13/09/2021	Tuesday 14/09/2021	Wednesday 15/09/2021	Thursday 16/09/2021	Friday 17/09/2021	Saturday 18/09/2021	Sunday 19/09/2021
Large Hall	Musica - (09:00 - 11:00) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:30)	Private Event - (11:00 - 14:00) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:30) Wye & Brook Table Tennis Club (Seniors) - (19:30 - 21:00)	Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:30) 2nd Wye Scouts - (19:00 - 21:00)	Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:30) 2nd Wye Cub Scouts - (18:45 - 20:15)	Pilates - (09:00 - 10:30) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:30) Wye Short Mat Bowls Club - (19:45 - 21:45)	MG Dance - (10:00 - 13:00) Private Event - (13:00 - 17:00) Provisional Booking - (17:30 - 23:59)	Private Event - (10:00 - 18:00)
Small Hall	Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00)	Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 19:30)	Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 17:30) Wye Gardener's Society - (17:30 - 21:00)	Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) Wye Bridge Club - (19:00 - 22:00)	Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 20:00)	Provisional Booking - (10:00 - 16:00)	Provisional Booking - (13:00 - 17:30)
Reece Pavilion	U3A Bridge Practice - (14:30 - 16:30)		2nd Wye Explorer Scouts - (19:45 - 20:45)	Private Event - (19:00 - 20:30)			

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Large Hall	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Musica - (09:00 - 11:00) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:00) Wye Arts Association - (18:30 - 21:30)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Body Control Pilates - (09:00 - 10:30) Private Event - (11:00 - 14:00) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:00) Wye & Brook Table Tennis Club (Seniors) - (19:30 - 21:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:00) 2nd Wye Scouts - (19:00 - 21:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Body Control Pilates - (09:15 - 12:30) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:00) 2nd Wye Cub Scouts - (18:45 - 20:15)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Pilates - (09:00 - 10:30) Body Control Pilates - (10:45 - 12:15) Wye's Owls - (14:30 - 18:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> MG Dance - (10:00 - 13:00) Provisional Booking - (13:30 - 17:30)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Private Event - (10:30 - 18:00)
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Reece Pavilion	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> U3A Bridge Practice - (14:30 - 16:30)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> 2nd Wye Explorer Scouts - (19:45 - 20:45)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Provisional Booking - (14:30 - 16:00) Private Event - (19:00 - 20:30)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p>

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Small Hall	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) Provisional Booking - (18:45 - 20:15)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 19:30)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 17:30) 2nd Wye Beaver Scouts - (17:30 - 19:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) Wye Bridge Club - (19:00 - 22:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Wye Under Fives - (08:00 - 16:00) MG Dance - (16:00 - 20:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Sophrology Academy - (08:00 - 20:00)	<p style="text-align: right;">+</p> Sophrology Academy - (08:00 - 20:00)
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Wye Library

Address: 6 Upper Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford TN25 5AF



Operating hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.00am - 12 noon
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday	Closed

TOTAL 19 HOURS (x 50 WEEKS = 950 HOURS/ YEAR) (Charing 18 hours)

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Distance to nearby Libraries (in miles):

2 – 3 miles

- Bockhanger

5 – 7 miles

- Ashford
- Stanhope
- Charing

Services on offer

- Books, DVDs and CDs
- 2 (4) Computers with free internet access, Microsoft Office, Ability net
- Hearing loop, Photocopier, Fax
- Activities - Talk Time (Story Time)

Mobile Library Services

Look at the [Mobile fact sheet](#) and find more information about mobile library services on our [website](#).

Homebound users

This service is available for people unable to visit a library due to ill health, disability or caring responsibilities. Books and other items are delivered to people in their own homes and to Residential Homes. For more information click [here](#)

Currently 80 people receive deliveries to their own homes across the district.

Service to Visually Impaired customers

For information about the postal service for registered blind and partially sighted people click [here](#)



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Wye Library statistics and data

Levels of use (For the period April 2011 – March 2012) (Charing data in brackets)			
Items* borrowed	23,941 (22,439)	Visits	10,935 (9,713)
Average number of items* borrowed Items per hour open	25.2 (24.9)	Average number of Visits per hour open	11.5 (10.8)
Number of hours of PC use	561 (969)		
Active borrowers i.e the number of individuals who have borrowed items from Wye Library	1,005 (856)		
Number of events/activities held in Wye Library	82 (328)		

Items* in stock As July 2011	8,907 (8,049)
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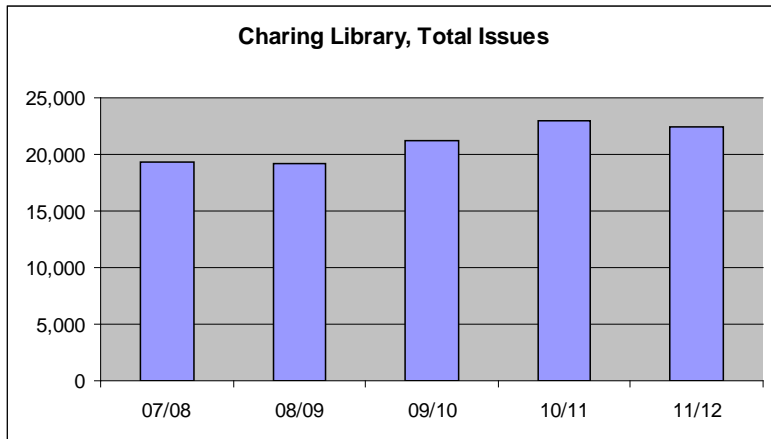
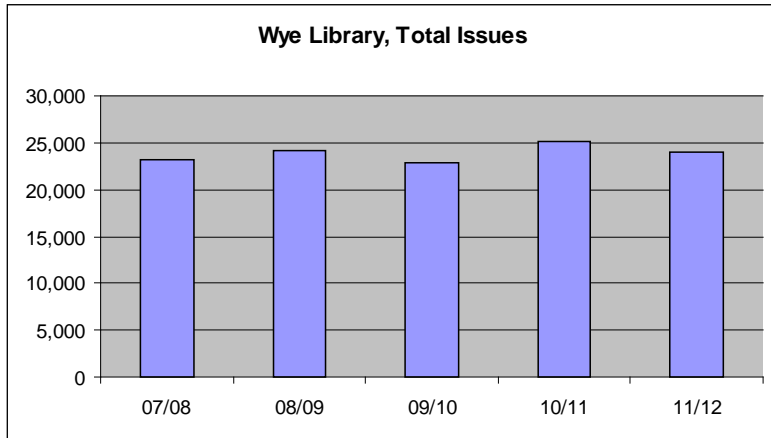
* Items = Books, CDs and DVDs

1,092 sq ft £11.23 / year premises costs

Staff costs £15.28 / hour £1.33 per visitor

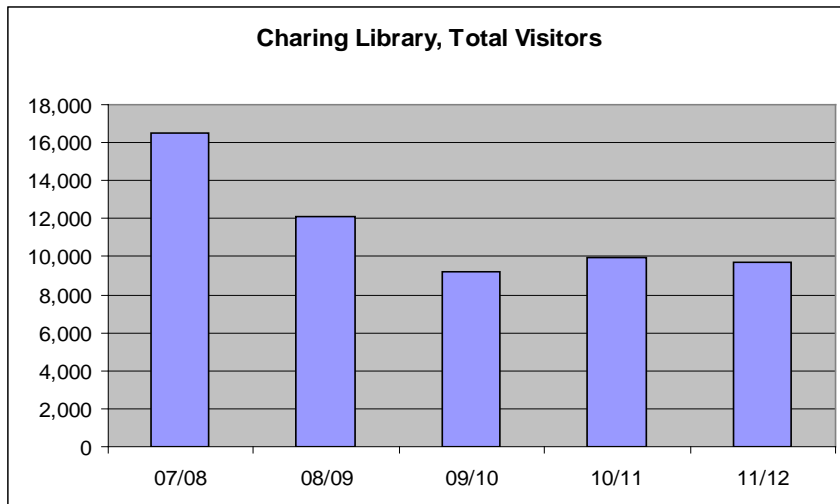
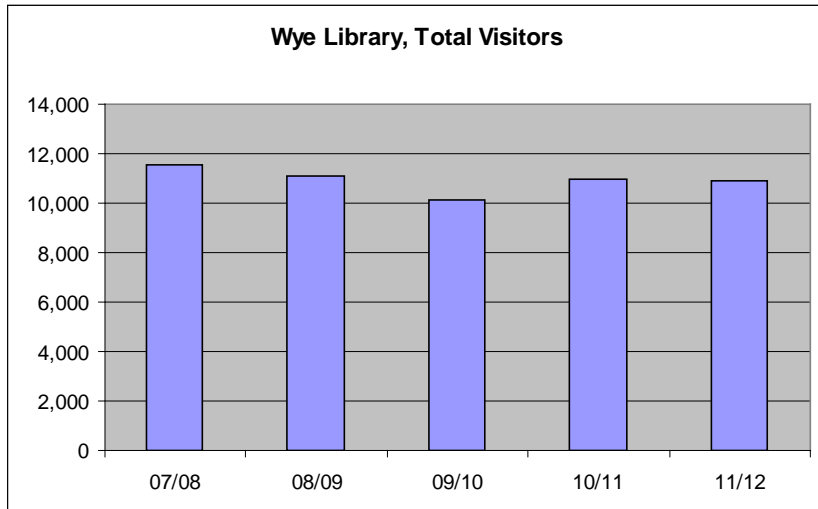
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Items* borrowed over the last five years * Items = Books, CDs and DVDs



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Visits over the last five years



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The Library building

- Tenure: Leasehold (freehold)
- Size of building: 101.5 square metres (165.8m² / 1,784 sq ft)

Annual running costs

	Costs	Notes
Staff (2012/13)	£14,525 (£14,525)	Costs of front of house staffing allocated to operate this library for current opening hours. The figure does not include a proportion of district based staff or county wide management staff costs. Staff cover for sickness, holiday and training is provided from the District pool of staff.
Premises (2010/11)	£12,288 (£9,203)	Costs included: Rates, Kent Cleaning, Energy, Security, Office Supplies
IT (2012/13)	£2,749 (£10,817)	Costs included: connection to KCC network, hardware for staff and public computers, printers and scanners technical support
Books and DVDs (2011/12)	£4,989 (£5,039)	This represents the amount of new stock allocated to the library in the year. Customers also have access to the whole County stock via the reservation system, see information sheet about Stock for more detail.
Transport Costs (2012/13)	£786 (£786)	Deliveries of new books and requested items

Total costs £34,337 (£40,370)

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About the Wye community

Click [here](#) to go on-line and browse a map of the local area

- **About the Wye area**

- Situated near centre of village but not immediately adjacent to other shops or facilities
- Large village
- Railway station with fast link to London from Ashford – station some distance from the centre of the village
- Regular bus service to Ashford and Canterbury
- Post Office, Co-op (including pharmacy), Stationers, Butchers and Bakers
- A few independent shops including antiques and gift shops
- 3 Pubs, Bistro, café, Indian and Chinese restaurants
- Bank – open part-time
- Surgery covering surrounding rural area as well
- Dentist
- Wye & Hinxhill Parish Council
- 3 Churches with linked active groups
- Popular farmers market 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
- Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary School – takes a lot of children from Kennington area of Ashford
- Rural Children's Centre outreach work
- Under Fives Pre-School and Parent & Toddler Group
- Active groups and societies, including WI
- Wye Business Association

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- **By using data and statistics we can draw up a picture of the people living in this community.**
 - Affluent community in general, although some social housing, including sheltered housing for elderly and disabled
 - Unemployment is low
 - Children do well at school
 - Some issues with low levels of adult qualifications
 - Many people have access to a car
 - 66% of people in Wye travel to Ashford to use a supermarket
 - Those in out lying villages to the east of Wye tend to use Canterbury Library

Sources: Mosaic - 2010, Mid Year Estimates Office of National Statistics - 2009, KCC Education data - Autumn 2009, Department of Work and Pensions - September 2010, National Survey of Local Shopping Patterns - 2009, Spydus Library Management System - 2009/2010

For more information

- Data and Statistics about the District and Wards

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/kent_facts_and_figures/area_profiles.aspx

- Information about Library Services www.kent.gov.uk/libraries
- Contact the **FLS Co-ordinator** telephone **01622 696504** or email **fls@kent.gov.uk**



Ashford District		2019-2020												Stock				Registration	
Location	Total number of borrowers (see note 1)	Child - 0 - 4	Child - 5 - 11	Teen	Adult	Over 60	Other see (note 2)	Number of items borrowed	Items borrowed per location as % of district total	Number of hours of computer use	Computer use hours per location as % of district	Number of visits	Visits per location as % of district total	Items in stock (see note 3)	Staff (see note 4)	Premises (see note 5)	Other (see note 6)	Total costs	Number of birth and death registrations
Ashford (Ashford Gateway Plus)	7,106	506	2,296	592	2,136	1,357	219	122,408	60.6%	19,816	82.7%	202,882	66.0%	59,819	290,469	156,247	59,762	506,478	2,480
Bockhanger	189	10	55	9	31	54	30	3,336	1.7%	69	0.3%	1,888	0.6%	2,403	11,600	1,935	9,658	23,193	0
Charing	646	52	167	30	133	225	39	13,346	6.6%	279	1.2%	8,258	2.7%	7,810	16,049	14,179	19,396	49,625	0
Stanhope	402	18	211	48	73	27	25	5,490	2.7%	495	2.1%	5,771	1.9%	6,063	10,932	24,507	8,089	43,528	0
Tenterden	2,502	142	142	97	587	1,108	426	44,664	22.1%	2,626	11.0%	79,320	25.8%	14,397	51,325	32,689	23,912	107,926	399
Wye	713	54	54	43	171	217	174	12,910	6.4%	667	2.8%	9,316	3.0%	7,108	18,942	16,538	9,850	45,329	0
Total:								202,154	100%	23,951	100%	307,435	100%	97,600	399,317	246,094	130,666	776,078	2,879

Notes

1. The number of individuals who have borrowed items from each library.
 2. For example - group tickets.
 3. Items = Books, CDs and DVDs as of 3rd March 2020.
 4. 2019/2020 Costs of front of house staffing allocated to operate this library for current opening hours. The figure does not include a proportion of district based staff or county wide management staff costs.
 5. 2019/2020 Costs include rates, rent, maintenance, cleaning, energy and security staff cover for sickness, holiday and training provided from the District pool of staff.
 6. 2019/2020 Other Costs - IT, Wifi, Self-Service hardware & maintenance annual costs, transport, books (this represents the amount of new stock allocated to the library in the financial year).
- Customers also have access to the whole County stock via the reservations system.

New opening hours from 30 September 2019

Thank you to all customers who provided feedback on our new opening hours. We considered all your comments and preferences before deciding the final hours which are listed below. If you would like more information, please speak to a member of staff.

Wye Library

Monday	09:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00
Tuesday	09:00 to 13:00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00
Friday	09:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00
Saturday	09:00 to 13:00



Standard form of licence for third party use

This licence is dated: (date on which the licence is entered into – usually inserted by hand once the licence agreement is signed by both parties)

BETWEEN

(1) (full name of first authorised Managing Trustee) and (full name of second authorised Managing Trustee) for themselves and others the members (or such of the members as have attained full age) of the [Church Council] OR [Circuit Meeting] of
 (name of Church Council or Circuit Meeting – insert the registered name and charity number if the managing trustee body is a registered charity) care of (contact address) which expression shall include their successors from time to time ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Part II Schedule 2 to the Methodist Church Act 1976) (**Managing Trustees**); and

(2) (full name) of (address) and (full name) of (address) as representatives of (name of group if applicable) (**Licensee**)

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Subject to the Licensee's obligations under clause 3 and the termination provisions in clause 5 of the Schedule, the Managing Trustees permit the Licensee to occupy the Premises for the Permitted Use for the Licence Period during the Permitted Hours in common with the Managing Trustees and all others authorised by the Managing Trustees together with the Rights on the terms and conditions set out in the Schedule.

PARTICULARS

Building: land and buildings known as _____ (address of church or other building in which the Premises are located) or such reduced or extended area as the Managing Trustees may from time to time designate as comprising the Building.

Furniture and Equipment: _____
_____ (please list any furniture or equipment that the Licensee can use).

Licence Fee: £ _____ per [hour] OR [week] OR [month] OR [quarter] OR [_____] (other).

Payment Dates: _____ each [week] OR [fortnight] **OR**
the _____ day of each month **OR**
the _____ 2016 and [monthly] or [quarterly] or [_____] (other) thereafter **OR**
_____ days after receipt of an invoice from the Managing Trustees.

Permitted Use: _____

Permitted Hours: the hours during which the Licensee may use the Premises and set out in the table below except bank holidays and public holidays including Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Day or otherwise at the Managing Trustees' absolute discretion;

Day(s)							
Start time:	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm
Finish time:	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm
Frequency:							
Other							

Premises: _____ (being the parts of the Building available for use by the Licensee)

Safeguarding Policy: the safeguarding policy of the _____ [Methodist Church] OR [Circuit].

Shared Facilities: [toilets] and/or [kitchen] and [_____] (insert any other common facilities that the Licensee will be able to use during the Permitted Hours incidental to use of the Premises).

Start Date: _____ 20__ (the date from which the Licensee can start to use the Premises).

End Date: _____ 20__ (the end of the licence - date must be no more than 12 months after the Start Date).

SIGNED by _____ (Managing Trustee)

SIGNED by _____ (Managing Trustee)

SIGNED by _____ (Licensee)

SIGNED by _____ (Licensee)

TMCP has prepared this standard form of licence on behalf of the Connexional Team. Whilst the form of licence reflects Methodist best practice and complies with Methodist Standing Orders, this document is general in nature, may not reflect all recent legal developments and may not apply to the specific facts and circumstances of any particular matter.

Also note that nothing within the documents and guidance notes provided by TMCP nor any receipt or use of such information, should be construed or relied on as advertising or soliciting to provide any legal services. Nor does it create any solicitor-client relationship or provide any legal representation, advice or opinion whatsoever on behalf of TMCP or its employees.

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Please remember that Managing Trustees need to take advice that is specific to the situation at hand. This document is not legal advice and is no substitute for such advice from Managing Trustees' own legal advisers.

When the standard form of licence is used, the approval of the Connexional Team under SO 931(3) is deemed to be in place. If the standard licence is varied in any way, if anything is added or deleted, the approval of TMCP, on behalf of the Connexional Team, is required.

SCHEDULE

AGREED TERMS

2. LICENCE TO OCCUPY

The Licensee acknowledges that:

- (a) the Licensee shall occupy the Premises as a licensee and that no relationship of landlord and tenant is created between the Managing Trustees and the Licensee by this licence;
- (b) the Managing Trustees retain control, possession and management of the Premises and the Licensee has no right to exclude the Managing Trustees from the Premises;
- (c) the licence to occupy granted by this agreement is personal to the Licensee and is not assignable and the Rights (if any) may only be exercised by the Licensee its employees and its invitees;
- (d) without prejudice to their rights under clause 5, the Managing Trustees shall be entitled at any time on giving not less than 14 days' notice to require the Licensee to transfer to alternative space elsewhere within the Building and the Licensee shall comply with such requirement.
- (e) the Licence Fee is inclusive of the Utility Costs that the Managing Trustees anticipate will be attributable to the Licensee's use of the Premises and any Common Parts during the Permitted Hours ("Licensee's Utility Contribution") such contribution to be determined by the Managing Trustees absolutely.

3. LICENSEE'S OBLIGATIONS

The Licensee agrees and undertakes:

Payment of monies

- (a) to pay:
 - (i) to the Managing Trustees the Licence Fee payable without any set off or deduction in advance on the Payment Dates;
 - (ii) to the Managing Trustees, within 10 working days of demand, the amount (if any) by which the Utility Costs exceed the Licensee's Utility Contribution, such further costs to be determined by the Managing Trustees absolutely; and
 - (iii) to the relevant authority any rates (including business rates) and taxes that are now or at any time during the Licence Period assessed, charged or imposed on the Premises due, in the Managing Trustees' reasonable opinion, to the Licensee's usage of the Premises.

Repair, damage and leaving the Premises

- (b) to leave the Premises clean, tidy and clear of rubbish and any other property or equipment of the Licensee after each session of use (except any Agreed Equipment);
- (c) not to cause or permit to be caused any damage to:
 - (i) the Premises, Building or any neighbouring property; or
 - (ii) any property of the owners or occupiers of the Premises, Building or any neighbouring property including but not limited to the fixtures and furniture on the Premises or any Common Parts from time to time;
- (d) not to obstruct any areas of the Building over which any Rights have been granted, make them dirty or untidy or leave any rubbish on them;

- (e) to remove all equipment goods and/or other property belonging to the Licensee from the Premises and/or Building at the end of the Licence Period;

Use of Premises

- (f) not to use the Premises other than for the Permitted Use;
- (g) not to allow betting or gambling in any form nor use the Premises for the supply, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages nor for any religious purposes nor for any other purposes contrary to the Standing Orders of the Methodist Conference.
- (h) not to do or permit to be done on the Premises anything to injure the reputation of the Premises or which is illegal or which may be or become a nuisance (whether actionable or not), annoyance, inconvenience or disturbance to the Managing Trustees or to any tenants or occupiers of the Building or any owner or occupier of neighbouring property;

Alterations

- (i) not to make any alteration or addition whatsoever to the Premises;
- (j) not to display any advertisement, signboard, nameplate, inscription, flag, banner, placard, poster, sign or notice at the Premises or elsewhere in the Building without the prior written consent of the Managing Trustees;
- (k) not to apply for any planning permission in respect of the Premises;

Compliance with rules and regulations

- (l) not to do anything that will or might constitute a breach of any planning permissions or other consents, licences, permissions, certificates, authorisations or approvals whether of a public or private nature affecting the Premises;
- (m) to comply with all laws and with any recommendations of the relevant suppliers relating to the supply of electricity, gas, water, sewage, telecommunications and data and other services and utilities to or from the Premises;
- (n) to observe any rules and regulations the Managing Trustees make and notify to the Licensee from time to time governing the Licensee's use of the Premises and any other parts of the Building in respect of which any Rights have been granted;

Indemnity and insurance

- (o) not to do anything that will or might invalidate in whole or in part any insurance effected by the Managing Trustees in respect of the Building from time to time;
- (p) to indemnify the Managing Trustees and keep the Managing Trustees indemnified against all losses, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses or other liability in any way arising from:
 - (i) this licence;
 - (ii) any breach of the Licensee's undertakings contained in this clause 3; and/or
 - (iii) the exercise of any rights given in clause 1; and
- (q) unless the Managing Trustees otherwise agree, to effect and maintain a policy of insurance with insurers approved by the Managing Trustees for such amount as the Managing Trustees may from time to time reasonably require in respect of the liability of the Licensee under clause 3(p) and at the request of the Managing Trustees from time to time to produce to the Managing Trustees evidence of such policy and of the payment of the premiums for it.

4. SAFEGUARDING

The Licensee confirms that the Licensee has received a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, has an understanding of it, and undertakes to follow it or comparable equivalent guidelines and procedures (such as Scouting and Guiding national safeguarding policy) for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults at the Building.

5. TERMINATION

5.1 This licence shall end on the earliest of:

- (a) the End Date;
- (b) the expiry of any notice given by the Managing Trustees to the Licensee at any time of breach of any of the Licensee's obligations under clause 3; and
- (c) the expiry of not less than four weeks' notice given at any time by the Managing Trustees to the Licensee or by the Licensee to the Managing Trustees,

and any Licence Fee paid in respect of any period following termination of this licence under clause 5.1 sub sections (a) or (c) shall be reimbursed by the Managing Trustees to the Licensee.

5.2 Termination of this licence shall not affect the rights of either party in connection with any breach of any obligation under this licence which existed at or before the date of termination.

5.3 Any items equipment goods and/or other property belonging to the Licensee left at the Premises and/or Building following termination of this licence will be disposed of and any costs of disposal will be borne by the Licensee. The Managing Trustees will not owe the Licensee any responsibility for the Licensee's property or the proceeds arising from any sale.

6. NOTICES

6.1 Any notice given under this licence shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service to the relevant party at the address and for the attention of the persons specified in the Particulars or as otherwise specified by the relevant party by notice in writing to each other party.

6.2 Any notice or other communication given in accordance with clause 6.1 will be deemed to have been received:

- (a) if delivered by hand, on signature of a delivery receipt or at the time the notice or other communication is left at the proper address; or
- (b) if sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service, at 9.00 am on the second working day after posting.

6.3 A notice or other communication given under this licence shall not be validly given if sent by e-mail.

6.4 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

7. NO WARRANTIES FOR USE OR CONDITION

7.1 The Managing Trustees give no warranty that the Premises possess the planning permissions or any other consents, licences, permissions, certificates, authorisations or approvals whether of a public or private nature which shall be required for the Permitted Use.

7.2 The Managing Trustees give no warranty that the Premises are physically fit for the Permitted Use.

7.3 The Licensee acknowledges that it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any representation or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that may have been made by or on behalf of the Managing Trustees before the date of this licence as to any of the matters mentioned in clause 7.1 or clause 7.2.

7.4 Nothing in this clause shall limit or exclude any liability for fraud.

8. LIMITATION OF MANAGING TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

8.1 Subject to clause 8.2, the Managing Trustees are not liable for:

- (a) the death of, or injury to the Licensee, its employees, customers or invitees to the Premises; or
- (b) damage to any property of the Licensee or that of the Licensee's employees, customers or other invitees to the Premises; or
- (c) any losses, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs or expenses or other liability incurred by the Licensee or the Licensee's employees, customers or other invitees to the Premises in the exercise or purported exercise of the rights granted by clause 1.

8.2 Nothing in clause 8.1 shall limit or exclude the Managing Trustees' liability for:

- (a) death or personal injury or damage to property caused by negligence on the part of the Managing Trustees or their employees or agents; or
- (b) any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for the Managing Trustees to exclude or restrict liability.

9. DATA PROTECTION

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13.4 A **working day** is any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in England or Wales.

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Attachment Eleven – Logic Model

Local Policy context: What influences change to occur?

Conditions: Local Context

District Population: Wye Parish lies within the Ashford North NHS District

“Compared to the rest of England, Ashford has a higher than average population between the ages of 5-14, 40-49 and 60-69. Alongside the importance of health promotion and prevention for the younger generation ACCG must also plan for a 16% rise in 65+ age groups. Ashford’s population is ageing due to lower birth rates and higher life expectancy over the past few decades. This is a universal problem that many developed countries currently face. The implications for health services are: increasing need for health and social care for elderly people at home or in care homes, requiring more staff and more funding. The distribution of the Ashford CCG population means that there are lower numbers of young people and larger numbers in the age ranges between 40 and 69. This type of age structure is often referred to as the “ageing population time bomb”. The shift in age structure towards older people with a simultaneous reduction in working-aged adults has implications on future pensions, provision of health and social care and economic growth.”

Wye Demographics [2011 census]

Over a third of the Wye Parish population is aged over 60, 787 people (over 16 % are aged over 75 years – 373 people). The area has a higher percentage of people providing unpaid care (12.1%) compared to the average in England (10.3%), with 3.7% providing over 20 hours of unpaid care a week. Although 81% report themselves to be in good or very good health, 5.5 % (125 people) say they are in bad to very bad health. Some 9.2% of the population (210 people) report that their day to day activities are limited a lot. Just under 20% of the population (420 people) have a long term illness or disability which they report as limiting their day to day activities a little (233 people) to a lot (188 people). Lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households without a car or van 188 (47%)

National Policy Context (The Care Act 2014)

The Care Act places an emphasis on preventing, postponing and minimising people’s need for care and support. Key provisions in the Act for Local Authorities and their partners, which can directly affect our community, include:

- o A requirement to arrange for the provision of preventative services, i.e. services which will reduce, prevent or delay the development of need for care and support;
- o Duties to promote the wellbeing of individuals and promote integration between health and social care services.;
- o A requirement for local authorities to manage and develop the market for care in their area. Part of that development may be directly generated by authorities themselves, which will be able to delegate many of their social care functions to organisations from any sector: this could create new market opportunities for providers.
- o A ‘well-being principle’ as an overarching approach that local authorities should take when exercising their responsibilities under the Act.
- o Ensuring that well-being covers a range of outcomes such as physical and mental and emotional well-being. It also covers participation in work, education and training and social and economic well-being.
- o Placing a new duty on local authorities to provide or arrange for services, facilities or resources, which will prevent or delay the development of, or reduce the needs for care and support of, adults.
- o A duty to provide information, advice and guidance on care services to improve access and eligibility.

The 2010 Marmot Review, *Fair Society, Healthy Lives*, identified the building of “sustainable communities and places” as a key area of action relevant to all stages of the life course. Place matters to all age groups, but may be especially important for younger and older age groups. Both spend a large proportion of their time in the home and surrounding neighbourhood. The physical environment may itself assist in ensuring positive physical and mental health, especially for those experiencing chronic ill health, cognitive frailties, or feelings of loneliness resulting from the loss of partners and friends.

Intended impacts

- Lower local hospital admission rates
- Increased local volunteering rate
- Higher %age of people who say they feel connected to their neighbours
- Higher “satisfaction and view of quality of life”
- Greater individual ownership of the solutions to developing needs
- People gain in choice and independence, helping the community to become stronger and self-sustaining
- Greater understanding and appreciation across age groups

Intended outcomes – What Does Good Look Like?

Our Top Twenty by 2020 [not in priority order]

1. Reducing incidence of loneliness & isolation
 2. Supporting more people to live as independently as possible
 3. More effective communication in the community, about the community
 4. Increased support for family carers
 5. Increasing the access to IT, and training and support
 6. Promoting the use of IT, particularly social media
 7. Improving health & well being (nutrition, exercise, purposeful activity)
 8. Improving community cohesion (across the ages)
 9. Increasing neighbourly awareness
 10. Ownership and involvement in service design
 11. Reducing avoidable episodes of hospital admission/care services
 12. Helping people to cope with long term illness at home
 13. Reducing the incidences of calls upon GPs time for non medical issues
 14. Lower levels of non-attendance for NHS services
 15. Increasing inward investment of capacity building in employable skills
 16. Providing very responsive locality based services
 17. Increased inward investment to create community assets
 18. Increasing community capacity to help each other
 19. Develop an innovative user-led, localised service responsive to the needs of our community
 20. Development of a community-scale model that can be replicated in Kent
- improve,(benefit entitlement - opening up a wider range of choices
 - individuals learn more about their community and gain a voice in that community

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Executive Summary

The Our Place:Wye project (OP:W) has its origins in planning and consultation activity which has been under way in the village since 2011 for the Neighbourhood Plan, and continues to be very clearly community and Parish Council led, through local working and reference groups. This consultation has identified that there is clearly a need for a greater community focus where proactive activity takes place to develop more community cohesion, especially across the different generations and between settled residents and newcomers.

It is widely recognised that if our village is to continue to function as a community of place, then 'Our Place' needs to be created, and it needs to look and feel good to maintain the commitment we have created in developing our plan this far.

Community consultation has identified a series of outcomes to help shape an improved future, and these we have described as the 'top-twenty by 2020', and these are described in our Logic Model, shown at Attachment Eleven. These aspects form the framework for this plan, and act as an important reference point for the engagement programme with the community over the coming months and years.

This business plan serves a number of purposes, firstly as a working reference document for the Wye Parish Council (WPC), the community and stakeholder partners to outline what it is to be achieved, why, and by when; and secondly, to report to the Central Locality Team, who are working on behalf of the Department of Communities & Local Government [DCLG] on progress with the planning.

The overall aims and objectives of the OP:W strategy are to nurture a more inclusive, integrated community, which is more resilient and responsive to individual needs, age and social profile, and stimulates a healthy, caring and sustainable community in Wye and the surrounding areas.

To achieve this a programme consisting of up to nine projects, comprising three priority projects, a further five 'stepping stone' projects, and an over-arching independent monitoring and review project will need to be planned and delivered. This will be undertaken over a three-year timeframe, delivering value as they go along.

A wide range of cumulative benefits are expected to be available by 2020, subject to the right levels of investment and resources, good governance and the continued commitment of the community, stakeholder partners and the Parish Council.

The initial costs and benefit profile for Year One is encouraging; there is an estimated cost in year one of nearly £90,000 and a potential savings target of £439,000 pa. This is described in more detail in Table One shown in the Value for Money section of this report. The working assumptions behind the cost /benefit analysis are shown at Attachment Thirteen.

The principles behind The World Health Organisation (WHO) model for Age Friendly communities will also be embedded into our specific project for Intergenerational Learning. Those principles will be carried forward into other project areas, so that over the lifespan of

the overall programme, it will be demonstrating a commitment to having our community recognised as one of the first villages in the UK to receive WHO accreditation, which is seen as a planned programme outcome and a key performance indicator.

The OP:W programme and project activity is expected to be in three major phases, with some individual project activity at times running in parallel. The delivery of individual projects can also add value, knowledge and experience to others in the programme, and collectively will create a sound infrastructure of services, managed and resourced as locally as practically possible.

The overall programme will continue to be sponsored by the Parish Council (PC) and will be overseen by a new Programme Management Group¹ and undertaken in partnership with our stakeholders, including Kent County Council (KCC), the local GP Surgery, Ashford NHS Clinical Commissioning Group etc.

The first phase consists of provisionally funded activity and includes:

- Planning for a new organisation to create the strategic environment for the establishment of community managed services through a 'community cooperative' or similar². This could take place by Autumn 2015³.
- Two of the series of 'stepping stone' projects, with the immediate priorities in 2015 given to setting up the Community Connector Service and developing new ways of working for the commissioning of publicly funded social care by KCC.

The second phase is to follow up with the balance of the remaining projects, subject to the success and lessons learnt from the earlier work, the identification of achievable benefits and the appropriate levels of new funding.

The third phase will cover an independent monitoring and review project, which will be linked to community engagement, monitoring the achievement of the main benefit areas described later in this plan, and meeting the WHO criteria for Age Friendly Villages.

All of this project activity⁴ will require funding in some form or other. KCC is willing to input in kind officer time, funded from their own budgets; balances of the existing OP:W budget can also be utilised to support initial project planning and getting professional advice on the shape and legal structure of the community cooperative etc.

The PC is also willing to fund some of the early infrastructure required, but new funding streams will be required for Phase Two activity and this will require imagination and input on the part of the community to achieve.

1. Please see the draft terms of reference for this group at Attachment One

2. We have used this general term to describe the formal structure that may be required; no decisions have yet been taken on its final constitutional 'shape' or function.

3. A briefing note on the options and choices for this is shown at Attachment Two

4. A summary of the projects are shown in Attachment Three

Approach to Our Place

The Wye Neighbourhood Plan was a major initiative in 2011 to seek the views of the community in terms of what they wanted the village to look like over the next decade. What also emerged quite clearly during the extensive consultation that took place, was the aspiration of villagers for a more age-friendly place in which to live.

This was in part because there are an increasing number of people in Wye and its more immediate communities that are facing health and care challenges now, and an anecdotal view that the existing services were not providing enough person-centric care.

A more detailed follow up 'household survey' in 2012-13 also found that the existing system of publicly-funded ageing services was seen as fragmented, uncoordinated and isolated from existing community social resources. Many people also believed this contributed to inefficiencies and substantial unmet needs, particularly among older adults living, or being cared for, in the village.

These surveys and related community consultation activity provided a strong reference point for developing the initial thinking behind what was to become the Our Place initiative. Subsequent research was also undertaken and for example, the World Health Organization's studies on creating Age Friendly societies reinforced the commitment by the Parish Council to create a developmental plan for identifying ways to improve on what exists, and to find new and innovative ways to move forward. This is, in essence, the Our Place:Wye programme.

This broad range of community consultation and engagement routes will continue throughout 2015, including a new dedicated website for OP:W, a monthly update in the Parish Council newsletter, regular workshops and meetings to assess that the reflecting the prevailing views of the community are acknowledged and embedded in plans.

A more formal Programme Management Group is now being established to take the lead on delivering this business plan in partnership with the Parish Council and other stakeholders. The PC will continue to act as the sponsoring/accountable body for the Business Plan until the completion of the funding for OP:W, or the setting up of the community cooperative is achieved.

Context and background

It is well recognised that the structure of society is changing; rather than accept the negative perceptions of an ageing population, the Wye community seeks to embrace and celebrate living longer, as well as trying to find ways to encourage the rest of the community to contribute to and participate in a 'whole systems model' of care⁵. To achieve this, a new relationship between the local community and the "state" needs to be developed to create an innovative, inclusive, user-led, localised service.

5. Rather than develop the initiative from an organisational-based service delivery approach, individuals will be at the centre, and have services based around their needs and priorities.

However, that means giving some careful and imaginative thought as to how to amend attitudes and social infrastructure. This will entail not only considering new ways for communities to support, care and enable people to remain as independent in their own homes as possible, but also to ensure individuals are in control of their lives and valued for their contributions within the community.

Wye⁶ will also need to respond to significant change, due in part to housing developments under way which could potentially increase the population of the village and surrounding areas by about 25%, and which will inevitably influence the socio-demographic make up of the community. Additionally, the high-speed railway is also attracting more commuters to live in this part of the country.

A brief summary of the geographic profile and key community indices are shown at Appendix Eight; key features include:

- The parish has a population density of one person per hectare, but its shops and facilities serve about 8,000 residents from Wye and several neighbouring rural parishes. These cover about 100 square miles of the North Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The parish contains the village of Wye and the hamlet of Hinxhill and has a combined population of 2,300 in around 1200 households.
- A third of the parish population of 2,300 is aged over 60, and over 16 % are aged over 75 years (2011 National Census).
- The two Lower Super Output Areas in Wye show extremes of both affluent and deprived households; and the two populations are diverging.

As the local population expands (and new age groups are lower than hitherto) through consultation exercises many people refer to increasing problems with a lack of coordination and fragmentation of activities. Moreover, there is for newer residents a disappointing shortage of facilities that they might have reasonably expected to be in place. This could potentially be exacerbated by a sense of disengagement by new residents and commuters who live within, but are perhaps not yet fully part of, the village community.

The village has proudly functioned as a community of place in the past and enjoyed a strong sense of place; but residents will need to work together to retain and shape an identity that is fit for our future. This plan will form a blueprint to help achieve this.

There are a significant number of residents who have lived in the village for many years, a lot of whom were born in Wye, and have a strong identity with the village and its history. There are some 65 clubs and societies in Wye, and the same group of people who have run the activities and events for years, are now considerably older. There is already concern that fewer younger people are coming forward to organise these activities, which may mean a 'virtual decline' of some of the well-established social fabric in our villages, which would be unfortunate.

6. The programme covers the Wye & Hinxhill Parish, and elements of the surrounding villages that the local GP Surgery covers, but for the purposes of this submission, and ease of reference, 'Wye' and 'village' will be used to represent the whole community, irrespective of geography.

There is therefore clearly a need for a greater community focus, where proactive activity takes place to develop more community cohesion, especially across the different generations and between settled residents and newcomers. It is now recognised that if the village is to continue to function as a community of place, then 'Our Place' needs to be created, and it needs to look and feel good⁷ to maintain the commitment that has been created in developing this plan, this far.

Vision for Our Place: Wye

The aim is to promote wellbeing, a sustainable good quality of life, and an inclusive supportive and caring community, and have this managed more locally through a community cooperative, linking individuals with services more in tune with their needs. This will obviously take time and effort and may take up to three years to fully achieve.

A sound core needs to be created, which is seen as Phase One activity, and this will include a new joint 'social-care organisation' model, working with public sector partners, which KCC and the NHS fully support and are engaged with. Specialist advice to help develop the shape and legal structure and governance of this is now being commissioned and proposals will be considered over the next three months.

Complementary to this, ideas around funding need to get under way on the other project initiatives. These form the basis of Phase Two of our overall business plan for 2015-2108, as described below.

Phase One

Turning the vision into reality

Setting up a village/community cooperative to eventually manage a 'whole system' of care for the local community

The development of the community cooperative will require a significant level of strategic thinking and development of options and choices. This is because the ideas generated so far go further than just the initial ideas around new ways of working for social care services, for example,

- They cover a much wider range of the community⁸.
- It will also have to synchronise with our partners' business objectives.
- It will potentially have a higher degree of complexity and inherent financial risk, particularly in relation to the strategic commissioning intentions of public sector partners in terms of the Care Act 2014.

7. Please see Attachment Four – what does good care feel like?

8. Some of which are seen as perhaps being 'vulnerable' in the care services sense

Beyond this, it is anticipated that there will be a significant number of benefits:

- An improved range of quality of life indicators – including reduced loneliness/isolation, increased confidence, resilience and ability to cope.
- Reduction in the numbers of people entering the care system.
- Reduced hospital admissions.
- Reduced residential care admissions.
- Reduced visits to GPs.

During 2013 volunteers co-ordinated by the Parish Council identified a range of weaknesses in service provision and related issues for the over 60s which need to be addressed; to help resolve these the local community has expressed its aspiration for there to be a locally driven, locally “owned” and holistic framework for service delivery: hence the intention to create a multi-stakeholder health and social care cooperative.

This will be the vehicle by which, over time, most of the operational elements of this business plan and project programme will be overseen and governed. The expectation is that any trading surpluses will be retained by the co-operative and re-circulated for local benefit.

The ethos is to combine within the cooperative, local activity neighbourliness and volunteering with high quality trained and supported staff. This interconnectivity aims to be empowering and enabling within the community, continuously reviewing and being proactive to the needs and interests of members of the community.

Quite clearly this will be a major undertaking for the village, and a wide range of professional advice will need to be sought in advance of any significant decisions as to what sort of formal structure will be required, how this might work, how it might be taken forward, what the management board will look like, where its funding will come from, what activity will be managed etc.

Complementary to this, community research has also highlighted the wide range of existing networks of support, neighbourhood watch, the outreach home visiting and new neighbour welcoming services provided by the parish church, the 54 Neighbourhood Plan ‘patch’ workers, and the general level of “neighbourliness”.

With a modest amount of effort, a higher level of coordination of this could be achieved bringing increased community ‘value’ and, once established, this task will feature as one of the first priorities of the community cooperative. It will do this by organising a ‘time-banking’⁹ service that volunteers can register involvement in, this resource can then be matched to some of the needs that the Community Connector Service has identified.

9. Time banking builds social networks of people who give and receive support from each other, enabling people from different backgrounds, who may not otherwise meet, to come together and form connections and friendships. Generating social capital in this way can be an important determinant of health, wellbeing and resilience, all of which can prevent needs arising; examples include ensuring older people receive nutritional food and have regular personal contact.

Managing this community willingness to contribute to improving wellbeing and care for others blends in well with the first 'stepping stone' project, a **Community Connector Service**.

This will be modelled around the successful Gloucestershire Village Agent community services¹⁰ although it will have some differences. This is reflected in the draft job description¹¹, which is being developed with KCC and the community.

What this will provide, in a local community setting, is a trusted point of contact to assist better navigation of the various existing publicly funded support services, which could have an impact in reducing, for example, the need for acute admissions and calls upon GP time for non-urgent and non-medical issues. In addition the 'community connector' will assist, enable and connect people within and across the range of current, active but fragmented, independent networks. For example, Wye already has some 65 Volunteer Community Services groups and activities, 54 patch workers and about 30 Neighbourhood Watch members.

This approach accords very closely with Kent County Council's commissioning intentions to reduce demand for adult social care by intentionally working to support individuals, families and communities to stay strong, thereby diverting people from formal services wherever possible, through sustainable, local, flexible, individual and community-level solutions.

New ways of working for delivering publicly funded care services (Doing things Differently in Neighbourhoods)

The biggest demand pressure facing local government is from ageing populations, increased longevity, and rising expectations. Unfortunately this has coincided with dramatic public-sector budget reductions. Publicly funded social care budgets are largely allocated to funding home care packages or care home placements, which in many cases are provided by large-scale private sector providers.

Kent County Council shares with Wye the concern that this combination of factors is not really delivering long-term value for users, and is also not socially and economically sustainable¹².

The council is very keen to work with the newly established community cooperative to explore co-production techniques, which could support people to remain active, stay well, and remain connected to their communities. Collectively, they form two shared objectives:

- o Finding better ways to encourage the self-management of care, thus enabling people to find more personalised services and support solutions; ideally, they can also prevent or delay the need for statutory assessment and services.
- o To explore viable alternatives to traditional social care provision, which is more locally accountable to the communities, and give increased choice and control to individuals and their families.

10. Please see Attachment Five – The Gloucestershire model for community services

11. Please see Attachment Six – Job description for the OP:W Community Connector Service

12. Please see Attachment Fourteen – KCC Building Community Capacity

In terms of locally funded public services, currently there are around 28 people who receive an on-going support package. The total annualised average spend on this by KCC is over £358,000. In addition to this there will be many people who fund their own care, for example, KCC funds around 4% of the village's 760 elderly residents, and many residents are over sixty-five, with 54 people aged ninety or over.

Over time, it is quite feasible, subject to the right governance arrangements, that some of this funding could be made available to the community cooperative to manage and coordinate care services. To help achieve this, KCC will work with OP:W to develop the business case to support this initiative.

The current arrangements for care and support is via a range of different contracted and grant funded providers. The residents in receipt of support have a range of needs. Most are older people but some are people with physical, sensory and learning difficulties and people with mental health needs.

Collectively, Wye and KCC believe that it could be possible to provide a more tailored support to match what people want, more cheaply, through transferring the managing of existing care services to the community cooperative model. Research shows that this approach allows the flexibility and freedom to innovate in order to meet local people's needs, as well as increasing the efficiency of service delivery through greater employee engagement.

Phase Two

Activity

A Community Cafe (food – eating & socialising)

As highlighted by the informal study undertaken last year, there are no opportunities for people to gain access to nutritious, value for money lunches aimed at "older people".

There have been a range of initiatives in the past in the village, including voluntary lunch clubs, meals delivered akin to "meals on wheels" from the local primary school, even concessionary meals for seniors provided by local public houses. Each of these has now ceased to operate.

It is firmly believed that opportunity for eating in a social context, access to nutritious, value for money meals is a crucial element of the programme. It helps reduce social isolation, encourages social inclusion, and provides a focus, and is in essence, another social space, but with a clear purpose. Many people living alone often do not go to the trouble of cooking proper meals. The report also indicated the number of people without access to cars; and frailty does not make it easy to shop by public transport. We have reviewed existing arrangements and intend to research different models and opportunities, which are realistic and cost effective.

There is strong local support for this area of activity; many people recall that Imperial College (currently closed and disused) allowed the local community access to its dining rooms. The emerging vision of this venture is to establish a 'community cafe' (emphatically not an older people's lunch club); to strive to create a vibrant 'age inclusive' space that people wish to be part of and visit, as the heart of village life.

NHS colleagues also take the view that the healthcare cost of managing malnourished patients was more than twice that of managing non-malnourished patients, due to increased use of healthcare resources¹³. After adjusting for age and comorbidity, malnutrition remained an independent predictor of mortality. Malnourished people saw their GP twice as often, had three times the number of hospital admissions and stayed in hospital more than three days longer than those who were well nourished.

A Community Hub (Information and Information technology)

Currently the branch library provides some aspects but is severely constrained by space. The library has been a keen partner to examine what might be possible; this is closely aligned with its own future development. The emerging vision is to explore how to draw together the existing programmes of support, and re-shape the current facilities to promote more digital inclusion amongst older people¹⁴.

Extending the Community Connector 'networks of support'

Once the connector service has been established and bedded down, this would be taken further through a second stage of development, by building upon the existing base of community support, and to also explore how to develop more strategic, inclusive, and better-coordinated information advice and advocacy services, which in turn will lead to creating a more integrated and forward looking 'care & wellbeing support' system.

Enhancing care services in the community; designing new models of care planning and delivery

One clear feature of an age-friendly society would be the consistent involvement of older people in the governance and co-production of services, initiatives and activities, and the OP:W approach to improved health and wellbeing has this at its centre.

Creating the community cooperative will be an essential infrastructure step towards this, but over time, it is intended to go further than just arranging a new way to manage what exists today, particularly for those individuals who fund their own care, and to provide better levels of support for the unpaid carers in our community.

Intergenerational opportunities

Formal organisational and institutional structures tend to create and encourage generations being apart. This project aims to explore different ways to organise public service and related community activity and be proactive in creating intergenerational opportunities and ways of doing things, including providing services or short-term programmes to promote understanding across generations and build a more cohesive community. Developing the approach to the WHO Age Friendly Village is a key part of this.

Other suggestions so far include running arts focussed courses, creating a Dementia Friendly village, an open air exercise park for the elderly, running a regular cinema, taking part in the Shared Lives¹⁵ initiatives etc.

13. <http://www.malnutritiontaskforce.org.uk/resources/malnutrition-factsheet/>

14. Please see Attachment Seven – the new information age, and old-age

15. <http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/finding-a-new-home/supported-housing/sharing-a-home>

Phase Three Activity

Measuring outcomes

The Programme Management Group will also agree what will be monitored in the Programme and how this will be undertaken, for example, how regular reporting on progress with the planning and delivery of key elements of the overall programme will be achieved. This will include finalising a benefits realisation programme. The primary costs and socio-demographic data that will provide the basis for this will be agreed with stakeholder partners at an early opportunity¹⁶.

The Centre for Health Services Studies at the University of Kent will be engaged to develop a framework for the evaluation of the programme aims and objectives in this plan.

It's crucial that measures of success significantly reflect:

- The involvement of local people (especially the users of services) to help define the plans and projects that will be delivered.
- That the benefits identified in the programme are measurable and achievable.
- Measuring how much of the 'what good looks like' has been achieved.
- Assessing how far we have got in meeting the WHO criteria for Age-friendly Villages¹⁷.

In addition to this, the advice and involvement of Health Watch Kent will also be sought. This is a new, independent consumer champion for health and social care in Kent. It is an independent organisation that is commissioned by the KCC Consultation & Engagement Division.

Stakeholder Engagement¹⁸

Securing buy-in

From the community

The Our Place: Wye project was launched at a public meeting in May 2014, with some 200 residents present. Since then the Library has been the focal point for information, which has hosted three "drop-in" sessions. The Parish Council e-newsletter and Parish Magazine also include regular articles providing the background to the project and progress with developing the plan.

16. Please see Attachment Eight – Base Line Data and <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/project-pages/unit-costs/2014>

17. Please see Attachment Nine – WHO standards for Age Friendly villages

18. See Attachment Ten for member details

There is now also an OP:W specific website with opportunities for feedback and comment on the programme: <http://www.ourplacewye.org.uk>.

There have also been four three-hour drop-in sessions at the village Farmers Market. The Kentish Express newspaper and the Parish Council's website also publicised the Our Place: Wye events. As a result of the publicity and word getting about, there are around seventy-five local individuals who have registered their interest in helping shape the project; this has led to the setting up of an informal steering group, and a thematic advisory group. Over one hundred villagers have now also attended the working lunchtime meetings in May, November, January and February.

Volunteer members for the Programme Management Group to take the overall business plan forward are now being sought to formalise strategic direction, without losing momentum from the activities mentioned above.

From Partners

The ambition is to develop a new relationship between the local community, the voluntary agencies and the 'state' (i.e. the Local Authority's services to individuals and communities, and the NHS – commissioning support and GPs). Good partnership work with the main agencies providing care to the community is essential to achieving this. There is also a very active community volunteer services network in Kent, and the local branch in Ashford will also take part in the programme, alongside other volunteer groups and organisations, for example, Social Enterprise Kent and the Kent Association of Rural Communities.

From the Local Authorities/Authority Perspective

The 'new ways of working' described earlier is an approach that fits very closely with Kent County Council's commissioning intentions and community capacity building¹⁹, to reduce demand for adult social care by intentionally working to support individuals, carers, families and communities. In their view, keeping local engagement strong diverts people from formal services wherever possible, through sustainable, flexible, individual and community-level solutions.

They have been fully engaged so far, and their continued organisational buy-in is crucial to the financial viability of the proposals in the implementation plan, as well as helping shape the plan, identifying its associated risks, and increasing understanding as to how OP:W ambitions might be convergent with their commissioning intentions.

From the NHS Perspective

The NHS Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group Strategic Commissioning Plan 2014 – 2019 has also recently been published and this recognises that compared to the rest of England, Ashford has a higher than average population between the ages of 5-14, 40-49 and 60-69. Alongside the importance of health promotion and prevention for the younger generation, ACCG must also plan for a 16% rise in 65+ age groups.

19. Please see Attachment Fourteen – Community Capacity Building briefing note

Ashford's population is ageing due to lower birth rates and higher life expectancy over the past few decades. The most immediate implications for health services are the increasing need for health and social care for elderly people at home or in care homes, which require more staff and more funding.

Some of the key elements of the Our Place:Wye fit quite closely with the strategic commissioning changes needed to help the NHS manage these increases in demand for services.

For example, the NHS recognises, like OP:W that improving services for older people requires a 'whole system' thinking approach across the public sector to consider each component of care, since many older people in particular use multiple services, and the quality, capacity and responsiveness of any one component will affect others.

Working with NHS partners, there are some key success criteria for healthy, active ageing and supported independence to which OP:W may be able to contribute within the project delivery activity, including:

- Living well with simple or stable long-term conditions.
- Living well with complex co-morbidities, dementia and frailty.
- Rapid support close to home in times of crisis.
- Good acute hospital care when needed.
- Good discharge planning and post-discharge support.
- Good rehabilitation and reablement after acute illness or injury.
- Planning for high-quality nursing and residential care for those who need it.
- More choice, control and support towards the end of life.
- A coordinated approach to integration to provide person-centred care.

It is collectively recognised that transforming services for older people requires a fundamental shift towards care that is coordinated around the full range of an individual's needs (rather than care based around single diseases) and which genuinely prioritises prevention and support for maintaining independence. This aspect is a major feature in the CCG business plans 2014-2019.

Governance

As the accountable body and sponsor for OP:W, the Parish Council, through a management sub-committee, continues to have responsibility for the programme until new or alternative local funding arrangements for projects has been achieved, or the community cooperative is established.

A broad based Programme Management Group (PMG) will now have oversight and ownership of the business plan, and its terms of reference are shown at Attachment One.

The stakeholder members of the PMG will also have their own internal accountability procedures and processes to guide them. For example, KCC has internal management and political processes, as well as ensuring existing service users are informed and enabled to voice their views about changes proposed. Similarly, the NHS (and Wye Surgery) have their own protocols for informing and seeking views upon any proposed changes both internally and with patients and service users.

In terms of project management, as and when each of the projects are individually commissioned, a PMG member will take lead responsibility for it, and a project manager would be identified to take responsibility for delivering the project objectives, supported by a project plan covering resources, timelines, risks and dependencies, reporting arrangements etc.

Over time, as project delivery gets under way, these arrangements will need to be reviewed to make sure that they remain fit for purpose. It is anticipated that once the community cooperative has become well established, it takes over responsibility from the PMG for the overall programme, absorbing individual projects as and when appropriate, and 'inheriting' management experience through membership arrangements.

Outline implementation plan

The outline programme plan has a series of major components, or projects: the overall programme delivery strategy is operating within an April 2015 – March 2018 timeframe and is shown on the following page.

The delivery strategy is highly dependent upon progress made with key public sector partners in, for example, negotiating new style commissioning budget arrangements and with developing complementary approaches to inward investment, which could be from a wide range of new sources.

The intention is that for each of the project areas a project lead from the PMG will be identified, a lead project manager appointed, who could be supported by a community advisory team of volunteers if appropriate, and a detailed project plan would be developed.

This would follow industry standard project management best practice guidelines, but tailored to suit our local circumstances, so that it would be easy to follow what's happening, rather than being 'top-heavy' with process and paperwork.

The project manager and sponsor will work together to create a realistic plan, and identify: what it is trying to achieve; by when; who is responsible for what; what is needed to achieve this; how it is going to be done; and how we will know what is going on.

This will be briefly described in a plan under the following main headings:

- Its scope and objectives.
- The timeline of operation, showing a clear start and finish.
- Resources: required and allocated.
- A budget, with financial control processes identified.
- The stages and phases of the project where appropriate, with review points.
- Risks and dependencies.
- The governance arrangements, describing responsibilities and accountabilities.
- The way it would regularly report on progress and achievements.
- Project closure arrangements.

The plan does not need to be over-long or complex, but should provide transparency from the outset, so that it can be easily monitored.

Project implementation timeline

	Q2 2015	Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018
Project Area														
Community Connector Service	Plan													
Implement														
Social enterprise	Plan													
Implement														
New ways of working - publicly funded care services	Plan													
Implement														
Community Cafe/food hub	Plan													
Implement														
Community IT Hub/Training	Plan													
Implement														
Extending the community Connector Service	Plan													
Implement														
New models of care planning and delivery	Plan													
Implement														
Intergenerational Activity in the community	Plan													
Implement														
Evaluating Project Outcomes	Plan													
Implement														
Bold=provisionally funded and priority activity														

Value for money

Being able to demonstrate value for money will be a consistent theme running across, and through, the project areas and this will occur in three dimensions: individually at the project level, collectively as they create synergy throughout the programme and more formally through Phase Three, the external monitoring and audit programme.

Nevertheless, OP:W is committed to finding ways to develop a consistent, and recognisable value for money approach and the Programme Management Group will work closely with the independent monitoring agency to describe this prior to each project start-up, and over the life-cycle of each project.

Cost & Benefit Analysis for Phase One Projects

Table One - Costs & Benefits

Project Area	Funded from	Costs	Possible Full Year Benefits
Community Connector	WPC	£18,000	£49,600
	KCC	£14,000	280,000*
Community Cooperative	OP:W	£6,800	£85,000
	KCC/NHS	£22,500	
New ways of commissioning public services	KCC	£22,500	£25,000
	OP:W	£4,800	
Overall		£88,600	£439,600

Notes: WPC = Wye Parish Council; KCC = Kent County Council; OP:W = Balances from the originally funded Our Place Wye budget allocation.

*Some of these benefits are also attributable to the NHS.

More details on the costs and benefits are available at Attachment Thirteen.

Provisional Costs: Year One

For the priority Phase One projects, these costs will be met from existing OP:W, Parish Council or in-kind, through KCC budgets. These figures are all provisional; the balances in the OP:W budget can fund project management and professional advice for setting up the community cooperative; WPC can also potentially fund the community Connector Services staff and office support costs. The KCC costs are predominantly in-kind officer time for the community warden pilot, asset-mapping activity and assigned strategic management/commissioning resources.

Outline Benefits

In terms of potential benefits, these have been identified for the projects in Phase One in two areas, firstly, that of public service value, and secondly, the potential cost savings to the NHS and Local Authority Social Care services. These are described below for reach project area and in more detail in Attachment Thirteen.

Community Connector Service²⁰

The value for money assumptions are based on the Gloucestershire experience, whereby the overall benefits model suggests for elderly customers of the service, a spend:gain ratio of £1:£3.10 is achievable in terms of public service value. For OP:W that would be an overall equivalent target of nearly £100,000 pa, subject to further evaluation of key elements. A 50% risk factor has been built into the estimates shown above to take account of the OP:W start-up process.

The Gloucestershire Service overall NHS and Local Authority benefit for the community agent per individual engaged with these services is estimated to be up to £7,365 pa, depending on circumstances. These relate mainly to the range of public services involvement reducing or even being avoided, and increases in state benefits, or increased access to reducing fuel poverty measures for individuals.

However, Gloucestershire is a well-established service, but modest gains for the OP:W community and public sector partners could be established quite quickly, and then build up over time to something more substantive. The main benefit areas that would be targeted are seen initially in:

[i] Finding ways to achieve a 20% increase in falls prevention, thus reducing hospital admissions/A&E treatment, and the likely need for discharging into residential care for recovery.

[ii] Reducing loneliness and social isolation, which affects the health and wellbeing of individuals and reduce the risks associated around:

- o High blood pressure.
- o The onset of disability.
- o Cognitive decline – one study concluded that lonely people have a 64% increased chance of developing clinical dementia.
- o Being more prone to depression.
- o Making more GP visits, reducing a higher use of medication.
- o Earlier entry into residential or nursing care.

Using the socio-demographic data at Attachment Eight, combined with the Gloucestershire experiences, it would seem reasonable to assume improved circumstances for up to 10% of the elderly population, which equates to helping around seventy-six individuals per year, which is less than two per week²¹.

This tends to suggest that with a potential saving of around £7,365 per individual, an overall full year benefit target of around £560,000 is possible; applying a 50% risk factor to this to take account of the OP:W start-up process still means there is a substantial incentive of around a £280,000 pa benefit target to get the service under way.

20. An extract from the Gloucestershire CBA is shown at Attachment Five – Village Agents
21. This equates to 40 individuals aged 60, and a further 36 individuals aged over 75.

Setting up the village/community cooperative

The community wants to become more engaged and empowered to identify priorities for improving care and wellbeing services, and it wants to get more involved in the design and delivery of new and existing care services. It wants to do this by:

- o Involving people directly in decisions about the future of health and care services in the community.
- o Encouraging community volunteering through new volunteer programmes and better support for volunteering.
- o Encouraging community endeavour through local projects and support programmes.

The setting up of the village cooperative will be fundamental to achieving this; once established, one of the first initiatives it wants to get under way is to create a 'time-bank' for individuals to volunteer their time to support others. The administrative support allocated for the Community Connector office will initially fund and coordinate this. The ASHE/ONS data from Volunteering England²² estimates that volunteering for OP:W would have a public service value of £14.80 ph.

The estimates for the first year of Time Banking suggest that fifty volunteers would offer up to five hours per week to support improvements in care and wellbeing in the village. This equates to a value of around £170,000. A 50% risk factor has been applied to this estimate to take account of the OP:W start-up process.

New Ways of Commissioning Public Services

KCC take the view that by moving their commissioning strategies towards co-production, and developing the options for transferring responsibility for currently managed services to the community cooperative, service costs could be reduced within the range of 10-12%, potentially giving a savings profile of around £50,000 pa for their client base in the community, which incidentally, is bound to increase over time as more individuals probably become eligible for state funded care. A 50% risk factor has been applied to this estimate to take account of the OP:W start-up process.

22. www.volunteering.org and www.rgtb.org.uk/index.html give more detail on this

Major cost areas for the Phase Two projects

Capital costs

One off investments, such as new or refurbished buildings and facilities are now being actively considered. This initially has most bearing upon the Community cafe/Community IT Hub aspects. Research will be needed to review all opportunities available and over different timescales. Already some buildings and possible options have been proposed and the new plans for the Village Hall potentially offers exciting opportunities in a wide range of areas.

However there would be a need to undertake surveys and commission professional estimates for bringing any sites up to legal standards. The key to the way forward is to build upon what is currently available, but could be 're-aligned'. To help achieve this, KCC have offered in-kind officer time to create an asset map of the village, and this work will be undertaken in the near future.

Revenue costs

As each of the key projects/initiatives in Phase Two gets under way, it will be necessary to assess the costs and funding required to get them to completion by developing a 'mini' business plan or short proposal for evaluation by the PMG. This would describe the feasibility, management arrangements, outline costs, outcomes, etc. Occasionally, they may require further work to get them to the full approval stage, which the PMG may also agree to fund, subject to prioritisation of resources etc.

Summary & Conclusions

This plan has documented a great deal of individual requirements identified through extensive consultation undertaken in the village over recent years and particularly in recent months. To reflect these feedback sessions, the Logic Model²³, which has been widely accepted within the community as a good 'shorthand' blueprint and point of reference, where it identifies 'what does good look like' has been updated.

This business plan clearly identifies the way forward through a phased project management approach for the community to achieve its vision, but acknowledges that in Phase Two, more detailed work will be required in terms of developing the cost benefit analysis for project areas identified in the plan.

The exception to this will be the projects centered on Phase One which covers the creation of the community cooperative style organisation, the community connector service, and the new ways of working to deliver a new style of publicly funded health & wellbeing services for the village.

23. See Attachment Eleven – the OP:W Logic Model.

Discussions are currently underway with key stakeholders to help them re-align their strategic commissioning intentions, linked to their local implementation of the Care Act, to get these projects under way.

As the cost benefit analysis showed earlier, even with modest gains being targeted, there is a real opportunity to provide community benefit from getting project activity under way as soon as practicably possible, and there is a commitment from stakeholders to provide in-kind resources to support this.

Getting the project work under way and keeping it on track will require good governance, as well as sound financial management, and well managed resources. The setting up of the Programme Management Group made up of key stakeholders presents a significant opportunity to take the work forward, ready for launch in April 2015.

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Attachment One:

Programme Management Group

Draft Terms Of Reference

Main Purpose of Group

The purpose of the group is to oversee the development and implementation of the Our Place Wye Programme, as described in more detail in the OP:W Business Plan. The main aim of this plan is to improve the health and wellbeing of an age-inclusive community that is both sustainable and value for money.

This improvement will be achieved through the planning and delivery of a series of projects listed below and described in more detail in the Business Plan. The group will co-ordinate and commission the individual, but linked projects through a programme management approach and by working in partnership with key stakeholders.

The group will identify a person for each project to take lead responsibility for it and they will report on progress with the project activity to the overall group.

Main Tasks of the Group

To act as the primary point of contact for OP:W through engagement and communications with the community and stakeholders to keep them informed of progress.

To provide leadership for the development and delivery of improvements in the health and wellbeing of the community.

To provide an appropriate forum for the community to work with stakeholder partners on the delivery of care services and other initiatives that will enhance the health and wellbeing of the community.

To agree the Business Plan for OP:W and take overall responsibility for it, including delegating a member for coordinating its content.

To consider what investment and funding arrangements might be required for supporting the business plan, and developing strategies to achieve the plan.

To have oversight of the projects within the business plan (please see below).

To identify and appoint lead members of the group to take the lead on projects agreed for delivery within the business plan.

To encourage volunteers to participate in project activity or provide specialist advice for specific project activity.

To help identify synergies between projects within the plan and with developments and organisations both outside and within the community.

To offer advice when appropriate on the direction of individual projects and agree any additional or new priorities for the business plan.

To appoint a Programme Manager if needed, to deliver the full range of projects within the business plan.

To appoint project managers for individual projects where appropriate.

Membership of the Group

Membership is open to all residents in the community and key stakeholders, e.g. KCC, Ashford North CCG, Wye Surgery, Parish Council etc. Expressions of interest for joining the group will be invited at the earliest opportunity.

A membership of 10-12 is proposed to represent the range of stakeholders, a wide body of opinion, the diverse make up of the community, and to provide a pool of expertise for sponsoring project activity.

The Group will elect a Chair.

Other specialist members for specific advice, or project area expertise and input are expected to be invited to join the group where appropriate, and by agreement of the Chair.

Working Arrangements

To take account of the interests of all represented parties in the group,

- o The group will meet on a regular basis to review progress with the delivery of the Business Plan and to oversee progress with project activity.
- o The group will meet on a regular basis with the respective project leads members, who in consultation with appropriate project managers, will produce regular reports for consideration.

The Parish Council remains the accountable body for OP:W until April 2015, or a new organisational body is created, and will provide support and general advice to the group, for example.

- o Agreement of the agenda with the Programme Group Chair.
- o Organising meetings.
- o The proper and timely preparation and circulation of papers.
- o Keeping a proper record of the meetings and all decisions and actions to be taken forward.
- o Advising the Group and its Chair on matters of best practice, for example on Programme Management etc.
- o Financial and book keeping administration, where appropriate.
- o Acting as the employing and accountable body, until the arrangements for a different organisational structure is established.

The Group will be considered quorate with the Chair and at least three other members present, one of which must be a stakeholder representative. All members are expected to attend 75% of meetings.

The group will be run on consensual lines, but ultimate decision-making responsibility will rest with the Chair, supported by at least two other members and a stakeholder representative, if appropriate.

Initial Priorities for OP:W

The following areas are seen as Phase One of the programme and have provisional funding.

- o Implementation of the Community Connector Service in partnership with KCC.
- o Working with the community and stakeholder partners to develop the strategy and implementation plan for the Village/Community Co-operative.
- o Developing new ways of working for delivering publicly funded care services.

Note

There is also an over-arching task for the group to evaluate what funding opportunities may be available for delivering the business plan and associated projects, and securing the funding for specific project resources where appropriate.

Attachment Two

Briefing Paper On Social Cooperatives

This briefing note is a discussion document for the community and Parish Council describing some of the options open to OP:W on the setting up of a new style organisation to oversee and manage the proposals for innovative services in the 2015-2018 Operational Plan.

The basis on which the community wants to have an organisation like this established is:

- o To create improvements in community health and well-being, and this includes providing 'fair-care' services.
- o To operate independent businesses which need to be individually self-sufficient in the medium-longer term to survive.
- o To have the trading of these enterprises underpinned by values, which are fundamental to the community.
- o To set up a member-based organisation to give members, customers, staff and suppliers a real say in the running and ownership of the organisation.

The debate about comparisons of different legal forms, such as Community Interest Company, Community Benefit Society, mutual, co-operative, and employee-ownership can be confusing. The essence of the matter is (a) whether an organisation is intended to exist for a private purpose or a public/social purpose, and (b) what sort of ownership and governance arrangements are in place, and how appropriately they underpin and protect private or public assets and resources.

What is clear is that whatever we chose to do, we need to establish sound constitutional arrangements within a clear legal structure; this will ensure that we are legally and constitutionally committed to carrying on the business of the 'social enterprise' for the benefit of the community, which we are serving, and not for private benefit.

However, it is important to recognise that legal and constitutional arrangements are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. They exist to provide a framework for the holding and operation of a business or service, and need to be designed to enable that business or service to succeed in its vision, and its strategic objectives.

Examples of different Legal structures for 'social enterprises'

Community Interest Company (CIC)

This is a relatively new legal structure created by legislation in 2004, with its own regulatory body, which provides legal assurance that the business is being carried on in the interest of the community, rather than for private benefit. What is this assurance?

First, before a community interest company can be registered, the Regulator must be satisfied on the basis of the Community Interest Test that their activities are being carried on for the benefit of the community.

This must be re-confirmed annually by the directors by means of a community interest report. The Regulator has a range of enforcement powers in the event, for example, of failure to continue to satisfy the community interest test.

Once registered, there are restrictions in the constitution prohibiting the distribution of assets (ordinary limited companies are not so restricted, and can therefore operate for private interest).

Subject to certain exceptions, a so-called “asset lock” prohibits any distribution of assets including on a solvent winding-up, and puts a limit on any dividend payable to shareholders.

Whilst in practice this allows distribution of profits, express commitments have to be in the constitution to retain profits for the benefit of the community. Furthermore, no member or shareholder can hold more than one share, making it impossible for any one shareholder to control the organisation.

Community Benefit Society (CBS)

A community benefit society can only be established if the Registrar is satisfied that the business is to be conducted for the benefit of the community.

In order to be registered, the constitution must prohibit any benefit going to members, either by way of dividend out of trading surplus, or by way of capital distribution on a solvent winding-up. As with the community interest company, there is an asset lock to protect accumulated reserves, ensuring that all surplus is retained and applied for the benefit of the community, and not for the private benefit of members.

There are two major types of CBS

[i] Industrial and Provident Societies, which provide services to people, other than its own members. The organisation must be run primarily for the benefit of the community at large, rather than for the members of the society. Profits must also be ploughed back into the organisation, rather than being distributed to members, and the business must demonstrate that there are ‘special reasons’ why it should be registered as an IPS rather than a company under the Companies Act.

[ii] Cooperatives, which are run by and for the benefit of its members, with the majority of surplus profits being retained within the enterprise in order to maintain it and provide social value.

The main objective of a co-operative is not to make money, but to finance its own growth in order to benefit its members as a direct result of their participation in the business.

Membership

Membership of the social enterprise would be open to all residents of Wye, their carers and families. Membership could also be open to employees of the businesses that the social enterprise may wish to create and run, key ‘suppliers’ of services, public sector organisations that are funding some of these services and key partners. It hasn’t been decided yet, but it is traditional that every member holds a £1 share, and nobody may hold more than one share.

Ownership and Governance

The choice of legal structure provides a base-line for understanding the nature of the organisation (i.e. community interest company, community benefit society), but it is the ownership and governance arrangements which establish the day-to-day basis on which it is run.

The members are the owners in the sense that nobody else owns the organisation – neither the state, nor investors, nor any other organisation and they exist as members on behalf of the wider community.

The members derive no financial benefit from being a member. This is not “John Lewis public services”, where the annual profits are shared out amongst the staff at the end of the year. It is a form of ownership in which the members are custodians for the time being of this organisation – making sure it delivers what it is supposed to do.

Only the members can agree to any changes to the constitution; they also recruit non-executive directors and appoint service managers to run things on their behalf, who are in turn accountable to the members for the running of the organisation.

Being independently owned, but committed to a public purpose, the ‘social enterprise’ can be thus clearly be regarded as neutral – an “honest broker” – and not unduly influenced by health service commissioners, local authority managers or others.

All of the organisational ‘shapes’ mentioned above (CIC, CBS etc) have a similar basic framework, namely members, who elect the majority if not all those who serve on a representative body; this body in turn, appoints a separate board of directors comprising a majority of non-executives, and a balance of lead managers, who ‘run the business’ of the social enterprise.

This more modern approach keeps the representative function outside the boardroom, but specifically enables the interests of members to be expressed and to carry influence via the representative body. The board of directors is then comprised solely of those who fulfil criteria for skills and experience, either as appointed (employed) executives, or as independent non-executives.

It represents a significant development from more traditional membership led models, where it was common for the board of directors to include members, acting as representatives and stakeholders. Without a clear separation of roles and responsibilities, these stakeholder boards can be problematic with conflict of interest issues, and an inability for the stakeholders properly to promote the viewpoint of each and all of those they represent, particularly given their additional duties as service managers and directors.

Roles & responsibilities

The structure and role and responsibilities of the representative body is expected to evolve over time as the start-up model is designed to accompany a change in culture and organisational practice from the public sector, towards a more collaborative and engaging approach with the community, as well as to develop community based services and introduce innovating new ideas and services.

It seeks to bring the key constituencies of interest of that community inside the organisation and its governance, enabling them to work together to optimise the resources and opportunities available, in the pursuit of the organisation's ultimate aims.

The number of elected members to this new body could initially be around six-eight representatives, but it could potentially grow in time to perhaps no more than twelve, subject to the range and scope of activities and services it might ultimately cover.

The key role of the representative body is to influence the direction and strategy of the organisation as a whole, bringing into the formal governance arrangements the viewpoint of key constituencies of interest. In this way, it links those carrying ultimate responsibility for running the business to those actually delivering the services on the ground and those receiving the services.

The specific roles of the representative body therefore include: recruiting non-executive directors, appointing and working with the board of directors in developing strategy and future plans, overseeing membership strategy, appointing and removing non-executive directors, and working in other ways to support the board of directors. The representative body receives regular reports on the progress of the business, and with the wider membership it provides the mechanism by which the board of directors is held to account.

The board of directors would typically consist of around six – eight individuals, depending on the scope and range of services being provided by the enterprise, and could evolve over time in terms of numbers. A non-executive director usually acts as chair of the board, alongside perhaps up to another three-four non-executive directors, but enough to establish a majority position. Lead service managers of services would act as the other board directors. Some serious consideration would also need to be given as to how legal, finance and personnel issues etc. would be managed effectively.

Attachment Three

Project summary

Phase One Project Areas	Scope & Objectives	Timetable	Resources	Estimated Costs	Funded
Developing the community cooperative	Planning a new age-friendly enterprise for the community to improve health and well being	2015	Project management	£ 4,800 £22,500	OP:W KCC officer time
			Professional advice	£ 2,000	OP:W
Establishing the community connector service	To create a local age-friendly service to improve health and well being of the community	2015	'Community Connector'	£18,000	WPC
			Support services and facilities	£14,000	Funded by KCC officer time
New ways of working for publicly funded services		2015-2016	Project management	£4,800	OP:W
				£22,500	Funded by KCC officer time

Phase Two Project Area	Scope & Objectives	Scope & Objectives	Resources	Estimated Costs	New funding
Establishing a community technology and IT training hub	To create an age-friendly place for IT learning, and training	2015	Project management	£4,800	New funding needed
			Support services and Facilities	£10,000	Tudor Trust grant?
Establishing the community café/ foodhub	To create an age-friendly healthy eating-place	2015	Project management	4,800	New funding needed
			Support services and Facilities	£10,000	Awards for All grant?
Extending the community connector network:	Developing more inclusive, and better-coordinated services	2016-2017	Project management and existing Community Connector services	£4,800	KCC officer time
				£4,800	Funding required
Designing new models of care planning and improving existing services for 'self funders'	Developing a range of new services for the community	2015-2018	Project management	£4,800	KCC officer time
				£4,800	Funding required

Phase Two Project Areas	Scope & Objectives	Timetable	Resources	Estimated Costs	Funded
Creating the Intergenerational Activity in the community	To evaluate how age-independent activity can reinforce community cohesions	2016-2017	A more detailed statement of requirements will be developed in mid 2015	A more detailed statement of requirements will be developed in mid 2015	New Funding required

Phase Three Project	Scope & Objectives	Timetable	Resources	Estimated Costs	Funded
Measuring Outcomes	Designing continuous improvement programme [CIP] for measuring success of projects	2015-2018	Independent advice requires to be commissioned	£1,000 Built into new project budgets	OP:W

Attachment Four

What should good, person centred care, feel like?

We asked our community about this, and this is what they told us²⁴

"I have the information and support I need in order to remain as independent as possible and manage my own conditions."

"I am not left alone to make sense of information. I have help to make informed choices if I need and want it."

"I have access to easy-to-understand information about care and support, which is consistent, accurate, and accessible, up to date."

"I am supported to use it to make decisions & choices about my care & support."

"I can speak to people who know something about care and support and can make things happen. I am told about the other services that are available to someone in my circumstances, including support organisations."

"I know where to get information about what is going on in my community."

"I feel valued for the contribution that I can make to my community."

"I tell my story once. I have one first point of contact. They understand both me & my condition(s). I can go to them with a question at any time."

"Information is given to me at the right times. It is appropriate to my condition & circumstances. And is provided in a way that I understand."

"I know the amount of money available to me for care and support needs, and I can determine how this is used (whether it's my own money, direct payment, or a 'personal budget' from the council or NHS)."

"I have access to a pool of people, advice on how to employ them and the opportunity to get advice from my peers."

When I use a new service, my care plan is known in advance & respected.

"I can decide the kind of support I need and when, where and how to receive it."

"I have good information and advice on the range of options for choosing my support staff."

24. Extract from recent KCC Strategic Commissioning Consultation exercise

"I feel safe, I can live the life I want and I am supported to manage any risks. I know what is in my care & support plan and I know what to do if things change or go wrong."

"I feel that my community is a safe place to live and local people look out for me and each other."

"I have as much control of planning my care & support as I want."

"I have considerate support delivered by competent people. They help me to make links in my local community."

"I am in control of planning my care and support. I can decide the kind of support I need & how to receive it."

"I have a clear line of communication, action and follow up. When something is planned, it happens."

"I have care and support that is directed by me, I am as involved with discussions & decisions about my care support & treatment, and it is responsive to my needs."

"I have help to make informed choices if I need & want it; my family or carer is also involved in these decisions as much as I want them to be."

"I have opportunities to train, study, work or engage in activities that match my interests, skills, abilities."

"All my needs as a person are assessed & taken into account; I am listened to about what works for me, in my life."

"I am supported to understand my choices & to set & achieve my goals."

"I have regular reviews of my care and treatment including comprehensive reviews of my medicines, and of my care and support plan."

"I can plan ahead and have systems in place to keep control in an emergency or crisis."

"My carer/family have their needs recognised & are given support to care for me."

"I always know who is coordinating my care."

Attachment Five

Village Agents – Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Village and Community Agents Cost/Benefit Analysis

This attachment covers the Executive Summary and Table Twenty Four from a major report published by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, November 2014, in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group.

The report, which is provided as a separate document to this plan, is an analysis of the benefits, including financial benefits, accruing to clients and to Health and Social Care services, as a result of the work of Gloucestershire Village and Community Agents between 2012 and 2014. These page extracts and the main report is acknowledged, and reproduced with thanks to Gloucestershire Rural community Council.

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Executive Summary

This is an excellent scheme and a valuable addition to supporting the local populace and their many and various needs which Village Agents with their special skills and approach can often help where we and others cannot.

GP in Stroud



Between 2012 and 2014, the Agents' activities resulted in savings to Gloucestershire Health and Social Care services totalling **£1,290,107.42**

GRCC has managed the Gloucestershire Village and Community Agents since the launch of the scheme in 2006. The Agents provide information and support to people aged 50 and over, raising awareness of preventative measures, services and assistance which can help them remain independent in their own homes. Specialist Cancer Agents provide support to people aged 18 and over who have been affected by cancer.

- Falls Prevention
- Income Maximisation
- Retaining Independence
- Loneliness and Social Isolation
- Fuel Poverty
- Specialist Cancer Agents

A literature review was conducted to identify relevant economic evidence and statistical indicators to use for the calculations. Reports were sourced from Government departments, local authorities, university studies, charitable organisations, and peer-reviewed journal articles. Toolkits developed by or on behalf of Government departments were also used.

Calculations and supporting literature are referenced throughout the full report.

Overall Return on Investment

Between 2012 and 2014, the Agents' activities resulted in savings to Gloucestershire Health and Social Care services totalling £1,290,107.42, and financial benefits to individual clients totalling £818,207.24. The cost of the scheme over the same time period was £680,000.

Activities and economic calculations by theme

For every £1 that the scheme cost, the return on investment is calculated to be £3.10. This breaks down further as:

Each theme was further broken down into sub-categories which result in savings to Health and/or Social Care services, and benefits to clients. While elements of some themes overlap, care was taken to avoid duplication of activities in the analysis. For the full summary of savings to Health and Social Care services and benefits to clients, see table overleaf.

- **£1.90 savings to Gloucestershire Health and Social Care services;**
- **£1.20 financial benefits to clients**

12,961 records (known as 'gateways') were analysed against a series of themes where savings to services resulting from the Agents' activities could be identified:

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VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENTS' ACTIVITIES	SAVINGS TO SERVICES				FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO CLIENTS
	HEALTH	SOCIAL CARE	JOINT HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	TOTAL	
FALLS PREVENTION					
Grab rails	£3,119.92	£11,204.08	£28,665	£42,989	-
Mobility aids	£3,119.92	£2,168.08	£56,745	£62,033	-
Small repairs	£6,239.84	£11,834.16	£28,080	£46,154	-
Wet rooms	-	-	£113,490	£113,490	-
Stairlifts	-	-	£113,490	£113,490	-
Sub total	£12,479.68	£25,206.32	£340,470	£378,156	-
INCOME MAXIMISATION					
Lower rate Attendance Allowance	-	-	-	-	£299,676
Higher rate Attendance Allowance	-	-	-	-	£17,576
Carer's Allowance	-	-	-	-	£54,709.20
Pension Credit	-	-	-	-	£26,549.64
General benefit checks	-	-	-	-	£372,291.40
Sub total	-	-	-	-	£770,802.24
RETAINING INDEPENDENCE					
Gloucestershire Telecare	£52,670	£116,725	-	£169,395	-
Community Alarms	£11,088	-	£84,240	£95,328	-
OT assessments	£8,579	£25,311	£113,490	£147,380	-
Social Care assessments	£6,870	£17,940	£28,665	£53,475	-
Carer's Needs assessments	-	-	£248,559	£248,559	-
Reablement	-	£48,772	-	£48,772	£2,352
Support in the homes	-	-	£1,795.84	£1,795.84	-
Home Safety Checks	-	-	£6,637.34	£6,637.34	-
Sub total	£79,207	£208,748	£483,387.18	£771,342.18	£2,352
LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION					
Befriending services	-	-	£22,680	£22,680	-
Social Groups and Activities	-	-	£29,066.24	£29,066.24	-
Transport	-	-	£27,950	£27,950	-
Volunteering	-	-	£4,860	£4,860	£4,453
Sub total	-	-	£84,556.24	£84,556.24	£4,453
FUEL POVERTY	-	-	£4,393	£4,393	£15,000
SPECIALIST CANCER AGENTS	-	-	£51,660	£51,660	£25,600
TOTALS	£91,686.68	£233,954.32	£964,466.42	£1,290,107.42	£818,207.24



Attachment Six

Job description - Community Connector

Role & Purpose

The main purpose is to provide support to individuals and groups to help reduce social isolation and exclusion, particularly amongst older people, and to increase their involvement and participation in the community.

This would include being prepared to provide information and advice on a wide range of topics, working locally with existing networks and creating new ones where appropriate. This will help connect, assist, and empower people so that improvements in their care and well being is achievable.

Main Responsibilities

The main purpose of the job and responsibility is to:

- Be the lead person for the Connector Service scheme in the community.
- Work within the designated Parish and community of Wye & Hinxhill, in both a reactive and proactive way.
- Respond holistically and appropriately to the issues and needs identified, and be able to provide accurate, high quality information.
- Create referrals of appropriate urgency to relevant agencies and service providers.
- Engage with people in a friendly, courteous, prompt and appropriate manner, using excellent communication skills and ensuring delivery of high quality customer service at all times.
- To be aware of the particular needs of the whole range of individuals including those unable to access services directly and to refer these clients onto other services effectively.
- Develop effective working relationships with all partners and stakeholders including the parish council etc.
- Work as part of a team, contributing to meetings, attending relevant training, cascading information and providing ongoing support and information to enable the smooth running of the service.
- Access and accurately maintain electronic/hard copy client records, calls and referrals ensuring compliance with the Data Protection Act, maintaining management information to assist in workload/demand profiling and to inform continuous improvements to the services provided.
- Use the IT equipment provided, appropriately and effectively.
- Use allocated budgets to effectively promote the Village and Community Connector service and engage older people in the most appropriate way.
- Contribute to the maintaining of a robust and sustainable database of community information and assets clients.

Other responsibilities

- To take responsibility for your own time management and administration.
- Report regularly to the Connector service scheme manager.
- Attend relevant village agent progress meetings and training.
- Make necessary links to local services and stakeholders.

Essential Personal skills

- Excellent communication skills by telephone and face to face with patience and understanding.
- Use of initiative/self-motivated.
- Self-awareness.
- Non-judgemental.
- Thorough, and attentive to detail.
- Positive outlook.
- Problem solver, pragmatic and resilient.
- Flexible and adaptable.
- Able to maintain confidentiality.
- Willingness to participate in training and acquire new skills.
- The ability to work in a team and network with partners.
- The ability to work confidently alone.
- The ability to manage your own workload and identify priorities.
- The initiative to develop the role.

Essential Values

- Commitment to the needs of older people living in rural areas.
- Desire to help people.

Essential professional Skills

- Computer literacy, including familiarity with multi-media.
- Excellent written, verbal and administration skills.
- Effective record keeping of visits and budgets.
- Full current driving licence.

Terms & Conditions

Currently under review with Kent County Council and the Parish Council.

Attachment Seven

The New Information Age and Old-Age

Article: Does she use the Internet?

Published by: Vicky Sargent 2014

The radio programme 'Does he take sugar?' highlighted a tendency to treat disabled people as generally incapable. The same syndrome affects older people and the Internet.

At a conference last year on social care and digital, one of the speakers spoke of research with care home residents that showed a mismatch between their digital aspirations and those of their families.

While the older people told researchers they had been hoping to receive tablets and smart phones for Christmas, family and friends had actually produced chocolates, perfume and other items considered suitable for Grandmas (Grandads presumably getting socks and jumpers).

Statistics do tell us that older people are less likely to use the Internet. ONS data says that of 6.7m UK adults (13.1%) who are not online, almost three quarters of this group are 65 or older, and in the 75+ age bracket, more than 60% of people are not online. There are many reasons for this. Research studies highlight the cost of devices and connection, lack of digital skills (older cohorts may never have used computers at work), security concerns, lack of interest and even fear and resentment at the age of 'digital everything'.

The cost issues are fast diminishing now that free Wi-Fi is widespread (although important to remember not everywhere) and connection through hotspots is increasingly an option. The price of tablets and smartphones is also tumbling. At the same time there is increasing evidence of the benefits of being online, ranging from access to lower cost goods and services, to opportunities for connecting with existing friends and family, as well as finding new interests and new social networks online.

The digital skills charity Digital Unite says the latter is particularly important, with depression affecting 20% of older people living in the community and 40% living in care homes for older people, compared with 10% of the population at large.

Digital Unite research has shown that, of those over 55s who are using the internet, four out of five (86%) said it had improved their lives. 72% said that being online had helped reduce their feelings of isolation and 81% said it makes them feel part of modern society.

The same research also says that rates of digital exclusion in social care are higher than in the general population.

So, with 1.6 million people providing adult social care services in England, and 6 million unpaid carers (many of whom suffer equally from loneliness and isolation), it is important to work with both carers and those who are cared for to ensure both parties are digitally capable and confident.

One lever that can be used to overcome the perception by some older non-liners that 'there is nothing on the Internet for me' is their health. There is plenty of information and advice online to help and support people with disabilities and long-term conditions, and this can be used as an incentive to get people started.

This is part of the thinking behind NHS England's Widening Digital Participation programme, which is run by the Tinder Foundation (which also runs UK Online centres) to get large numbers of people, particularly older people, to improve their digital health literacy.

Up to March 2014, the programme had engaged with 100,000 people, and actively trained nearly 60,000. In 2014-15, the respective targets are 121,500 and 81,000, and the programme has further ambitions to get GPs and health practitioners involved, with training taking place in GP surgeries.

According to Bob Gann, NHS England's Director for the Widening Digital Participation programme, it is having a really positive effect on people's lives. 'Reducing isolation and loneliness is just one way technology can help,' he says, 'and when a lot of evidence suggests that this is as great a risk to the health and wellbeing to the elderly population as obesity, it shows how important the work is.'

In addition to this programme, UK Online Centres have 43 specialist centres, specifically set up to help older people learn about computers and the Internet within their local communities. They can cite plenty of examples of people who have come to the Internet at a late age and found it transformative.

Two examples, featured as part of last week's 'Get online week', are Stella Cruse, 80, and Doreen Milner, 78, who met at 'Get Online', a computing course for 'absolute beginners' at Devizes Library, run by local UK online centre The Learning Curve.

According to Stella, 'there's no denying that when you know practically nothing about computers the first few sessions are quite hard work (but) now Doreen and I can do all sorts of things online that we'd never even imagined.' Her friend continues 'It's a great way to keep the grey matter going, a great way to follow your hobbies, and a great way to meet people. Computers and the internet aren't going away and using them really can be enjoyable. Stella and I are living proof – we're having a great time!'

Another story told by UK Online is that of 78 year-old Norah Hanley, who lost her husband of 55 years following a period of caring for him full time. After attending computer classes and then buying her own computer, Norah was inspired to take up a diet plan supported by an online community for sharing tips, recipes and dieters' stories.

Having never been successful with dieting before, she lost four stone, which has had a significant impact on her health generally, including her diabetes and arthritis. According to Norah "the more I learn about the Internet and use it, the more it changes my life. And as my dad used to say 'if you're lucky enough to be born in to this world, the only sure thing is death. But between the two there's a lot of living to do!'"

So, if you were thinking of giving your Nan a box of chocs and a nice scarf this Christmas, think again. Why not investigate the launch by Argos, as part of Get Online Week, of a tablet, training on how to use it, and a year's free broadband from TalkTalk, all for £20.

Vicky Sargent attended the *Digital Care Surgery - Innovating for Change* event in Birmingham organised by DISCOVER. The project aims to familiarise carers with digital technologies and embed them in their day-to-day lives.

Attachment Eight

Base-line data: demographics and public services estimates

Health & Well-being: headline figures

A third of the parish/ward population of Wye of around 2,300 is aged over 60, and over 16 % are aged over 75 years.

Parts of the parish/ward are in the 11-20% most income deprived nationally.

Over 10% of the population are widowed.

A further 7% are either separated or divorced.

The district average of elderly on state support is 2.5%. Wye is around 13.5%.

The area has a higher percentage of people providing unpaid care (12%) compared to the average in England (10%), with 3.7% providing over 20 hours of unpaid care a week.

Although 81% report themselves to be in good or very good health, 5.5 % say they are in bad to very bad health.

Just over 9% of the population report that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot.

Fewer than 20% of the population have a long term illness or disability which they report as limiting their day to day activities a little to a lot.

Estimating current expenditure

Detailed discussions with colleague in the public sector are underway to developing expenditure models. Its also recognised that there is little real evidence as to the publicly available estimates on expenditure by families with private and third sector care, although OP:W expects to undertake any qualitative research locally on this.

In addition to this OP:W will work with NHS colleagues to extrapolate the current costs of Hospital admissions and other health and social care data which can be drawn from amongst others, the Kings Fund research, which has identified that:

- o The costs of an Ambulance journey = £344.
- o The costs of a Hospital Admission/overnight stay = £250.
- o The costs of an A&E visit = £111.
- o The costs of a GP Visit = £36.

Ashford CCG have confirmed that the 2014/15 national allocations for them locally is an overall figure = £1,283 pp, which is broken down as follows:

- o For hospital, community and mental health services = £1.048 pp.
- o To Area teams for primary care = £199 pp.
- o To local authorities for public health = £36 pp.

KCC Adult Social Care [ASC]: scale and scope of local services is currently as follows

- o At the end of March 2014, there were 89 clients receiving community-based services in Wye. Some additionally took direct payments and others also had personal budgets.
- o Of the 89 clients, 28 were matched with a funded care package. The total weekly spend for these clients were £4,645.63, creating an annual cost of £241,573. And an overall spend of around £358,000 when these other factors are taken into account.
- o There is also evidence from research from 2010, that social work initial contact work would be costed at around £65 per hour, and more complex work would be around £265 per hour.

More work will be undertaken in March with the NHS CCG and KCC to develop a costs and benefits profile for the 'whole systems' models of care that OP:W is planning to deliver over the next three years.

Attachment Nine

The World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities programme²⁵

Extract

The past decade has seen dramatic increases internationally in efforts to assist individuals to age in place. This focus on aging in place reflects two main things that have changed radically over recent times firstly, more people are living longer, and seek more fulfilling lives and secondly, they are more vocal about how these lives could be led. One clear example of this is that older adults' have an expressed desire to continue to live in familiar homes and neighbourhoods, and want a 'rebalancing' of financing and service-delivery systems, to promote community-based care.

Formal efforts to promote aging in place typically involve traditional aging network services²⁶ formal service providers, including local government, not-for-profit organizations, or private for-profit companies. These community-wide planning efforts face a number of challenges, including inconsistent and really timely planning information, lack of community structures to facilitate translation from strategic intentions to ground-level actions, a focus on major system changes that typically occur very slowly, and inadequate inclusion of older consumers in planning and implementation processes. In essence, top-down, 'done-to' initiatives.

Although well-intentioned, these earlier age-friendly community efforts are only now beginning to acknowledge the potential benefits of actively engaging community social organizations, including membership associations, neighborhood groups, and organizational collaborations, thus creating a done-with, done-by climate of managing change.

By engaging existing community social organisations, age-friendly initiatives can draw upon available social capital within existing communities of common interest, facilitate older adults' engagement in the change process, and ensure that interventions are targeted most effectively to the needs and preferences of specific community sectors.

Community social organizations are now being recognised to be of increasing importance in the context of increasing population diversity and the declining roles of families, religious institutions, and governments in the postmodern state

One of the most prominent emerging social initiatives is the Village model. Villages are membership associations developed and operated by older community members for the primary purpose of enhancing their quality of life and ability to age in place. In exchange for membership dues, participants gain access to an array of social, educational, and recreational activities; assistance with driving, housekeeping, and other support services; a dedicated source of information and assistance; and referrals to community service providers, often at a reduced

25. This initiative identified eight domains contributing to health, participation, and security as people age, based on prior conceptual and empirical findings of the AdvantAge Initiative and the AARP Livable Communities initiative (WHO, 2007).

26. (e.g., nutrition, transportation, case management, in-home care)

rate. A unique characteristic of the Village model is the extent to which it promotes consumer engagement and social support, typically by involving older adults in governance roles and as direct providers of supportive services in so doing.

Villages provide an organisational framework through which older adults might together enhance their own well-being and facilitate access to existing services, while also fostering infrastructure changes that enhance age friendliness for members as well as other community residents. By involving members in these activities, Villages may serve as a potential mechanism for promoting the empowerment of older adults.

The main domains include:

1. Social participation – engagement in recreation, socialization, cultural, educational, and spiritual activities.
2. Civic participation and employment – opportunities for civic engagement, unpaid work, and paid work.
3. Respect and social inclusion – attitudes of the community as a whole toward older people.
4. Supportive services include community support and health services - access to social services as well as a range of health services that are not strictly medical.
5. Communication and information – access to information and technologies that enable elders to stay connected and obtain needed information.
6. Transportation – the ability to get to places when needed.
7. Housing – the opportunity and ability to age comfortably and safely within one’s chosen community.
8. Outdoor spaces and buildings – environments that promote inclusiveness, safety and accessibility.

Attachment Ten

Stakeholder Organisations

Partner name	Role in partnership	Level of commitment	Resources contributed
Kent County Council Strategic Commissioning Community Support	Key Partner, ("Our Place Champion" within KCC.)	Very high: models to "roll out" across county and influence future commissioning strategy	Member of the KCC Commissioning team identified to work alongside the Programme
Libraries	Branch library local community resource	High	Library as focal point
Community Engagement	Important partner, brokering contact with elected members/other agencies	High	Outreach assistance. Equality and Diversity expertise
Ashford NHS Clinical Commissioning Group	Key Partner	High: (interest aligned to future arrangements for "Hub")	
Wye Surgery	Local Partner	Promoting health and well being, reduction of calls upon GPs for non medical issues	
Wye Patients Participation Group	Local Partner	High	Two PPG members on Reference Group
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Voluntary sector strategic partner	High: interest in County-wide "roll-out" of model, particularly the "Village-Agent" aspect	
Wye Free School	Local partner.	Good – keen for integration of new secondary school within the local community	
Ashford Community Volunteer Service	Local partner	High: part of 2015 business plan	Senior Manager
Social Enterprise Kent	Local partner	High: part of 2015 business plan	Senior Manager

Attachment Eleven

Logic model

Local Policy context: What influences change to occur?

Conditions: Local Context

District Population: Wye Parish lies within the Ashford North NHS District

"Compared to the rest of England, Ashford has a higher than average population between the ages of 5-14, 40-49 and 60-69. Alongside the importance of health promotion and prevention for the younger generation ACCG must also plan for a 16% rise in 65+ age groups.

Ashford's population is ageing due to lower birth rates and higher life expectancy over the past few decades. This is a universal problem that many developed countries currently face. The implications for health services are: increasing need for health and social care for elderly people at home or in care homes, requiring more staff and more funding.

The distribution of the Ashford CCG population means that there are lower numbers of young people and larger numbers in the age ranges between 40 and 69. This type of age structure is often referred to as the "ageing population time bomb". The shift in age structure towards older people with a simultaneous reduction in working-aged adults has implications on future pensions, provision of health and social care and economic growth."

Wye Demographics [2011 census]

Over a third of the Wye Parish population is aged over 60, 787 people (over 16 % are aged over 75 years – 373 people).

The area has a higher percentage of people providing unpaid care (12.1%) compared to the average in England (10.3%), with 3.7% providing over 20 hours of unpaid care a week.

Although 81% report themselves to be in good or very good health, 5.5 % (125 people) say they are in bad to very bad health. Some 9.2% of the population (210 people) report that their day to day activities are limited a lot.

Just under 20% of the population (420 people) have a long term illness or disability which they report as limiting their day to day activities a little (233 people) to a lot (188 people).

Lone pensioner and all pensioner one family households without a car or van 188 (47%).

National Policy Context (The Care Act 2014)

The Care Act places an emphasis on preventing, postponing and minimising people's need for care and support. Key provisions in the Act for Local Authorities and their partners, which can directly affect our community, include:

- A requirement to arrange for the provision of preventative services, i.e. services which will reduce, prevent or delay the development of need for care and support.
- Duties to promote the wellbeing of individuals and promote integration between health and social care services.
- A requirement for local authorities to manage and develop the market for care in their area. Part of that development may be directly generated by authorities themselves, which will be able to delegate many of their social care functions to organisations from any sector: this could create new market opportunities for providers.
- A 'well-being principle' as an overarching approach that local authorities should take when exercising their responsibilities under the Act.
- Ensuring that well-being covers a range of outcomes such as physical and mental and emotional well-being. It also covers participation in work, education and training and social and economic well-being.
- Placing a new duty on local authorities to provide or arrange for services, facilities or resources, which will prevent or delay the development of, or reduce the needs for care and support of, adults.
- A duty to provide information, advice and guidance on care services to improve access and eligibility.

Intended impacts

- Lower local hospital admission rates.
- Increased local volunteering rate.
- Higher %age of people who say they feel connected to their neighbours.
- Higher "satisfaction and view of quality of life".
- Greater individual ownership of the solutions to developing needs.
- People gain in choice and independence, helping the community to become stronger and self-sustaining.

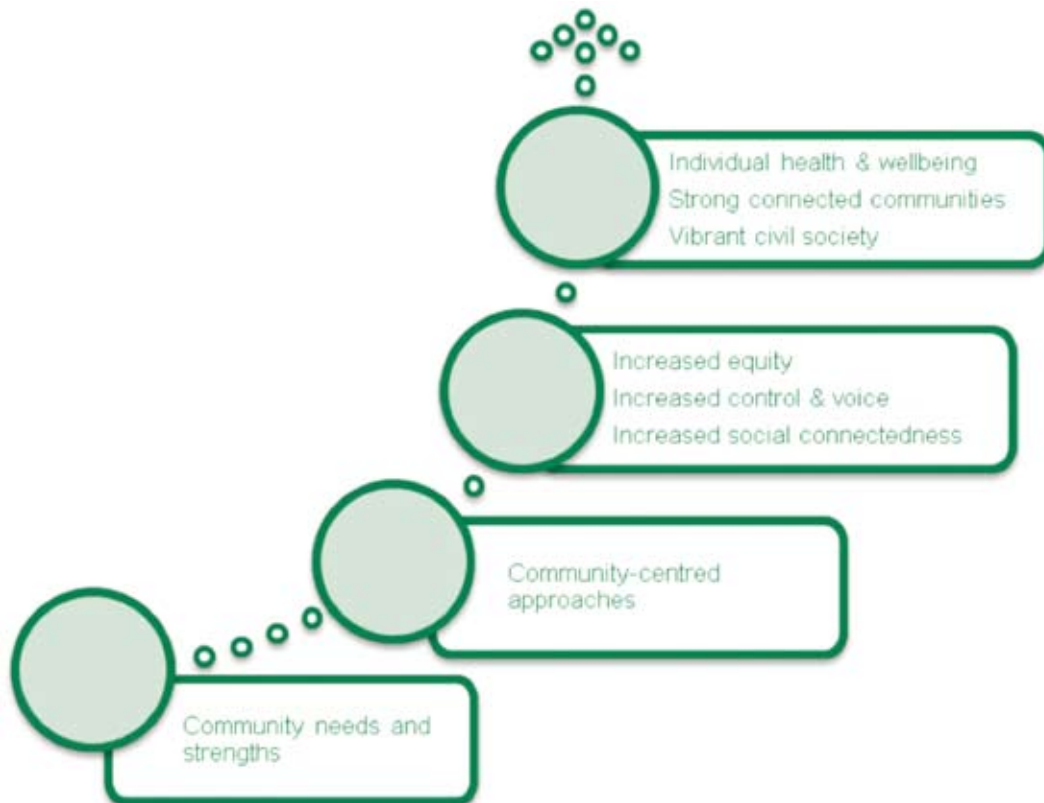
Intended Outcomes What Does Good Look Like Our Top Twenty by 2020 [not in priority order]

1. Reducing incidence of loneliness & isolation.
2. Supporting more people to live as independently as possible.
3. More effective communication in the community, about the community
4. Increased support for family carers.
5. Increasing the access to IT, and training and support.
6. Promoting the use of IT, particularly social media.
7. Improving health & well being (nutrition, exercise, purposeful activity).
8. Improving community cohesion (across the ages).
9. Increasing neighbourly awareness.
10. Ownership and involvement in service design.
11. Reducing avoidable episodes of hospital admission/care services.
12. Helping people to cope with long term illness at home.
13. Reducing the incidences of calls upon GPs time for non medical issues.
14. Lower levels of non-attendance for NHS services.
15. Increasing inward investment of capacity building in employable skills.
16. Providing very responsive locality based services.
17. Increased inward investment to create community assets.
18. Increasing community capacity to help each other.
19. Develop an innovative user-led, localised service responsive to the needs of our community.
20. Development of a community-scale model that can be replicated in Kent.

Attachment Twelve

Building Healthier Communities²⁷

There is extensive evidence that connected and empowered communities are healthy communities. Communities that are involved in decision-making about their area and the services within it, that are well networked and supportive and where neighbours look out for each other, all have a positive impact on people's health and wellbeing.



In a period of economic restraint, it is vital that local government and the NHS obtain economic and social value from the services they commission and deliver. Traditional ways of looking at value have tended to ignore what people and communities can bring to services. It makes sense that building on the assets within communities will lead to a more equitable and sustainable use of resources.

Of course, community involvement and volunteering are not free. Training, volunteer coordination, project management and set-up costs, meeting out-of-pocket expenses and ongoing support are all legitimate costs.

Evidence on the cost-effectiveness of community engagement interventions is limited, although some reviews have reported cost benefits in some circumstances. The recent review on community and engagement and inequalities concluded that there was not enough evidence to draw firm conclusions, with only 21 economic evaluations of mixed quality. Evaluations may fail to capture the full span of resources used and the wider benefits of involvement and unanticipated outcomes.

27. A guide to community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing; Public Health England; February 2015

For example, many volunteer and peer health programmes will see a proportion of volunteers gain employment, which generates savings to the public purse but may not be picked up in an evaluation about health behavior's. Using 2011 figures, the Cabinet Office calculated the monetary value of volunteering to the wellbeing of the volunteers as £13,500 per person per year²⁸.

Currently there is considerable interest in developing practical methods to estimate the return on investment of community and volunteer programmes. The London School of Economics undertook an economic analysis of community capacity building using three interventions: time banking, community navigators and befriending. All three were found to deliver a net economic benefit when costs and value were calculated. For example, time banking had an estimated net value of £667 per person per year, extending to £1312 if improvements in quality of life were included in the analysis²⁹.

Using social return on investment (SROI) methodology, a specific methodology for assessing value, an analysis of community development in local authorities reported a return of £2.16 for each pound invested, and the value of volunteers running activities was almost £6 to a pound invested to employ a community development worker.

York Economics consortium carried out an SROI on individual case studies from 'Altogether Better' health champion projects and found that overall, and based a number of assumptions, there was a positive return on investment but with large variability from £0.78 to £111 per pound invested³⁰.

Similar results about the positive return on investment have been found in other volunteer prevention programmes. In summary, despite an incomplete picture, community-centred approaches, including community capacity building and volunteering, potentially offer a significant return on investment. Variability in the economic value may be due to multiple factors, but poor volunteer retention, high turnover and low levels of community ownership and low uptake are likely to push costs up. Hidden costs should not be borne by the community, and consideration should be given to whether financial incentives to support engagement are needed.

28. Fujiwara D, Oroyemi P, McKinnon E. Wellbeing and civil society. Estimating the value of volunteering using subjective wellbeing data. London: Cabinet Office, DWP, 2013.

29. Knapp M, Bauer A, Perkins M, Snell T. Building community capital in social care: is there an economic case? *Community Development Journal*. 2013;48(2):313-31.

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Attachment Thirteen

Cost & Benefit Analysis

Introduction & Background

A key feature of population ageing in the UK is the projected unprecedented rise in need for long-term care in the next two decades. There is, however, still considerable uncertainty over the future supply of public investment in care and well-being services. This is also compounded by the gap that is emerging in the provision of unpaid care for older people, which might have been expected to be available from their adult children. Research³¹ is showing that demand for unpaid care will begin to exceed supply by 2017, and the unpaid 'care gap' will grow rapidly from then onwards.

The Our Place:Wye programme aims to try and provide solutions to help manage this rise in demand and the shortfall in supply through two primary routes:

Firstly, the community wants to become more engaged and empowered to identify priorities for improving care and well-being services; and it wants to get more involved in the design and delivery of new and existing care services. It wants to do this by:

- o Involving people directly in decisions about the future of health and care services in their community.
- o Finding new ways to support carers, particularly unpaid family members.
- o Encouraging community volunteering through new programmes and to provide better support for volunteering, like organising 'time-banks'.
- o Encouraging community enterprise through local projects and support programmes.
- o Developing stronger partnerships with the public and voluntary sector so that working together more effective 'reach' is achieved, including people who are currently excluded, or on the margins of their community.

Secondly, to put people more in control of their own care; it wants to do this by:

- o The provision of personal budgets where appropriate, for publicly funded health and care services.
- o Been treated as genuine partners with the NHS, Local Authorities and with voluntary organisations to more effectively integrate care, which may mean pooling health and social care budgets with the Social Cooperative being considered by OP:W.
- o Providing comprehensive and accessible information and advice to enable people to understand how the system works, what services are available locally and how to access/purchase them, particularly for those who are paying directly for this care.

31. <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/publication-details.php?id=4901>

- o Encouraging a more localised 'market' for care services, to provide greater choice of high-quality, responsive and personalised services.
- o Investing local time and money in promoting either self-management of services or by providing local support for individuals to feel more engaged in choices that affect them and their families directly.
- o Actively promoting the centrality of people's role in determining wellbeing and independence so that patients, their families and carers, are recognised as 'experts by experience'.

The OP:W programme will provide solutions to help support these two routes and in doing so will also produce benefits to the wider community. Inevitably, putting these solutions in place also has a cost; there are three priority projects needed to get the programme underway and the outline costs and benefits associated with these are described as follows:

Table One: Phase One – Project Summary

Project Area	Funded from	Costs	Possible Full Year Benefits
Community Connector	WPC	£18,000	49,600
	KCC	£14,000	£280,000*
Community cooperative	OP:W	£6,800	£85,000
	KCC	£22,500	
New ways of commissioning public services	KCC	£22,500	£25,000**
	OP:W	£4,800	
Overall		£88,600	£439,600

Notes: WPC=Wye Parish Council; KCC=Kent County Council; OP:W=Balances from the originally funded Our Place Wye budget allocation.

* Some of these benefits are also attributable to the NHS.

**KCC manages care contracts in Kent. Bidding for the annual commissioning cycle opens each June, so this core project area is not scheduled to start to operate until Q3 2016.

Unit Costs metrics

In terms of unit costs the research material from the Personal Social Service Research Unit based in Kent is mainly being used to provide benchmark figures, supplemented by the Kings Fund and Think Local Act Personal material.

The majority of the costs identified in the above table are associated with staff time, and in the case of KCC, this is an in-kind contribution, funded from existing staff budgets.

Hourly rates for staff time for KCC are estimated as £81 ph for practitioners; £29 ph for team staff and £21 ph for other support staff. Each staff member is assumed to be working for up to 2 days per week for 23 weeks on the projects.

Hourly rates for the WPC funded staff is based on £12.50 and £10.50 ph for Community Connector and administrative support, plus a small amount of travel expenses, covering between them a five day week, for 36 and 46 weeks per year respectively. Office systems costs are estimated at £1,200 and premises costs of around £3,800.

For the OP:W funded activity project management rates are assumed as £200 pd including expenses, for two days per week for twelve weeks per project. For the Community Cooperative area, £2,000 has been provisionally allocated for professional advice for providing information on the options and choices for the new organisational body.

Benefits Strategy

Outline Benefits

In terms of potential benefits, these have been identified for the projects in Phase One in two areas, firstly, that of public service value, and secondly the potential cost savings to the NHS and Local Authority Social Care services. These are described in more detail for each major project area as follows.

Community Connector Service³²

We have based the benefit assumptions on the Gloucestershire experiences. These fall into two main areas.

Firstly, their overall benefits model suggests for elderly customers of the service, a spend:gain ratio of £1:£3.10 is achievable in terms of public service value.

For OP:W that would be an overall equivalent target of nearly £100,000 pa, subject to further evaluation of key elements. A 50% risk factor has been applied to this to reflect the start-up position of the service, giving an initial benefit target profile of £49,600.

Secondly, there is an overall NHS and Local Authority benefit per individual engaged with these services, which are estimated, to be up to £7,365 pa, depending on circumstances. These relate mainly to public services involvement reducing or even being avoided, and increases in state benefits, or increased access to reducing fuel poverty measures for individuals.

However, it is recognised that Gloucestershire is a well-established service, but significant gains for the OP:W public sector partners could be established quite quickly, and then build up over time to something more substantive. The main benefit areas that would be targeted are seen initially in:

[a] Finding ways to reduce falls by, thus reducing hospital admissions/A&E treatment, and the likely need for discharging into residential care for recovery.

32. An extract from the Gloucestershire CBA is shown at Attachment Five – Village Agents

[b] Reducing loneliness and social isolation, which affects the health and wellbeing of individuals and reduce the risks associated around:

- High blood pressure.
- The onset of disability.
- Cognitive decline – one study concluded that lonely people have a 64% increased chance of developing clinical dementia.
- Being more prone to depression.
- Making more GP visits, reducing a higher use of medication.
- Earlier entry into residential or nursing care.

Using the socio-demographic data at Attachment Eight, combined with the Gloucestershire experiences, it would seem reasonable to assume that OP:W could deliver improved circumstances for up to 10% of the elderly population, which equates to helping around seventy-six individuals per year, which is less than two per week³³.

This tends to suggest that with a potential saving of around £7,365 per individual, an overall full year benefit target of around £560,000 is possible; applying a 50% risk factor to this still means there is a substantial incentive of around a £280,000 pa benefit target to get the service under way.

To stress test these assumptions, and to improve confidence levels on achieving results, two further studies relating to similar Community Connector type services have been analysed.

Firstly, Ashford North CCG has been undertaking local pilot work with Age Concern in the Faversham area³⁴, and they have just recently extended the pilot, having found a high degree of value, directly to the community group [of over 330 individuals] engaged in the pilot, and to NHS services.

The most recent findings have indicated the following improvements in outcomes:

Table Two – Initial Finding from Age Concern Faversham Pilot

Key outcome	Result from pilot
Improvement to emotional wellbeing	80% reported that the service had a positive impact
Improvement to social isolation	30% reported improvement
Improvement to physical wellbeing	30% reported improvement to physical health
Increased awareness of health and social care provision	20% reported increased awareness of local services
Reduction in urgent care activity	20% of all referrals reduced need for intervention
Prevention of readmission	10% of all referrals avoided the need for readmission
Reduced reliance upon primary care & social services	27% of all referrals avoided need for intervention
Early discharge supported	8% of referrals supported early discharge

33. This equates to 40 individuals aged 60, and a further 36 individuals aged over 75.
 34. Please see <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/faversham/our-services/care-navigator/>

Following discussion with colleagues at NHS Ashford North CCG, it is clear that there is synergy possible between the Faversham pilot and OP:W, and there will now be opportunities for the potential for the CCG funding a second complementary pilot in Wye in mid-late 2015.

Secondly, Age UK Kensington and Chelsea³⁵ have also been piloting 'Primary Care Navigator' models and this integrated approach has produced a second comparator site showing how support services can reduce the number of people needing healthcare on a local level. Their latest survey results clearly indicate that the service is working well in their area, and OP:W will be exploring with them in the near future how they might be able to be used as a control site, to improve the local metrics needed for OP:W to measure its effectiveness.

Table Three – Reducing demand for health services in Kensington & Chelsea: Six Months pilot, per-individual results

Service type	Average Cost per contact	Pre intervention Contact Average	Post Intervention Contact Average	£ Savings per patient
GP	£25	8.6	4.6	£99
Inpatient	£1,825	0.4	0.08	£584
Outpatient	£160	2.9	2.3	£96
Out-of-Hours	£45	2.3	1.2	£54
A&E	£152	1.4	0.6	£116
Overall savings				£947

Setting up the village/community cooperative

The community wants to become more engaged and empowered to identify priorities for improving care and wellbeing services, and it wants to get more involved in the design and delivery of new and existing care services. It wants to do this by:

- o Involving people directly in decisions about the future of health and care services in the community.
- o Encouraging community volunteering through new volunteer programmes and better support for volunteering.
- o Encouraging community endeavour through local projects and support programmes.

The setting up of the village cooperative will be fundamental to achieving this; once established, one of the first initiatives it wants to get under way is to create a 'time-bank' for individuals to volunteer their time to support others.

The administrative support allocated for the Community Connector office will initially fund and coordinate this. The ASHE/ONS data from Volunteering England³⁶ estimates that volunteering for OP:W would have a public service value of £14.80 ph. The estimates for the first year of Time Banking suggest that fifty volunteers would offer up to five hours per week to support improvements in care and wellbeing in the village. This equates to a value of around £170,000 and applying a 50% risk factor this suggests that a benefit of around £85,000 pa would be a reasonable target to consider.

35. <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/kensingtonandchelsea/>

36. www.volunteering.org and www.rgtb.org.uk/index.html give more detail on this

New Ways of Commissioning Public Services

KCC take the view that traditional models of public service delivery cannot solve complex social problems, but by moving their commissioning strategies towards co-production, and developing the options for transferring responsibility for currently managed services to the community cooperative, service costs (described below)] could be reduced within the range of 10-12%.

This could potentially giving a savings profile of around £50,000 pa out of the £358,000 spend on their client base in the community, primarily in two areas, firstly by a reduction in the numbers of people entering the care system and secondly reducing the time they stay in the 'system', which incidentally, is bound to increase over time as more individuals probably become more eligible for more state funded care. Applying a 50% risk factor to this gives a £25,000 benefit target. The overall spend by KCC in the Ashford Borough area is over £11.5m, so the successful outcomes of the 'Doing things Differently' in OP:W is therefore highly significant to them.

The detailed data and improvement in outcomes supporting how this will be achieved, particularly the potential savings in KCC management and practitioner time, is still being developed. It will be based upon the unit costs described in Appendix One of the National Programme – 'Think Local Act Personal'³⁷ with local unit cost variations factored in to help create a robust business case for the council to consider as part of its strategic planning for commissioning services more locally.

Table Four – Current spend by KCC on Wye clients 2014-15

Number of Clients	Female	Male	Service Type	Weekly Spend
3	2	1	Adult Residential	£811.24
3	2	1	Day Care	£714.22
6	2	4	Direct Payment	£3,489.05
42	29	13	Domiciliary	£1854.97
29	23	6	Equipment/ Adaptation	£0.00
1	1	0	Independent Living Scheme (Hourly)	£15.38
4	0	4	Social Work Only	£0.00
1	0	1	Telecare	£0.87
89	59	30		£6,885.73

37. http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/_library/Resources/SDS/TLAPCareSupportPlanning.pdf

Developing local metrics

Quite clearly there is a range of benefits that could be achieved by the OP:W programme; the newly established Programme Management Group will oversee how this will be achieved, and provide sound governance for the project planning and delivery behind this. External advisors will be providing an overall benefits realisation strategy and monitoring framework to support them in this, as well as working with key stakeholders to identify agree sound metrics to measure improvements in outcomes for the community that NHS and KCC colleagues provide services for.

For example, the CCG have confirmed that nationally that 6.1% of the elderly population are likely to have experienced falls per year, which would suggest that for the community cohort of 766 elderly residents, around 46 could be affected by falls over the year, and if the OP:W activity can positively influence avoiding this, ten individuals would benefit; the unit costs savings for the NHS for this could be in the order of £12,000 pa just in terms of hospital admissions.

The intention is that over the next month, more extensive work will be undertaken to work with colleagues in the NHS and KCC to develop a wider range of metrics to reflect the benefit areas for each project, in terms of improved outcomes and opportunity-cost areas. To help achieve this, a series of unit costs and associated activity targets monitoring forms and client questionnaires will be created, in part based on national standards³⁸, but customised to meet local requirements.

38. <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/project-pages/unit-costs/2014/>; <http://www.dirum.org>

Attachment Fourteen

Community Capacity Building

Please note this is an abridged version of Internal KCC document for sharing with stakeholders published 6th March 2014.

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This Programme Brief was developed for the Adult Social Care Transformation Board to gain agreement to a new approach to commissioning community-based services being planned by Strategic Commissioning Community Support Unit. The objective of the programme is to build community capacity in order to support the transformation of adult social care.

1. Background

In May 2012 Kent County Council set a Blueprint for the Transformation of Adult Social Care, in doing so we established the key foundations for transformation:

- o A determined focus on prevention and targeted intervention, ensure that services respond rapidly and are more effective.
- o To encourage and empower individuals to do more for themselves and ensure greater support is available to carers.
- o And importantly to this programme brief that we would develop a new deal with both voluntary and independent providers; one that is based upon trust and incentivisation.

This is a transformation programme that will deliver savings, not a savings programme that will deliver transformation.

Through transformation our goal is straightforward:

That people are at the heart of all adult social care activities, receiving integrated services that are easy to access, of good quality and that maximise their ability to live independently and safely in their community.

2. Purpose of Document

Through the Community Capacity Building Programme we will explore and better understand the role that community support plays in preventing or delaying the need for statutory services. This will lead us to develop a commissioning approach for building community capacity including a core offer or menu of services to support wellbeing, social inclusion and independence across the county.

Our core offer will consist of a range of services developed through co-production principles and built on an understanding of what people need to remain active, well and connected to their communities. All services will be designed to support self-management, enabling people to find their own care and support solutions and prevent or delay the need for statutory assessment and services. For those who do require statutory services, the core offer will offer cost effective alternatives to traditional social care provision, providing increased choice and control.

The current arrangements are based on how services have developed locally without a considered and planned strategic direction. Developing a core offer will mean that there is no postcode lottery about what type of support is available in the community. New services will be designed to maximise inclusion in the wider community, prevent social isolation, promote access to mainstream activities and support people to make informed choices about care early enough to support and maximise independence.

A precedent for this approach has been established, as a core offer for Carers Assessment and Support is already in place. Developing and commissioning the carers core offer involved ending a history of grant funding, 37 grants with 13 organisations including MIND, MENCAP and Age UK/Concern. An outcome based service specification was developed and contracts awarded to 4 providers who meet regularly with commissioners to ensure the contract is fully mobilised. This approach has rationalised the market, reducing the resources needed to monitor services and has established a culture of performance management. In addition, this contract was jointly commissioned with all Kent CCGs via a section 265 agreement underpinning an integrated commissioning approach which directly benefits recipients of the service.

Community based core offers could/should include services such as:

- Information, advice and guidance (including benefit maximisation).
- Social inclusion opportunities – connecting people with their communities.
- Employment support.
- Befriending.
- Caring for Carers.
- Advocacy.
- Co-production and Engagement Forums.
- Tele-technology.

Key principles:

- Easily accessible – no wrong door.
- Tailored to individuals needs.
- Generic services where possible – specialised only where proven essential.
- Proactive and designed to support self-management.
- Jointly commissioned wherever possible.

To ensure that:

- People are able to make informed choices about when, how and where to get their support.
- People using services have as much choice and control as possible when building their support package.
- People are able to access services at the right time and place.

This programme brief will need to be shared and discussed with all Kent's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). Kent's Integration Pioneer Programme contains work streams of Self Care and Personalisation which will be directly impacted by this programme; we believe this is a key area for joint commissioning considerations with both CCGs and Public Health. We will use Integrated Commissioning Groups as a means of sharing and gaining 'buy in' to the programme ensuring more effective use of resource and better demand management. For Mental Health the service improvement groups and performance oversight groups with the CCG's will be central to decisions going forward.

This is a programme to ensure the right community based services and support are available across Kent to promote independence and wellbeing, delaying or preventing the need for statutory services. Most of these services are currently provided by the voluntary sector and predominantly through grant funding so inevitably the programme will involve moving a range of services from grants into longer term contracts, requiring a transformation in the way we work with, and fund the voluntary sector.

3. Outline Vision Statement

In repeated consultations with people who use our services and those who choose not to, we been told that... *people want a life not a service*. However, our current case management model has developed over years to be primarily about supporting people to access care package services. This programme of community capacity development is central and crucial to transformation in two key ways:

- By providing a range of community based services that support independence and wellbeing, diverting people away from formal social care systems (cost avoidance).
- By providing a range of quality, value for money services that provide an alternative to, or supplement traditional care packages (cost savings).

The commissioning of these services supports both the Pathway and Optimisation work streams of transformation by ensuring that individuals who are supported through enablement are supported post enablement to maintain their levels of independence and that the right services are in place to support people in their communities, preventing the need to provide 'dollops of care'.

The programme will move adult social care from a position of inequitable service provision through annually awarded grants to a consistent core offer of services that support independence and wellbeing on longer term funding arrangements, with the majority of support secured via competitive contracts, which can be effectively performance managed.

The programme will seek to assess and understand the impact of investment in community capacity and be able to demonstrate return on investment in two ways:

1. As direct substitute for other forms of support, (cost savings) e.g. enablement or home care, and,
2. In preventing or delaying the need for on-going support (cost avoidance).

Evidence demonstrating the return on investment for preventative or voluntary sector services is minimal, although the evidence that does exist suggests that services delivered by voluntary sector organisations can result in care packages being reduced and positive outcomes. Given the work undertaken by Newton Europe to understand the true cost of care provision within KCC, cost savings will be measurable as services are commissioned with performance monitoring systems in place and regular monitoring. However, cost avoidance is harder to demonstrate and work will need to be undertaken with providers to ensure that performance measures allow for the collection of information that will capture this.

It will be essential to work with optimisation and care pathways work streams to ensure that gaps in service provision are identified, that commissioned services complement and enhance existing services on an individual's pathway through social care and that processes are in place to promote referrals to these services as with any other commissioned service.

The programme will determine the work of the community support unit within strategic commissioning over the next 1 – 3 years and will shape the service provision for future generations of vulnerable adults.

Due to the current nature of grant funding, this programme will, by default re-shape Adult Social Care's relationship with the voluntary sector market and consideration must be given to the management of that process.

This programme will support the transformation of adult social care by aligning with on-going work programmes within Community Support, such as Home Care and Accommodation Strategies. It will look at ways to breakdown silos between differing types of provision and support the move towards prime integration partners and local networks of supply.

Core offers will be built upon the needs and requirements of the people of Kent. Central to this programme's development will be the engagement of people who use our services, their families and carers but also members of the general public who do not use services.

This programme cannot be developed or delivered in isolation and wherever possible we will look to jointly commission with public health and Kent's CCGs. Joint/Integrated Commissioning opportunities will be fully explored as the programme develops; including opportunities for KCC to lead commissioning in this area through either section 75 or 256 agreements.

4. Outline Description of the Benefits

We face some fundamental choices to ensure that we have a sustainable model of social care fit for the future and are able to continue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities. A different approach is needed if we are to succeed in a context of increasing demand, rising public expectations and less funding. This means adopting an asset based approach which empowers individuals, families/carers and communities to meet their own needs outside of a social care model of support.

Newton Europe our efficiency partner completed a mini diagnostic assessment focused on current provision with the voluntary sector. The diagnostic showed that there was scope for greater use of the voluntary sector as our care pathways are redesigned to direct people to find different solutions in the community. However, the current proposal is to reconfigure services within existing budgets. Monitoring of services will give clear indication of the levels of demand and we will work with providers to understand the impact on their capacity. By understanding the return on investment this approach produces it will be possible to make recommendations regarding future levels of investment or disinvestment in these types of services.

This programme offers a unique opportunity to understand and design methods to evidence impact of investment and explore means of understanding and assessing the wider social return on investment (SROI).

The core offer will enable us to deliver this new model with the following benefits:

- Effective demand management through increase promotion of independence.
- Standardised access to community based services for vulnerable people across Kent.
- It will enable us to reinvigorate our approach to personalisation and Think Local, Act Personal (TLAP) initiative *'Making it real'*.
- People accessing services at the right time and in the right place.

- o Increase the take up of direct payments -a more attractive and realistic prospect for a wide range of people.
- o Review and reduce some service provision, reducing duplication and inefficiencies and commission cost effective services that are fit for purpose.
- o Supporting new relationships/federations and consortiums within voluntary sector to create fewer points of management for the local authority.

Required Outcomes

- o Reduction in the numbers of people entering care system including the secondary mental health care system.
- o Reduced residential care admissions.
- o Reduce average stay in care homes.
- o Reduction in domiciliary care hours.
- o Reduced hospitals admissions.
- o Number of visits to GP (reduction in frequent visits).
- o Range of quality of life indicators – including reduced loneliness/isolation, increased confidence and ability to cope.

Issues for consideration – dis-benefits

- o Some voluntary sector organisations may be unsustainable without LA funding.
- o Changes to voluntary sector can be extremely sensitive and attract press interest.
- o This programme will require Member agreement to proceed and Members will need regular and substantial briefings as the programme develops.

5. Resources

The programme will be funded via decommissioning historic grants and moving to outcome focussed contracts. We aim to fund the programme within the current envelope but will also be looking to secure through robust business plans joint investment with public health and CCGs.

Timeframes are projected and are subject to variation based on approach, governance and capacity issues. If the programme is accepted a detailed project plan will be developed outlining commissioning options and timescales once the core offer for older people, physical disability and dementia services has been identified.

Core offer is being considered for all client groups. However, prioritisation is recommendation for the following:

- o Mental Health services core offer. Mental Health grants are already aligned into a core offer with performance measures and therefore are well placed to move to a contracted core offer.
- o Older People's core offer. Greatest demand for services is within this client group. Ensuring that older people have access to community services is essential to the success of Transformation programme. We need to ensure we have capacity in local communities to support people coming out through enablement, or who are self-funders or those vulnerable people on the cusp but not quite ready for formal social care.

Services for older people will need to include the needs of older people with dementia, sensory issues and/or with learning disabilities in service specifications and providers will need to demonstrate they can meet these needs.

Consideration will also be given to whether support is commissioned on client group basis or whether there are some services, for example, advocacy which could be commissioned as a generic service across all client groups.

These considerations will be explored through the co-design of services and a range of options presented to Transformation Board as the programme is implemented.

Governance of the programme will be through a Programme Board. This board will link to the Integration Pioneer work streams of self-care and personalisation and report directly to Transformation Board.

It is proposed that Emma Hanson, Head of Service for Strategic Commissioning for Community Support will chair the board. Other members of the board will include representatives from:

- Older People/Physical Disability (Assistant Director(s)).
- Learning Disability/Mental Health (Assistant Director(s)).
- Strategic Commissioning.
- Public Health.
- CCG Representatives.
- Other operational colleagues as required.
- Category Manager Procurement.
- Policy.
- Performance.
- Key partners/providers from the sector.

A stakeholder co-production panel will be established to ensure real people's voices are key in influencing future service redesign.

**Phase 1
November to
September 2014**

- Gain political support for programme.
- Begin to commission Mental Health Core offer – in conjunction with Public Health & CCGs.
- Equality Impact assessment for MH Core offer.
- Undertake co production of core offer for Older people.
- Review of day services for older people, people with a physical disability and people living with dementia.
- Develop IAG solution to ensure appropriate signposting.
- Begin Voluntary Sector Market Development activity, including networking and information events.
- Commissioning of Market Development and Training Support Service with CCGs.

**Phase 2
September 2014 to
March 2015**

- Complete commissioning of Mental Health core offer.
- Determine options for commissioning of core offer for older people.
- Complete governance processes for core offer for older people to gain permission to end grants and commission new services.
- Equality Impact Assessment for older people's core offer.
- Once agreed, work with Procurement support write new service specifications and terms and conditions based on co produced core offer.

**Phase 3
April to September
2015**

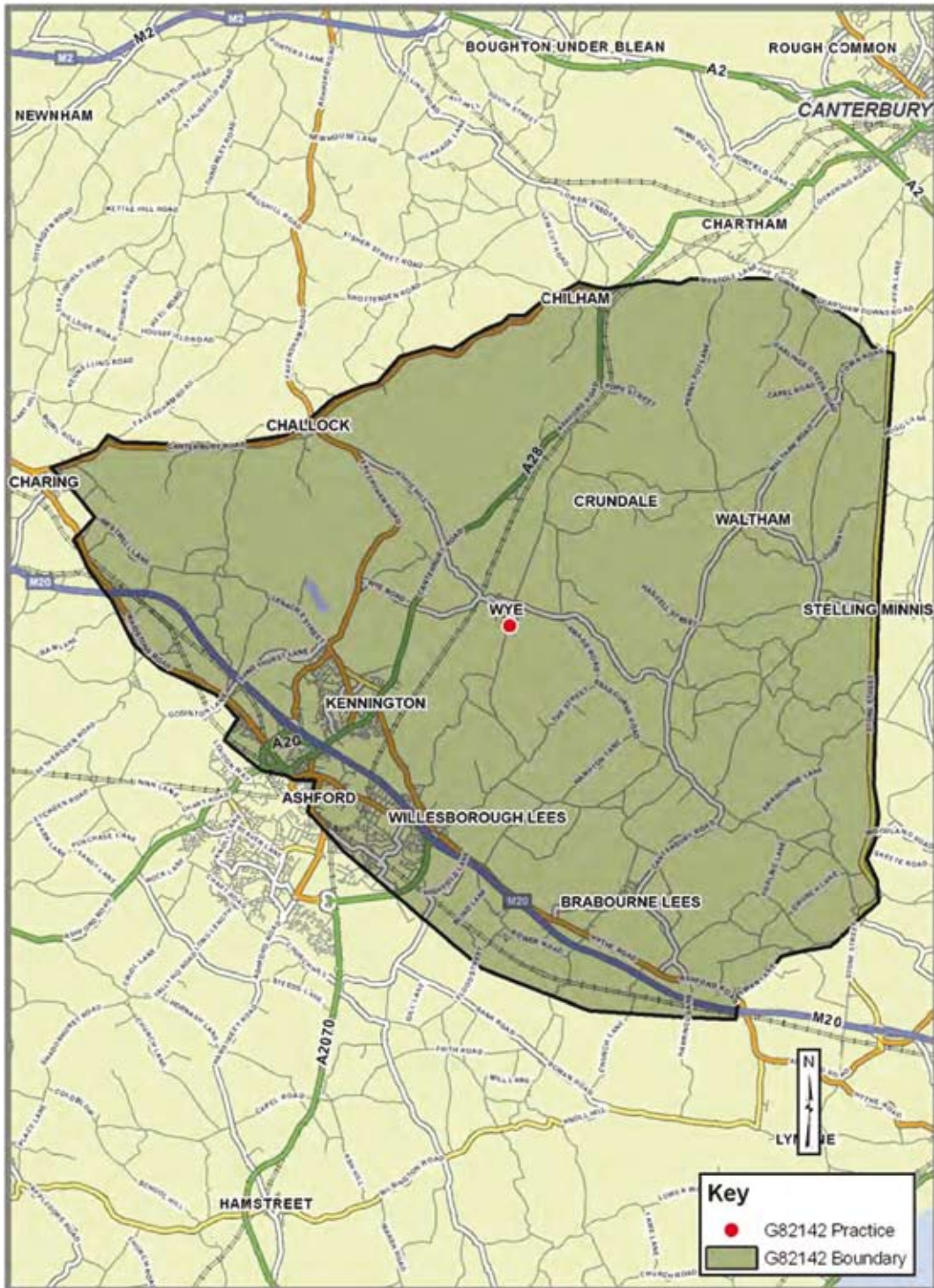
- Issue 6 months notice on existing grants.
- Commissioned core offer for Mental Health Services in place.
- Begin procurement process for older people's core offer.
- Begin to consider future provision of Carers Services.

Attachment Fifteen

Map of Wye Surgery

Patient catchment area, coterminous with the Our Place: Wye target area of benefit

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Location of practice - Catchment area



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Our Place : Wye

Business Plan 2015 - 2018

3. The Campus Community Project (see WYE3 policy)

The following section provides details on how the site might be developed with various sources of funding. The provision of a **community café and day care centre for the elderly** is the component of the project considered to meet all conditions for 106 contributions, but all aspects of the reuse of the historic site have been included in this section to put the proposals in context. Examples of potential uses for the historic site are as follows.

The Campus Community Project includes:-

- ***The provision of a community café and day care centre for the elderly (see Our Place) ****
- The setting up of a visitors centre for walkers, cyclists and tourists
- The opening of the nationally important historic buildings to the public and for exhibitions
- The relocation of the Wye public library looking for larger premises in the village)
- The provision of a venue for weddings and events in the period rooms and old hall (this use was successful when the College was functioning)
- The provision of permanent space and meeting rooms for various community groups currently lacking a place of their own
- Access to the buildings for a meeting place for the Church including the chapel
- Use of the Old Hall for concerts and gatherings
- Use of the old lecture theatre as a cinema (there is an existing cinema club using the part of the village hall).
- Accommodation on the first floor would be used to support residential courses eg summer schools and field courses.

The community-based use of the buildings must be self-funding and the establishment of an organisation to run the site has been discussed with ICL and possible funders, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

****This aspect of the community project has been assessed to fulfil NPPF the conditions set out for 106 contributions in NPPF paras 203 and 204.***



USES OF THE LATIN SCHOOL IN PARISH COUNCIL STEWARDSHIP

Executive Summary

1. Ashford Borough Council (ABC) has asked the Parish Council (PC) how the Latin School could be used as a community asset as proposed in a planning condition for development of the former College buildings. The answer is detailed below. However, and crucially, the PC continues to maintain that the application is premature, flawed, and non-compliant.
2. Many village residents see the Grade 1 listed Latin School as the 'jewel in the crown' among Wye's numerous historic buildings. Its retention in community use would have a strong symbolic value as well as a practical purpose, particularly if use were denied for the other listed College spaces, and access severely limited.
3. Given the Latin School's central location and ease of access, the range of community uses to which it could be put are legion, even with restrictions on type and hours of use. The likely users would include: the PC, both as an office and for face-to-face engagement with residents; the community support group Our Place Wye (OPW); community groups; and possibly a Visitors Centre.
4. Pre-COVID19 the Village Hall was fully booked during the week, and the two other facilities, the Methodist Hall and the church, were equally busy. Demand for community space will rise proportionally with the expected population expansion. Post COVID19 demand for greater 'localness' is also likely to increase demand.
5. The Parish Council would need long-term tenure of the Latin School. Income from likely users would be unable to sustain the fabric of an ancient Grade 1 listed building. Without a handover in good condition and an endowment arrangement, ongoing maintenance would be an unacceptable burden on the village precept.

Background

6. The Latin School is a Grade 1 listed building dating from 1447 in the precincts of the former Wye College buildings. The floor area in the main room is 45sm together with a toilet and small pantry. Basic food preparation facilities are provided. ABC has given planning and listed building approvals for the former College Buildings (17/00567/AS and 17/00568/AS), with the two planning conditions still to be resolved that the Latin School is made available for community use and a S106 agreement is signed. ABC has asked the PC what uses the PC foresees for the Latin

School. These uses would have to take into account the reasonable expectations of the occupants of nearby dwellings.

7. The following points respond to the question ABC has asked, but the Parish Council position remains as stated on 4th March 2019 that: 'notwithstanding these comments, community use of the Latin School should be considered as part of the "positive re-use of the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Listed" buildings, and in the context of the whole WYE3 site, in accord with the site policy in the Wye Neighbourhood Plan WNP11 e)'. The PC continues to object strongly to the current owner Telereal Trillium's (TT) proposal, on the above grounds and others. In summary, the application is premature, flawed and non-compliant. The application is now the subject of an appeal at which the PC is a Rule 6 representative.

Provisos

8. If the PC were to accept the Latin School as a community asset, it would need to have security of tenure by ownership or a long lease. The property would need a structural report to determine its condition, and TT would have to carry out any necessary remediation to a high standard acceptable to English Heritage. To prevent the Grade I listed building becoming a serious maintenance liability to the community in the longer term, it would also need to be protected with a satisfactory endowment arrangement. The PC has challenged TT's viability study as being out of date and based on inaccurate information.

Assumptions

9. Increase in population. The population of Wye is now around 2,600. Given current planning applications the population of Wye is projected to expand by at least an estimated 15% by 2030. But with space within and around Ashford and Wye available for further residential applications, and the trend towards expanding the living area in the current housing stock, this rate of increase is likely to be faster still, placing further demand on community facilities. Wye's community facilities also support a range of activities and the needs of a wide area of the North Downs, and urban populations notably Kennington.
10. More sense of 'localness'. This assessment is based on a post-Covid 19 situation similar to conditions prevailing before the pandemic. What may have changed for good however, includes:
 - a. Less commuting and more working from home. This could allow people of working age more leisure time in which to take up activities.
 - b. The desire for working locally but not from home for people with restricted space, leading to competition for office space against community leisure space.
 - c. A distaste for spending so much time in the house, and an increased desire for sociability.

Limitations

11. The PC accepts that the use of the Latin School needs to take account of the right to lack of unreasonable disturbance of close neighbours. The PC accepts that hours of use should be restricted, and the activities within should be conditioned to preclude loud music or other objectionable activity from users.
12. The PC proposes that use by residents and the PC should be confined to the hours of 9.00am to 10.00pm. The PC further proposes that users should play no music and should not amplify loudspeakers (for presentations etc) above normal voice level. Preparation of food and drink should be confined to basic refreshments and simple pre-prepared meals. Appropriate signage will be used to discourage congregating outside.
13. The building at present has no landline provision. The possibilities for broadband need to be established.
14. The building does not fully comply with current accessibility standards. The possibility of meeting these standards, and the implications of not meeting them, would have to be assessed.

A Village view of the Latin School

15. The Neighbourhood Plan was endorsed by 94.72% of those residents who voted. Part of the Neighbourhood Plan's Vision is that 'Any changes should respect Wye's history and its historic buildings.' Policy WNP11 states: 'Development proposals for this site [the former College buildings] shall, subject to viability: ..Achieve the positive re-use of the Grade 1 and Grade 2 ... buildings by a mix of community, residential and business uses.' However, under the TT proposal, there is no business use. As to communal use, village residents would only be allowed 'access' to some of the Grade 1 listed premises, namely the Great Hall, the Jacobean Staircase and the Chapel, and the Grade 2 Old Lecture Theatre. This access does not amount to 'community use' and would be controlled by an unspecified management body who would be likely to defer to the wishes of the occupants rather than village residents and seek any opportunity to further limit access over time. TT has already stated that access would be infrequent.
16. If retained within the development, the Latin School would be at the bottom of the garden of the flagship residential property, 'the most prestigious potting shed in the land'.
17. The Latin School is a designated Asset of Community Value (ACV). The Green is adjacent and is also a designated ACV. These AVCs at the heart of the mediaeval village are complementary and

there is an association and synergy between these very different community facilities that is historic and contributes to Wye's sense of place.

18. If the TT proposal were to be approved, despite the strong PC objections (and those of many residents), the Latin School in community use would be seen as the vestigial remnant of the heritage aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan, and sitting in the heart of the village would have a psychologic value above its actual worth. The 'right' to use the Latin School is as important as the actual hours of occupation. In addition to its centrality and current ease of access, a draft Highway Plan which already has the tacit approval of KCC would provide 3-4 new parking bays adjacent to the Latin School, making access even easier for villagers and visitors alike.

PC Use

19. At present, the PC offices are in Bramble Lane, on the outskirts of the village, across the level-crossing. The upper office is small and cramped and the lower room is not suitable for a public meeting because there is no disabled access. These conditions present severe limitations to the ability for the PC to engage with the community. Until the pandemic, the PC had to hire rooms for the basic conduct of business, and if the need was urgent, there was often nowhere available.

20. The first priority of the PC is to engage with residents. The PC could use the Latin School to create a Parish Office in the centre of the village, in walkable distance. Residents could then easily go to the office for information and to communicate with the Clerks and councillors. The central location will enable the PC to set up a regular 'surgery' in premises where residents could discuss their concerns.

21. From time to time the PC needs to communicate with residents over the issues of the day. In some cases, a survey will require the registration of residents' votes. These issues are often best explained by graphical displays. In the past the PC has had to compete with other groups to hire a room for displays and discussion. The Latin School, in its central location, is an ideal venue for a 'drop-in' event where residents can register their opinion.

22. As well as reaching out to residents, the PC needs space to conduct business. The Latin School could be divided internally by a free-standing partition so that the Clerks can work in a secure and comfortable environment and information can be protected. Beyond the partition, there would be room for a table and chairs for up to 12 people, to act as a meeting room for PC and outside use.

23. The PC could not establish its only office in the Latin School unless its use were otherwise denied to the community. For legal reasons the PC retains numerous documents over years. The PC also

retains considerable reference material and documents of historic importance, and has to maintain a store of tools and equipment. Most of the present PC premises is given up for these requirements and these or similar premises would have to be retained. Any additional cost arising from using the Latin School for PC purposes would therefore be a further burden on the precept.

Communal Facilities in Wye

24. Wye is a vigorous village with at least 60 societies and groups, catering for all ages and ranging from the quiet (bridge, contemplation) to the boisterous (scouts and cubs, handball).
25. For centuries, the College buildings have been an integral and central part of the infrastructure of Wye. Until Wye College was closed in 2009, village residents benefitted from numerous facilities by courtesy of the College. These facilities (when not in use by the college) included Swanley Hall, the largest conference centre in Ashford Borough, the Wolfson House lecture theatre, the Great Hall and cloisters, the Dining Hall and kitchens, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a gymnasium, and numerous meeting rooms of various sizes. The 'freedom to roam' informally through the gardens and green spaces belonging to the College was also a much-appreciated benefit. The closure of the College and its facilities was a body blow to community life in Wye. TT closed the Wolfson Lecture Theatre in 2015. This removed one of the four halls in regular community use until then. The Latin School remained open until the pandemic, but only twice a month and the Chapel held a regular service once a month.
26. Village Hall. The only full-time facility for unrestricted communal use is the Village Hall. By 2015 the Hall had become somewhat dilapidated from underfunding and the option to use College facilities. Reacting to more demand for communal activities, the Hall went through a major refurbishment over the last four years. It now comprises a large hall (capacity up to 180), a small hall (100) an upgraded pavilion (20+) and a new small meeting room (10). It has wi-fi, good sound-proofing, full disabled access, 45 parking bays, and a large green space with several play areas.
27. Up to the pandemic, the large and small halls were fully booked during the week: morning, afternoon and evening. At weekends there was around 50% use largely for private parties. The small meeting room had sporadic use and was also well used by the Village Hall management team for meetings. The Pavilion has only been in use since August 2019 but pre-COVID was rapidly gaining favour as an informal and flexible communal room with panoramic views over green spaces. There is a dynamic of gradual change as groups increase in size or fall out of favour.
28. Methodist Hall. The Methodist Hall houses 5 rooms: the Thomas Berry Meeting Room (on first floor), (capacity 15), The Worship Room, (60), the Vestry and Garden Room (10), the Small

Fellowship Room (10), and the Wesley Activities Room (30). There are coffee facilities and an en-suite kitchen. The Methodist hall facilities between them take over 80 meetings per month.

29. Church. The church can occasionally be used for public meetings. It has disabled access and WCs, but it has a busy programme of its own and rehearsals are often last-minute. The church has space for exhibitions, but weddings, funerals and church services will always take precedence and exhibitions must be cleared, sometimes at short notice, therefore they can only be advertised a few days in advance. In 2016 the pews were replaced with moveable bench seating. This has increased the flexibility and attractiveness of the church for concerts and events, but the restrictions above still apply. The church is taking more bookings for church-related events and is less available for secular community use.

Extra Demand for Leisure and Cultural Facilities

30. There is a short-term community space problem soon to arise. In the Village Hall after the first lockdown, many groups decided it was too early to return, and were given assurances that they could return when they felt safe to do so. However, several new groups joined on a temporary basis. When all the groups want to return, there are going to be some difficult choices, and probably some disappointment. Among these groups, if the Latin School had been available, the quieter groups could have been pointed in this direction.
31. In the medium term, there is a history of successful groups getting too big for their current accommodation and either moving up or splitting. The Bridge Group is one example.
32. The Bookings Manager at the Village Hall used to receive two or three enquiries a month from interested groups. More recently, with the introduction of a good website and an automatic booking system, it is not so clear how new many people are looking for space, but there is no reason to believe that interest has fallen off.
33. In the longer term, there is the indisputable fact that the population of Wye will increase. There is a direct correlation between an increase in population and an increase in people seeking leisure and cultural activities, without considering the new desire for 'localness' alluded to above.

Community Support

34. Our Place Wye (OPW) is a volunteer-led organisation, established in 2016, initiated by and with the continuing financial support of the PC, which seeks to *"nurture a more inclusive and integrated community ... more resilient and responsive to individual needs, age and social profile ... Stimulating a healthy, caring and sustainable community in Wye (Kent) and the surrounding area."* The organisation has been growing steadily, particularly during the pandemic when it has taken a lead in supporting the community.

35. Until the lockdown, OPW was providing a lunch for up to 25 residents in the Village Hall. (These lunches mirror a similar weekly initiative over many years in the College dining hall with permission of Imperial). During the lockdowns, OPW organised food shopping and prescription pick-up for shielded residents and various wellbeing initiatives.
36. OPW has now set up two sub-groups, an environmental sub-group and a social sub-group. Meetings currently take place (online) at a rate of three per fortnight and there are signs that OPW will become even busier. The Latin School would be an ideal venue for this sort of community support activity, in the historical heart of the village, accessible to all ages.
37. In addition OPW has identified the need for a “community cafe”, in addition to an older people’s lunch club. OPW states: ‘Opportunities for eating in a social context, with access to nutritious, value for money meals is a crucial element. It helps reduce social isolation and encourages social inclusion’. The Latin School, at a walkable distance for most residents, and cooking facilities sufficient for simple meals, is an ideal place to nurture this ‘drop-in’ concept.
38. The Neighbourhood Plan calls for a day-care facility from S106 funding. The existing GP surgery and its pharmacy provision has reached capacity. The Latin School is well suited to a programme where more able individual callers could receive day care.

An Asset for Visitors

39. Wye is on the tourist route both for its intrinsic beauty and as a hub for numerous walking and cycle routes including the North Downs Way National Trail and National Cycle Route 18. These attract thousands of visitors every year yet there is nowhere central where visitors can pick up a pamphlet or get information about routes and local facilities. The Latin School could provide a (manned or un-manned) tourist information point.

Financial considerations

40. The income the Latin School could generate from these public services would be very limited. The PC would have to occupy on a free basis or raise the precept, since it would have to pay for and maintain an archive and storage elsewhere. Charging OPW would only divert its funds (including from the PC) from its community support work. A Visitors Centre could result in more money spent in village facilities, but this would not offset the direct staff and premises costs.
41. The only source of direct income would be from community groups using the Latin School instead of the Village or Methodist Halls. As a guide, the hourly rate for comparable space, the small meeting room in the Village Hall averages £7.00 per hour, depending on day and time. Given mealtimes and other unpopular hours, full occupancy is regarded as 9 hours per day. Allowing time for the PC and OPW, 20% occupancy by community groups for the usual 47 weeks per year (10 hours x 47 weeks x £7ph) would generate £3,290. This sum could cover administration

expenses and some cleaning but could not begin to contribute to the maintenance of an ancient Grade 1 listed building.

Conclusions

42. Many residents in the village perceive the Grade 1 listed Latin School as the 'jewel in the crown' among Wye's numerous historic buildings. Its retention in community use would have a strong symbolic as well as a practical use. The Latin School's close relationship with The Green, both of them ACVs, adds to the sense of history and place at the heart of the mediaeval village.
43. Given the Latin School's centrality and ease of access there is a wide range of community uses to which it could be put, even with restrictions on type and hours of use. The likely users would include: the PC, both as an office and for face-to-face engagement with residents; OPW; community groups; and possibly a Visitors Centre.
44. Pre COVID19, community space in Wye was already heavily used. Demand for such space will rise soon and inevitably as the population continues to expand. Post COVID19 demand for greater 'localness' is also likely to increase demand.
45. The income from likely users could not sustain the fabric of a Grade 1 listed building. Without an endowment arrangement, ongoing maintenance would be a major burden on the village precept.

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