



New Buckenham Neighbourhood Plan Working Party  
 First Consultation - New Buckenham Fete Day 29th August 2016



## **Method i.e. What we did!!!**

- ❖ This was intended to be a first experimental effort to discover, informally, what people thought about New Buckenham. It was not a scientific study but it offers valuable insight.
- ❖ Volunteers from the village manned, continuously, a very visible stall at the village fete from noon-1700.
- ❖ The public was invited to write on post-it notes what they thought of the village.
- ❖ The Neighbourhood Plan is clearly geared, not only to those who live in New Buckenham, but also to those who come to the village to work, to holiday, to attend functions, to participate in sport, to walk, cycle or visit relatives etc. For this reason participants were asked where they came from and whether they knew the village.
- ❖ The display offered suggestions of topics eg Car clubs, cycle paths, mobile reception, shops, housing, heritage street lighting, traffic, public transport, parking, entertainment, clubs and societies, flooding, recreation. These were scattered randomly on the display so as not to influence folk unduly.
- ❖ The question most usually put was "What do you think is good and what do you think is bad about the village? What would you like to change and what improvements can you suggest?"
- ❖ Many people who would never have stopped to write, or who were unable to (eg due to youth, age or infirmity) were engaged in conversation and their thoughts written down for them.
- ❖ We've collated the "results" by simply adding up the number of times different people raised certain issues.
- ❖ the age groups ranged from 10 to 82...although there may have been older people whom we didn't dare ask!
- ❖ We will hunt out many other opportunities to repeat the exercise and, as we go further down the road, to get views of what we discover is possible or not possible.

## **The biggest likes:**

**Heritage and appearance**

**Walks and cycle ways**

**Community spirit**

**The pubs!**

## **Issues for discussion and improvements**

**Chronic mobile phone reception**

**Endangering the present aspect of the village with new builds.**

**More buses / dial-a-ride services**

**Street lighting**

**Public toilets on the play area**

**New football pitch**

**More sports for girls - including football teams for girls.**

**Destroying the ecology / natural environment**

**A one way system to reduce traffic congestion**

**A tea shop**

**Pharmacy and health facilities**

## **Commercial Opportunities:**

**Build tourism - particularly with cyclists and walkers in mind who come here increasingly and use NB as the centre of a 30-50 mile round trip. They need feeding! And they need toilets.**