

Colyton Parish Plan



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ABBREVIATIONS

DCC	Devon County Council
EDDC	East Devon District Council
CCD	Community Council of Devon
PC	Parish Council
PCC	Parochial Church Council
LDF	Local Development Framework
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CGS	Colyton Grammar School
SG	Steering Group
RHT	Rural Housing Trust
N/A	Not Applicable
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
MP	Member of Parliament

All the responses, comments and analysis data have been recorded onto a CD. Copies will be available after publication of the Parish Plan from the Colyton Library.

A selection of responses from the questionnaire have been included in the text, these comments represent a cross section of views expressed concerning each issue raised. The comments have not been edited and are quoted directly, they have been written in italics.



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In November 2000 a Rural White Paper 'Our Countryside – The Future' was published by the Government and initiated the concept of Parish Plans. The purpose of a Parish Plan is to:

'Identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be addressed and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved'.

Parish Plans are comprehensive in scope, they can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community from traffic issues to youth facilities to the provision of a range of local services. They can incorporate any social, environmental or economic concerns and it is up to the community to decide what is important to them.

Last year a Steering Group was appointed by the Council and given the task of devising a questionnaire, analysing data and responses, reporting their findings and making recommendations for development in the form of an Action Plan.

This Council is most grateful to everyone in the community who completed the questionnaire that provided the main input source for the issues included in the Plan. We will ensure this Parish Plan continues to be a live document and will follow up the actions listed to the best of our ability with East Devon District Council, Devon County Council and other partners.

Finally a special thanks to all members of the Steering Group and everyone else who helped in the publication of this Plan.

AWH Parr
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A – INTRODUCTION

The Parish

Colyton Parish is the ninth largest settlement in East Devon, having a population of 3,100 the majority of which live in the two main settlements of Colyton and Colyford. Much of the parish is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or an Area of Great Landscape Value, containing many narrow valleys and wooded areas, levelling out towards the Axe estuary in the South. The main rivers are the Coly and Umborne Brook which converge at Colyton and flow to join the Axe at Colyford.

There is a complex pattern of minor roads, footpaths and bridleways throughout the parish with Colyton being on the B3161 which runs from the A35 in the north to join the A3052 where Colyford is located in the south. The nearest railway station is Axminster and bus services run through both settlements. The older parts of Colyton and Colyford are designated Conservation areas.

Colyton is a long established, independent settlement and serves a large rural area. It has 3 pubs, 2 churches, a number of bed and breakfast establishments, residential homes - including Abbeyfield and several halls, as well as the Feoffees Town Hall. There is a bank, post office, a social club and sports centre with sports field, also a fire station, health centre, Colyton Guides HQ, library and a car park with a public toilet. In addition Colyton has a Primary School with between 140 and 180 children on the roll at any time.

Colyford has a good range of facilities for a relatively small settlement. There are 2 pubs, a hotel, a restaurant, a bed and breakfast guesthouse, a post office and general store and a butcher's shop. There is also the Memorial Hall, the chapel and Colyton Grammar School.

Agriculture, though diminishing, is still the main occupation outside the two settlements, with tourism generating an increasing proportion of income in these areas. Within the settlements there is some light industry, with factories, craft units, retail outlets, holiday accommodation and other businesses.

Historical Background

The two settlements are quite distinct in terms of both size and history. Colyton can be dated back to Saxon times. The suffixes "Hayne" or "Hay" are Saxon denoting boundary or enclosure and are widely used through the parish. Also the Saxon Cross in St Andrews Church in Colyton is reputed to date from before 900AD

Colyton has a chequered history. It was bestowed by William the Conqueror upon Robert de Mount but reverted to the Crown in the reign of King Henry VIII when, by a Charter of 1546, a group of 20 merchants and yeomen raised the sum of £1,000 to buy back lands from the Crown. The revenue from these properties was to be used for "good, godly and commendable purposes and in deeds of charity". This group of people were the founders of the Chamber of Feoffees and one of the first things they did was to found Colyton Grammar School. The Feoffees were responsible for establishing a domestic water supply, street lighting and Colyton Town Hall, as well as the new Grammar School building in Colyford. The Feoffees provided significant social and welfare services for the poor. The Feoffees still continue their charitable work by contributing to local groups and in recent times have given financial support to the development of the Peace Memorial Playing Field.

Colyton became a town renowned for its wool trade in the middle ages. Between the 16th and 19th centuries it was essentially an agricultural parish with its own mills, iron foundry, wheelwrights and an oak bark tannery, the latter is still in operation and is now the only one left in the country. A substantial proportion of the population, 458 residents died through the plague in 1645/46. In 1861 Colyton had a population of just over 2,500, a third of whom lived in Colyford. Whilst there has been considerable housing development in the parish the population has not increased significantly.

Colyford also has a long history and came into existence with the grant of a Michaelmas Fayre by King John to Thomas Bassett in 1207. This has been revived in modern times with the annual Goose Fayre. The Borough of Colyford with 112 burgage plots followed in about 1230, the privileges of the burgesses being confirmed by a charter obtained by Hugh Courtenay in 1340. Colyford was a thriving community until it was decimated by the plague, after which it became a tithing of the parish of Colyton.

Colyford retained its own mayor until the late 19th century and in its very early days had a harbour. Though not part of the present local government structure the Ancient Borough still exists and annually elects a mayor, clerk and constable.

Purpose of the Parish Plan

In 1991 an Appraisal of Colyton Parish was carried out. The Appraisal covered the whole spectrum of issues which affected the quality of life of those living in the parish, for example, employment, recreation, churches and the environment. The report was compiled from replies received to a questionnaire delivered to all properties in Colyton and Colyford and provided a basis upon which the Parish Council and others could decide future policies and actions. One example of this was the great need for recreational facilities in the parish which played a significant part in obtaining the Lottery funding for the development of the Peace Memorial Playing Field. In 2000 a new programme of Parish Appraisals was commissioned hence this Parish Plan.

Compilation, Distribution and General Responses of the Questionnaire

Two public meetings were held, one in Colyton and one in Colyford, where members of the public were able to voice their views on the production of a Parish Plan and what topics they would like to see included. Following these meetings a Steering Group was formed of representatives from the Parish Council, interested organisations and individuals from both Colyton and Colyford. After a series of meetings a questionnaire was designed covering topics of Housing, Transport and Traffic, Environment, Education and Youth, Health Religion and Well Being, Leisure and Sport, Business, Parish Services and Police Services. Copies of the questionnaire were distributed throughout the parish and all residents aged 11 and over had the opportunity to voice their opinions on these topics and give their views on how they see the future of the parish. A total of 1,491 questionnaires were distributed and 646 (43%) were returned.

Parish Statistics

Whilst the questionnaire provided for all members of each household to respond in most cases the form was completed by one or two members only. The total number of responses of all ages for the whole parish was 1,263, of which 600 were male and 663 were female. There was a larger percentage response from the 65-74 and 75+ age groups than from the 11-44 age groups. Of those households responding 120 had lived in the parish for 5 years or less, 117 had lived here between 6-10 years, 73 for 11-15 years, 57 for 16-20 years, 83 for 21-30 years, 46 for 31-40 years, 32 for 41-50 years and 64 for 51+ years. When asked to indicate where they lived 428 respondents stated Colyton, 165 Colyford and 21 Coly Valley and other rural areas.



B - HOUSING

Together with the Parish Plan questionnaire a Housing Needs questionnaire was issued to everyone. This questionnaire was prepared by Community Council Devon (CCD) and was designed to establish the detailed housing needs for the parish with particular regard to Affordable Housing requirements. Replies to this questionnaire were sent in confidence to CCD who analysed the findings and issued their report "Parish of Colyton Local Housing Needs Report" in July 2007.

This can be downloaded from the CCD website – www.devonrcc.org.uk – Rural Housing webpage.

B1- Is there a need for more housing in the Parish?

A surprisingly high percentage (35%) said there is no need for more housing in the parish though clearly the majority disagreed.

The views in Colyton and Colyford differed as Colyton had a very strong majority (70%) who said there is a housing need but in Colyford a majority (53%) of respondents said there is no need.

One reason for this difference may be that there are much larger numbers of people in the 16 – 44 age group in Colyton.

B2 - If 'yes', what type of housing is needed?

The majority need appears to be for 2 bedroom housing – over 35%. There was also support for single (14%) and 3 bedroom (25%) houses. The SG also noted the results indicate a significant number (14%) who suggested some more sheltered housing for the elderly is needed.

B3 - What sort of housing development should there be?

There was consistent support (46%) for only small scale developments of housing, a further large percentage (37%) supported in-filling. The very limited support for any housing development on the outskirts of the parish (16%) is similar to the responses to question D2 where significant development of the built up areas outside the current boundaries is not supported.

Action - 1

A suggestion was made to rehouse single older people who live in 3 bedroom council houses to make those homes available for younger families. Such a policy is already being implemented by EDDC who are encouraging tenants to consider downsizing.

B4 - Is there a need for more affordable housing in the Parish?

The response to this question was overwhelming recognition of the need for more affordable housing in the Parish. Over 88% in Colyton and nearly 70% in Colyford agreed on this need. It is for the PC to progress with EDDC and the Housing Trusts to find suitable sites for some developments to meet the recognised need. The CCD Housing Needs survey mentioned above confirmed this need and recommended a net additional need for 21 affordable properties should be addressed within the next 3 years.

Action – 2

There were many comments added to the questionnaires in relation to Housing. They centred on three particular aspects. First that any affordable homes must be made available to local people and the PC and EDDC must ensure priority is given in this way.

There was considerable comment about second homes, several views that they should not be permitted and others asked for the Council Tax on second homes to be raised or even doubled!

A few comments also recognised that any housing development needs parallel development of local services e.g. schools & surgeries.

C - TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

Transport and traffic are two of the principal areas of concern and discontent within the whole parish. Too much traffic, travelling too fast and parking without consideration probably summarises the overall views.

C1 - Would you be in favour of village gateways for Colyton & Colyford (road restriction as in Axmouth)?

There was no clear majority in favour of village gateways similar to the one at Axmouth, although there were many comments about speeding traffic. The Steering Group suggested the local experience of the rather unpopular gateway created in South Street in 2006 reduced support for any such measures.

However there were many comments about speeding traffic on Coly Road and clearly some action is wanted to reduce speeding and ease crossing. An action is proposed for traffic improvements on the Coly Road.

Action - 3



TRAFFIC CALMING COLYTON

C2 - Would you be in favour of a time limit on daytime parking in the Colyton Market Place?

Many comments were made about parking in Colyton and a strong majority were in favour of a time limit. There were comments that such a limit would need to be enforced or it will not work to help move traffic around. The SG propose an action on the PC, EDDC and DCC to carry out a trial in time limit parking for six months.

An alternative suggestion was made for the council to consider. This would be to allow up to say 1hr free in the car park, such an option could also help to ease congestion in the Market Place.

Action - 4

C3 - Do you think further parking restrictions in Colyton are necessary?

Reponses from Colyton show an equal split as to whether any further parking restrictions are necessary.

In general the comments made focused on the need for more control and enforcement rather than additional double yellow lines.

In view of these concerns a further action is listed to seek improvements here.

Action - 4

C4 - If Yes, what would you suggest?

Reponses clearly favour a time restriction (over 72%) rather than more yellow lines. Nearly 50% suggest a one hour parking limit and the PC should discuss further whether this could be implemented and enforced, see action in C2 above.

C5 - Should there be restrictions on Heavy Goods Vehicles in Colyton?

There was very strong support, around 70%, for some restrictions to be brought in for HGVs in Colyton. It is clearly a difficult problem in this age and many people observed that businesses had to be able to continue to trade and receive supplies. There was no clear majority for any particular measure but the SG consider some advice could be obtained from traffic and vehicle experts on how best to improve the situation. Some suggestions were made that all businesses give clear instructions to suppliers concerning access problems and size of lorries, also that advisory notices be placed at the approaches to the town. A delivery depot near the tram station was also suggested

Action - 4

C6 - Would you be in favour of a one way system in Colyton?

The majority of replies were against any one-way system in Colyton (57%). Several concerns were made in comments that such an action would only be counter productive and result in speeding up traffic.

C7 - Does the traffic to and from Colyton Grammar School cause difficulties?

From the responses there is strong confirmation (64%) that the CGS traffic and buses in particular cause difficulties on the A3052.

Many comments highlighted safety concerns for school children and traffic and there was a strong consensus for taking the buses off the A3052. Comments included “an accident waiting to happen”, “chaos every day” “ridiculous and very very dangerous”; the general view being that CGS should have a bus park with proper access to the school. Most suggested the park should be on the school grounds.

One respondent did note that although the buses cause congestion on the A3052 they do slow down the traffic “so may be a good thing”.

The SG considered that in view of the number of comments some further action to overcome the problem of traffic access to CGS must be taken.

Action – 5



COLYFORD VILLAGE GATEWAY

C8 - Are there traffic problems on the A3052 in Colyford?

Over 77% of the Colyford respondents consider there are traffic problems on the A3052. Over half of the Colyford respondents included written comments to support their view of the traffic problems. Their replies mention in particular the traffic speed with some suggestions for a 20mph limit and the school buses as in C7 above. There were also many comments about parking outside Colyford butchers. Over a 100 written comments from Colyton included similar comments and concerns about the CGS school buses and other problems that would be addressed in a DCC /Highways plan for improvements on the A3052.

Action – 5

C9 - Should there be any pedestrian crossings over the A3052 in Colyford?

There is strong support for pedestrian crossings over the A3052, 70% in Colyford and over 66% of Colyton responses agreed these would be beneficial. DCC Highways need to be asked to investigate again where such a crossing could be placed.

There is a need for significant improvements to the A3052, there are no traffic calming measures as in Sidford or Newton Poppleford and a major action is proposed for DCC Highways to give this stretch of road some much needed attention.

Action – 5

C10 - Do we need any additional bus stops?

The percentages of replies in favour of more bus stops were quite low 18% in Colyford and still only 17% in Colyton. However, it is appropriate to look carefully at the suggestions and comments made as it is the bus users who will want additional stops. Many comments from Colyton and Colyford said an extra stop near the Motor Museum is needed, a lay-by could probably be made near there. In Colyton the lower end of Dolphin Street was suggested by several people.

Action – 5 and 6

C11 - How do you rate the condition of our Parish pavements?

The general condition of the parish pavements was rated as being good or satisfactory by over 80% of the replies. However it is clear from many comments there need to be more see C12 below.

Parish roads

The SG recognise the omission of a question referring to the condition of roads. Despite this some comments were made:

Roads on rural edge of parish are extremely poor and dangerous, badly repaired and never scraped after flooding.

The state of minor roads in the parish is generally very poor. They compare very badly with similar roads in West Devon. In particular the road leading NNW from Hamberhayne Cross towards Slade is a disgrace. It is heavily used by farmer's tractors and their slurry or silage trailers, it is very seldom maintained and always badly. The road surface is steadily collapsing.

Action – 7

C12 - Do we need any additional pavements?

In Colyton 40% felt more pavements are needed. However, there was a mass of over 130 written proposals for new pavements; there is particular concern about the safety of Dolphin Street for pedestrians. In addition there were many other suggestions for additional pavements including opening up the controlled footpath through Queens Court and also the need for a path to connect the two settlements (see C13 below).

Additional pavements are clearly wanted especially in Colyford where over 60% answered “yes” to question C12. Indeed over half of the respondents made the effort to include their comments on where such pavements should be. The prime concern was to have a pavement from Elm Farm Lane to Stafford Barton as this is a particularly narrow stretch of the busy A3052.

Along the A3052 between Gully Shoot and Elm Farm Lane.

Pavements are needed to connect Colyton to Colyford and Colyford to Seaton.

They should be given priority over any cycle path.

There is no relatively easy cycle or pedestrian access to Seaton, this mitigates against both tourism and reducing car use.

Many replies also asked for the pavement from the Memorial Hall to the Post Office to be connected. There was also much support for the village to have connections for pedestrians to Seaton, along Seaton Road and to Colyton along the Coly Road (or perhaps via Fairview Lane and across Shells Lane would be more practicable). Several people, no doubt keen walkers along the River Coly want a safe route over the river from Pear Tree corner and suggested a pedestrian bridge opposite the White Hart at the narrow road bridge on the A3052. A few people also asked for a short length of pavement in Fairview Lane from Dares Orchard to the main road. (Note this really is a short length and it is difficult to understand why the pavement was not joined up when Dares Orchard was developed).

Action – 8A and 8B

C13 - How do you rate the condition of our Parish public footpaths? Are new paths needed – where?

Over 90% of respondents felt the condition of our parish public footpaths was good or satisfactory. A situation no doubt achieved by the great efforts of the Parish Footpaths Coordinators over the years.

Action – 9

C14 - Do we need any cycle routes or paths? If Yes – where?

No overall support for cycle routes although over 40% must be considered quite high. Many proposals were submitted and most repeated the

need to link Colyton to Colyford and on to Seaton – these suggestions were also made several times for footpaths. Comments indicated that there is a more pressing need for a proper footpath to link the settlements rather than a cycle route.

A plan for a cycle route from Seaton to Colyford and on to Axminster is under development by Sustrans and DCC. It is proposed the route should be alongside Seaton Marshes and Colyford Common.

An alternative route has been recommended by the PC that would be more direct and serve to link the settlements

There were several suggestions to have a footpath/cycleway alongside the Tramway but it is understood this has been fully investigated and deemed to be impractical.

Action - 9



VIEW FROM CHANTRY FIELD

D –ENVIRONMENT

D1 – For protection of wildlife and landscape features should the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) be extended to include Colyton and Colyford?

Very strong support (84%) to extend the AONB to include Colyton and Colyford. Some respondents seemed to believe that the entire settlement area is already in the AONB but this is not the case.

Action – 10

D2 – Should the built-up areas be allowed to grow beyond current boundaries?

The results show over 55% do not favour any extension of the built-up area boundaries. A minority (36%) would accept some extension but only for individual cases on their merits, such as exception sites for affordable homes. Only a small minority (9%) thought that built up areas should be allowed to grow beyond current boundaries.

Action – 11

D3 – How would you describe the appearance of the parish?

Only a small number of respondents described the appearance of the parish as “Poor” but the majority felt it was in good shape. However there were a number of negative comments about some particular areas e.g. the approach to Colyton from Whitford, Queens Square, around the Town Hall and especially the recycling bins.

Some suggested that hanging baskets could be considered to brighten up the town centre.

Action – 12

D4 – What would improve the visual character of the parish?

Several suggestions already noted in D3 and in addition some respondents expressed the view that overhead cables should be re-sited below ground.

Action – 13

D5 – Problems identified within the parish.

Road safety was recorded as the greatest area of concern. This covered a variety of issues particularly:

Speeding traffic in Colyford (87%)

Speeding traffic in Colyton (84%)

Delivery lorries in Colyton town centre (76%)

Lorries travelling along the A3052 in Colyford (59%)

Parking in all areas of the parish (62%)

School buses in Colyford (72%)

Other problems identified within the parish included:

Fly-tipping in the Coly Valley (63%)

Litter (54%)

Dog fouling (66%)

Action – 14

D6 – Do you suffer from any environmental pollution?

Few environmental problems were mentioned but there were some comments.

These included:

Night helicopters (9)

Late night drinkers (12)

Street lights on all night (7)

CGS floodlights (8)

Traffic noise especially in summer (Colyford) (7)

Bonfires (6)

There were also comments about:

Recycling skips

Aircraft

Car music

Neighbours

Tannery smells

Farm smells

Seasonal boy racer tractor drivers.

As someone who used to live near Heathrow, I have no complaints whatsoever!

D7 – How do you recycle your rubbish?

A heavy response to this question with strong support for the use of recycling bins (96% overall) and the need for recycling collections to include cardboard and plastics.

The high proportion of respondents who take their rubbish to local recycling centres is encouraging.

This is not convenient for everyone and help could be offered to those for whom this is not possible.

Action – 15

D8 and D9 – The importance of energy saving and waste reduction.

A high proportion of respondents considered that energy saving measures and waste reduction were a high priority in the parish. (77%), but there was no clear identification of what energy saving measures could be taken.

Top suggestions were, switch off unnecessary lights, use less packaging, and more home insulation, with some support for solar energy.

E - EDUCATION AND YOUTH



**CLUB HOUSE / PAVILION
PEACE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS**

E1 - What facilities would you like to be included in a new youth building or club?

There were many interesting responses to this question, a range of facilities and services were mentioned. Several people suggested that professional youth leaders and youngsters themselves should have a say in planning for their needs. One respondent thought it would be a good idea to ask a young architect to become involved.

Facilities suggested included:

- Café/coffee bar
- Swimming pool
- Drama/lecture room/film club/disco room
- Gym/indoor football/basketball court
- Rifle range/climbing wall/canoeing
- Go-karting/badminton/BMX track
- Table tennis/table football/snooker
- Mother and toddler centre

Many respondents emphasised the need for excellent leadership and supervision of all youth activities and the importance of sound-proofing and consideration for local residents when the club is in use late into the evening.

E2 – What new facility do you think would be most welcomed and supported by young people in addition to the youth building/club?

This question elicited similar responses to E1 with the addition of:

- Outdoor activity centre/skateboard park
- Running track/cinema/10-pin bowling
- Computer training/courses

Action – 16 and 17

E3 – Is anyone in your household likely to attend the parish schools in the next five years?

Responses to this question represent 43% of residents. From these respondents a total of 63 children and young people are likely to attend Parish schools in the next five years and 21 likely to attend pre-school groups in the parish.

E4 – Do your children take part in after school activities, in or out of the parish?

36% of children and young people attend groups within the parish, reasons given for non-attendance include:

- Children too young
- Cost
- Lack of suitable activities



COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

E5 – Would you use adult learning facilities if available in the parish and what classes would you like?

Within the whole parish 60% of people use these facilities. A good range of activities was suggested, this includes:

- Computers/digital photography
- Dancing/yoga/keep fit
- Art/crafts
- Upholstery
- Pottery
- Modern foreign languages
- Natural history/local history
- Philosophy
- Academic subjects
- Car maintenance
- Plumbing
- DIY

Action – 18

F - HEALTH, RELIGION AND WELL-BEING

F1 – Do you have difficulty in accessing medical and other services?

Respondents appear generally very happy with the provision and access to healthcare in the Colyton Parish. However, throughout the whole parish, over 23% of responses indicate dissatisfaction at the lack of NHS dentists in the area, the distance that has to be travelled to find an NHS dentist and the necessity to pay for dental care where it is not possible to join an NHS dentist.

Also, 16%, mainly in the over 45 year olds in Colyton, are concerned about access to the area hospitals, e.g. Exeter and Taunton. Link and Trip can provide transport for medical reasons for a small charge. There is a clear need to further advertise and promote this service, especially for those who are not independently mobile. The only other areas where accessibility and availability were of some concern were family planning, counselling and chiropody.

Action – 19



ST MICHAEL'S COLYFORD

F2 – Are the Parish Churches important to you?

60% of those responding valued the churches for Sunday worship, mainly in the 45 year old plus responses, and nearly 80% across all age groups value the role of the church for baptisms, marriages and funerals. However, the vast majority of parishioners regarded the churches more importantly as historic buildings and a centre for the community.

Comments make it clear that the majority of respondents have not appreciated the changes nationally which have occurred in clergy responsibilities. Once, there was one church, one parish and one clergyman but now, one stipendiary clergy person cares for at least 4 parishes and 5 churches or the equivalent. The churches are represented by appointed lay people who carry out pastoral tasks such as visiting bereaved families, the housebound and those in need.



ST ANDREW'S COLYTON

F3 – Would you like to see the Churches used for other functions?

There is a requirement for local churches to communicate more widely their services, for example – worship and pastoral care. Also events which are available locally, as some ideas suggested by parishioners already take place. It is also clear there is a strong feeling that there is inadequate provision for leisure and similar activities for young people in the parish.

Action – 17

F4 – Are there things you would like the church communities to do?

This question prompted a range of responses from residents who feel that the parish churches could be more pro-active for the benefit of the whole community. More outreach and inter-action involving a broader appeal to all age groups was felt to be desirable.

The view was also expressed on a number of occasions that church communities should, by their very nature, take care to avoid exclusion and aim to be consistently encouraging and welcoming.

Organise more concerts etc in the churches to encourage more people in to church.

Be more outgoing – use church for more activities.

More “interchange” with Be more accessible to young people.

These comments were balanced by a number of respondents who felt that the churches were already doing a good job in circumstances which can be difficult.

They seem to do very well already. community societies.

I think the church works well with the community.

More contact with non-church-going people. More pastoral work but I realise they are now too busy.

We think they do a lot to help already.

Action – 17



METHODIST CHAPEL COLYTON

G – LEISURE INCLUDING SPORT

G1 – Do you participate in any of the local activities, clubs or groups?

Many activities are undertaken by residents, clubs and societies are well supported.

The four best supported facilities or activities are:

- Colyton Library
- Colyton Carnival
- Colyford Goose Fayre
- The History Society

The support for the History Society and Library endorses the aim to establish a Colyton Cultural Centre. This has been discussed in recent months and should be considered along with the further development of the Library.

Generally, clubs and societies received higher support from those living nearest to the meeting venue.

Opinions and experiences vary widely:

A very comprehensive list of activities – no chance to be bored.

Not heard of most of these groups.

Would like to see a central list containing info about all the clubs and societies.

Action – 20

G2 – Potential use of suggested new facilities if available.

A swimming pool was the most popular new facility, overall 39% said they would support this. The next most popular potential development would be a gym which could be available for all members of the community with a range of classes and facilities.

A swimming pool and gym would be an extended facility for young and older members of the community.

Other developments suggested were:

- Bowling Green
 - Over Sixties Club
 - Skate Park
- Action – 21**



PLAYING FIELD COLYTON

G3 – Do you use the recreational facilities?

On the whole facilities are well - used with the following being popular:

Holyford Woods – 70%
Hillhead – 67%
Peace Memorial Field – 60%
Road Green – 48%

G4 – Would you like to help maintain these community amenities?

Overall 21% of respondents expressed a willingness to help with community projects. This is a positive response rate and gives reason for optimism although additional volunteers are needed by most organisations.

Action – 22

H - BUSINESS

H1 – Do you shop in the parish?

Over 400 respondents shop daily or weekly in either Colyton or Colyford, and only 62 do not shop there frequently
95% of the respondents from Colyton, 90% from Colyford and 93% from Coly Valley shop daily in Colyton or Colyford.

This shows strong support for local shops

H2 – Reasons why you choose to shop in the parish.

There was almost 100% support to use and retain the shops in Colyton and Colyford. As one resident put it very plainly:

use it or lose it

In general, all comments were in favour of the shops but there was a demand for a free cash dispensing machine, both for the local population and for the tourists.

All respondents liked the social contact, and shopping locally saved time and transport costs.

H3 – Which Post Office do you use?

Almost 100% of Colyton respondents use Colyton Post Office and 80% also use Colyford Post Office. In Colyford 99% of respondents use Colyford Post Office and 94% also use Colyton Post Office.

Coly Valley respondents use both Post Offices.

There was a very strong demand to retain both Post Offices as they are the lifeblood of our community.

Colyton Post Office should be expanded to avoid the long queues, and both should be open at lunchtimes. Sometimes people do go further afield to avoid the delays at Colyton.

Action – 23

H4 – How should the Post Office service be changed?

100% of the comments were to retain both Colyton and Colyford Post Offices as a major priority and to increase the facilities they offer such as Road Fund and TV Licences. There was strong support to increase the opening hours at both, and staffing levels at Colyton.

All Post Offices are under review at present. Proposals for the future of our local Post Offices will be issued for public consultation in May.



CERAMTEC FACTORY COLYTON

H5 – Employment profile

There were 187 people in the area who stated that they were employed and 470 who were retired. The unemployed figure was low at 12 respondents in total. The “other” employments were detailed as mothers or carers.

H6 – Do you perform any kind of voluntary work?

About 50% of the respondents carry out charity work, which means that the other 50% do not. This is an area for development and requires some attention in the future.

Regarding the individual comments, these cover a wide range of activities from assisting the young, right through to the very old.

H7 – Where is your main place of work or study?

About 80% of the respondents either work from home or within a 10 miles radius of home, which means that only 20% travel more than 10 miles to work.

H8 – What form of transport do you use to get to work, training or study?

Over 50% travel by car to work, but only 9% travel by bus or taxi. The greener ones total 23% either walking or cycling to work.

The comment was made that public transport is of limited use and unavailable if you work in Exeter, as the only regular bus is the X53, which does not go via Colyton.

H9 – If you do not work in the parish but would like to; what type of employment do you want?

There were only 47 responses to this question of which 13 would work within the parish if there were job opportunities in education. There was a minimal requirement for jobs in the other categories.

H10 – Should more tourism be encouraged in the parish?

A majority of respondents (67%) supported the encouragement of more tourism in the parish. The

majority view was that this should be achieved by the provision of additional Bed and Breakfast accommodation and Guest Houses in preference to caravan parks and campsites.

More publicity for people to visit Colyton on a daily basis.

Café, restaurant, shops open for tram visitors throughout the year.



TRAM STATION COLYTON

H11 – If you run a business in the parish, into which category does it fall?

27% of the respondents work in the tourism sector with a general spread over the other categories.

H12 - Computer and mobile phone use.

The questionnaire identified that the respondents had 700 mobile phones in the total area split 500 in the Colyton area and 200 in Colyford.

There are twice as many home computers on broadband as opposed to dial-up. This has happened in only 3 years since broadband service became accessible in the area.

PARISH SERVICES

J1 – Do you use the Colyton Library?

Colyton Library is widely used by all age groups for books, DVDs and computer terminals. Over 300 respondents report using the library at least once a month.

J2 – When would you like to use the library?

On the whole, people are satisfied with library opening hours. Although there is unlikely to be any further funding available from DCC, there is scope for some changes to existing opening times to improve usage. This will be the subject of a survey by Devon Library Services.

J3 – Colyton Link Good Neighbours/Car Service/Community Help.

The Link celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year and has grown considerably over the years. The service is unique to Colyton and is the envy of other rural town and village communities. There are now fifty one volunteer drivers all of whom have CRB checks. Passengers pay the driver according to an agreed tariff. Over three hundred trips a year are called for nowadays - nearly one a day. There are also fifty seven volunteer Street Links in Colyton. These people will offer advice and help where needed. They also deliver a copy of the comprehensive Welcome Pack to each new householder together with regular Link Service Leaflet.

There is no need for anyone in Colyton to feel stranded or helpless.

There was strong support in the survey to extend the full service to Colyford and the rural areas, data indicated that 96% of Colyford respondents were in favour. Although Colyford is covered by the hospital car service, the local residents would have to provide an appropriate number of Street Links. Link is a registered charity and their only fund raising activity is an annual coffee morning with a bring-and-buy sale.

Action – 24

J4 – What is your opinion of the quality of service provided by the Emergency Services?

Overall there was a general level of satisfaction although the quality of cover provided by the Fire Service was felt to be the best. It was considered by many that the quality of the Police Service could be much improved. (Refer to Section K)

J5 – Neighbourhood Watch

Only 230 people in the survey are in Neighbourhood Watch schemes, but, as one person said:

We watch out for each other anyway!

At least 121 people want to join Neighbourhood Watch, so more could be done to publicise the scheme again.

Action – 25

J6 – Do you ever read any of the following?

Questionnaire results show that 85% to 90% read a local paper and the Notice boards, but only about 30% looked at the town and village websites.

The Church and Parish Magazine continues to have a strong readership (80%).



FEOFFEES TOWN HALL

J7 – Does your household receive enough information about Parish Services?

Questionnaire results indicate that the Parish Council could do more to publicise its minutes of meetings and other work, particularly in the rural areas.

The library, mobile library and websites could be utilised for this purpose. Slightly more people were dissatisfied with the level of information as to the work of the Parish Council than were satisfied.

Parish Council: 231 satisfied
243 dissatisfied
Local community activities:
294 satisfied
176 dissatisfied
Area community activities:
253 satisfied
193 dissatisfied.

Action – 26

J8 – What 3 amenities would you:

- a) particularly not want to disappear from the parish**
- b) what 3 would you like to see introduced?**

The concern felt by people for local amenities was very strongly apparent in this section.

The Post Offices, Library and local shops were by far the most important amenities that people wish to keep.

The most wanted suggestions were many and varied without any one facility standing out.

Among the most popular were:

New youth facilities
Traffic calming measures at various locations
Improved public transport facilities.

J9 – Do you feel Colyford issues are given sufficient attention in the parish?

Overall 252 people responded. 170 thought Colyford received sufficient attention and 82 disagreed. Responses from those resident in Colyford showed that 71 agreed with 52 not in agreement.



COLYFORD MEMORIAL HALL

K - POLICE

K1 – What are the three main issues that you feel the Police should concentrate their efforts on within the parish?

There were over 280 completed answers to this question in the returns from Colyton alone. Over a third of respondents felt that the principal issues the police must target were anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

Following these issues were the proposals that police visibility be increased, preferably with more foot patrols. There were clear indications that people considered this would reduce the problem of anti-social behaviour.

Parking and speeding were also put forward over 130 times as issues that warrant more police attention. This of course supports the views given above on traffic concerns in the parish.

Several people said the police needed to focus on relations with the local youth and felt this would also reduce the problem of anti-social behaviour. Many other issues were mentioned and the police have received full details of all the comments.

What effort?

I think the policing in the parish is excellent, touchwood! Carry on as they are

We would want to say that crime and antisocial behaviour are very much less prominent factors here than they are nationwide

Youths that can be a nuisance in the evening outside town hall and playing fields. Youth club needed

In Colyford there were 62 completed answers to this question. The two prime issues were speeding through the village and the perceived need for greater visibility of the police.

These replies as in Colyton confirm the views and action in relation to the A3052 called for above in the Traffic section.

There was less concern in Colyford about vandalism and anti-social behaviour than in Colyton. Although mention was made of disturbances late at night by people returning to Colyton from Seaton.

Controlling young rowdy vandals and petty crime – police on the beat particularly late at night – speeding traffic through on A3052

There is hardly any crime. Ridiculous reporting in local newspapers makes me laugh. People here don't seem to appreciate what a good place it is- they clearly have too much time on their hands to sit around grumbling about non-existent problems.

Action – 27 and 28

K2 – How do you think crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish compares with the national average?

Overall more than 70% of respondents felt that crime and anti-social behaviour was much lower than the national average.

K3 – How satisfied are you with the level of visible policing in the parish?

It was considered by 48% of respondents that the level of visible policing is unsatisfactory.

K4 – How safe do you feel in the parish?

A high proportion of respondents, 79%, reported that they feel safe in the parish. However, it is of concern that some people do not feel safe.

K5 – Are you worried about becoming the victim of a crime?

Responses indicate that 76% are not worried or not very worried. However, 20% overall are fairly worried, this is not satisfactory.

K6 – What is your overall level of satisfaction with the level of service provided by the Police in the parish?

Responses were as follows: 24% satisfied
41% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
27% dissatisfied

K7 – What are your main crime and safety concerns?

Overall the following concerns were rated as significant:

Vandalism – 18%
Lack of Police – 17%
Speed of traffic – 17%
Burglary – 16%
Anti-social behaviour – 16%
Road safety – 11%

L - SUPPLEMENT

L1 - If you were able to spend £1,000 on local projects, how would you allocate it among these six options?

This question was included to gain the views of residents about where funds should be directed.

The responses were good and varied widely in how they were completed.

Some residents had taken great care and given plenty of thought to their reply with a careful division of £1,000.

There were 433 responses and ideas for expenditure provide evidence of local views.

In the whole parish “Facilities for the young” were clearly the number one priority, 38% of the “spending” in Colyton and 29% in Colyford. This is an indication of the fact that most people including very many older residents believe more facilities must be provided for younger people.

This should provide confirmation and support in particular for the proposed Youth Centre building at the playing fields in Colyton.

As mentioned in Section C, traffic through Colyford and bus parking is a real issue. This was reinforced by the response from Colyford residents who put “Traffic and parking initiatives” as their second highest “spend” - 21% of their total, an indication there is a real need to have some action taken on these problems.

Other “expenditure” in Colyford was:-

Colyton and Colyford enhancement – 17%
Sports and recreation – 12%
Facilities for the elderly – 12%
Amenity and green space – 10%

Other Colyton responses were similar:-

Sports and recreation – 17%
Traffic and parking initiatives – 16%
Amenity and green space – 12%
Facilities for the elderly – 11%
Colyton and Colyford enhancement – 7%

L2 - Do you have any other comments/observations to help us plan for the future of the Parish of Colyton?

Space was provided at the end of the questionnaire for everyone to air their views or expand on comments they made to some of the questions.

Replies were extremely varied, very wide ranging and covered all manner of topics (some not related to the parish).

There were short comments, no comments and long epistles.

Most replies were very relevant; they have all been sorted and used to support the appropriate sections of the questionnaire above.

Distinct differences were very apparent in the responses from Colyton and Colyford. The Colyton comments being well spread across the sections of the questionnaire but in Colyford they focused principally on one topic - Section C, Transport and Traffic.

Over half of the comments made were about speeding traffic and Colyton Grammar School buses.

These problems need to be addressed as proposed in Section C.

The Colyton comments also included a great number (92) about transport and traffic especially the parking situation in the centre of the town.

Our thanks to all who took the considerable time to complete the questionnaire and especially to the person who said:

This questionnaire is far too long

And finally we should all take note of the plea made in another comment:

Please do all you can to maintain this Island of Tranquillity.

ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	TIME (YEARS) SHORT – 1 MEDIUM – 2 LONG – 3-5	FUNDING	MEASURE OF ACHIEVEMENT
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ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
B – HOUSING						
1 – Housing Development Policy	To establish a Housing Development Policy for Colyton Parish Council See also Action 11	Parish Council to confirm adoption of the policy for future housing development to be:- A) Within the existing built-up areas B) Small scale developments C) In-filling	PC	Short	N/A	Housing Development Policy implemented by PC and supported by EDDC
2 – Affordable housing development	To build more affordable homes	PC to progress urgently with the CCD and Rural Housing Trust the commencement of an affordable housing development	PC RHT Housing Associations (HA)	Medium and on-going	RHT HA	Number of houses built per year
C – TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC						
3 – Coly Road, Colyton	To improve safety and the management of traffic along Coly Road	To produce and implement a comprehensive scheme to achieve the following:- A) To reduce traffic speed. B) To provide a crossing for pedestrians near the Playing Fields Pavilion. C) Traffic calming at the Playing fields	PC DCC Highways	Medium	DCC	Scheme implemented leading to positive response from residents

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
4 - Colyton Centre	To improve safety and the management of traffic in the centre of Colyton	To produce and implement a comprehensive scheme to achieve the following:- 1. Reduction of congestion caused by parking in town centre A) Arrange a trial 1 hour time limit parking in Colyton or free 1 hour in the car park B) Achieve more control and enforcement of parking regulations 2. Reduction of congestion caused by HGVs A) Provide advisory notices warning vehicles of narrow streets B) Seek advice on further methods to control HGVs C) Produce standard instruction note for suppliers	PC EDDC DCC Police & EDDC DCC DCC Highways PC Colyton Business Assoc	Medium	DCC EDDC	Scheme implemented leading to positive response from residents
5 – A 3052 Colyford	To improve safety and the management of traffic through Colyford	To produce and implement a comprehensive scheme to achieve the following:- A) Improve the CGS traffic situation, access to the school, and in particular safety for the children and bus parking to load/unload B) To reduce traffic speeds through the village C) To provide crossings for pedestrians D) Consider village gateways at each end of the village E) Introduce parking restriction outside Colyford Butchers F) To provide an additional bus stop at the East end of Colyford near the Motor Museum	PC DCC Highways CGS Bus Companies	Medium	DCC	Scheme implemented leading to positive response from residents
6 – Bus stops	Bus stop signage	Bus companies to provide a sign at the stop at Umborne Bridge	Bus Companies PC	Short	Bus Companies DCC	Bus stop sign in place
7 – Road and Pavement condition	Safe road and pavement surfaces	To produce with DCC Highways an agreed method to report concerns on roads and pavements leading to improvements in safety	PC DCC	Short	DCC	Improvement in condition of road and pavement surfaces

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
8 A – Footpaths and pavements	To provide more safe footpaths and pavements linking the settlements	To establish a safe public footpath/pavements:- A) Between Colyton and Colyford B) Between Colyford and Seaton	PC DCC	Medium	DCC AONB	Settlements linked
8B – Footpaths and pavements	To provide more safe pavements in Colyton and Colyford	Improve safety/provision of pavements- In Colyton: A) Take action to have the footpath at Queens Court open all day & night B) Carry out a study of the risk to pedestrians in Dolphin Street and how to minimise it. In Colyford: A) Pavement or crossing from the Memorial Hall to Post Office B) Pavement from Dares Orchard to A3052	PC	Medium	DCC EDDC PC	Improvements in safety leading to positive response from residents
9 – Leisure routes	To provide additional routes for walkers and cyclists	To establish the following improvements:- A) A safe route over the River Coly near The White Hart for pedestrians B) The completion of a cycle route via Colyton and Colyford on the PC preferred route	DCC Highways PC EDDC DCC Sustrans	Medium	DCC Sustrans	Additional routes created
D – ENVIRONMENT						
10 - AONB	Extension of the AONB boundary to include relevant parts of Colyton and Colyford	Submit proposal for revision of AONB boundaries	PC EDDC AONB Natural England	Short	N/A	Boundary extension achieved
11 – Built-up Areas	To retain green spaces between settlements	To ensure that planning proposals for development do not prejudice the retention of green spaces between settlements of Colyton/ Colyford and Colyford/Seaton See item – 1A)	PC DCC EDDC AONB Natural England	On-going	N/A	Green spaces maintained

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
12 – Appearance of the parish	To improve general appearance of all areas	A) To arrange more street cleaning B) Find alternative site for recycling bins or improve their visual appearance C) Encourage landowners to tidy up property bordering approaches to the town	EDDC PC PC	Short Medium Short	EDDC N/A N/A	Appearance of all areas improved
13 – Visual character	Achieve removal of overhead cables	Request Western Power Distribution (WPD) to bury cables when replacement or maintenance work is carried out especially in conservation areas	WPD	Short	WPD	All cables buried in future
14 – Problems in the parish	To improve general appearance	A) More dog litter bins, owners encouraged to clear up mess B) More litter bins by seating areas. Regular emptying to encourage people to use bins appropriately	PC EDDC Residents	Short	EDDC	General appearance improved
15 – Recycling Policy	To further promote and extend EDDC Recycling Policy to increase the amount of rubbish recycled and minimise landfill waste	Encourage EDDC to improve recycling facilities and reduce journeys to local recycling centres by - A) Increasing materials collected on weekly/fortnightly schemes B) Collecting cardboard and plastics for recycling via green boxes	EDDC	Short	EDDC	Policy agreed and implemented
E – EDUCATION AND YOUTH						
16 – Youth facilities	To establish a new Young People’s Centre	Direct and support efforts of the Reece Strawbridge Trust to build a new centre at the Playing Fields	PC	Short	To be confirmed	Young People’s Centre established
17 – Organisation and leadership of youth activities	To appoint a paid leader	Advertisement, recruitment and appointment	PC DCC Schools Churches	Short	To be explored, Lottery, grants etc.	Regular activities for the young in the care of a Youth Leader

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
18 – Adult learning facilities	To establish additional adult learning facilities in the parish	Encourage local organisations to provide classes and to publish appropriate advice and information See also Action 24	PC DCC Local organisations Churches CCD	Short	N/A	Wider range of adult learning facilities established
F – HEALTH, RELIGION AND WELL-BEING						
19 – Shortage of NHS dentists	Provision of additional local NHS dentist(s)	Appointment of NHS dentist(s)	PC Primary Care Trust	Short	To be confirmed	Provision of additional local NHS dentist(s)
G – LEISURE INCLUDING SPORT						
20 – Cultural Centre	To increase cultural facilities in the parish	Expand Colyton Library into a Cultural Centre to include History Society and Local Records Office	Devon Library Services Friends of the Library History Society	Medium	To be confirmed	Establishment of new Cultural Centre
21 – Leisure facilities	To support and encourage the provision of increased leisure facilities in the parish where practicable	To promote access to the following identified resources: A) Swimming pool B) Gym C) Over Sixties club D) Bowling green E) Skateboard park	PC	Short/ Medium/ Long	To be explored	Establishment of new and improved leisure facilities in the parish
22 – Helping with community facilities	To set up a list of people willing to help with community projects	To coordinate lists of projects which require helpers and match them with prospective volunteers and team members	PC	Short	N/A	More people helping with community projects on a regular basis

ISSUE	AIMS	ACTION	ACTION BY	TIME	FUNDING	MEASURE
H – BUSINESS						
23 – Post Offices	Maintain and improve parish Post Office services	To ensure Post Offices are retained and their services improved.	PC EDDC DCC MP MEP Post Offices Residents	Short	N/A	Post Office services retained
J – PARISH SERVICES						
24 – Transport and Communications	Extend Link organisation throughout the parish	Encourage and support Link to further extend their services	PC Link	Short	Local	Link provision extended
25 – Local Security	Neighbourhood Watch extension	To extend the membership of Neighbourhood Watch	Police	Short	PC	NW extended
26 – Local Information Services	Inform local residents of Parish Council work	Improve publicity of PC activities. Add PC information to local websites. Noticeboards more prominent and well-sited	PC	Short	PC	Local residents better informed
K – POLICE						
27 – Traffic	To achieve greater enforcement of the Traffic Regulations	Traffic speed monitored using hand-held cameras. Parking enforced with targeted patrols, warning letters and fixed-penalty notices	Police	Short	Police	Improved adherence to Traffic Regulations
28 – Anti-social behaviour	Reduce incidence of Anti- Social Behaviour	Improve relations with local young people	Police	Short	Police	Reduced incidence of Anti- Social Behaviour and fewer complaints by residents

CLUBS, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES **available in the Colyton Parish**

If you would like more information contact the Parish Clerk, Town Hall, Colyton.

Age Concern Swimming Club	Hillhead Picnic Site/Community Woodland
Allotments	History Society
Axe Valley Branch of The National Trust	Holyford Woods, Local Nature Reserve
Axminster Young Farmers	Internet Access at Colyton Library
Badminton	Kings Club (primary school children)
Ballroom dancing	Leisure lunches (living alone and/or elderly)
Book groups	Leisure Painters
Bridge	Methodist Chapel, Colyton
Caterpillars/Pre-School	Methodist Hall
Cemetery Working Parties	Mothers' Union
Colyton and District Business Association	Peace Memorial Playing Fields
Colyford Common Local Nature Reserve	Probus groups
Colyford & District Flower Club	Road Green Recreation Area
Colyton & District Garden Society	St Andrew's Church, Colyton
Colyford Goose Fayre	St Michael's Chapel, Colyford
Colyford Memorial Hall	Seaton & District Music Club
Colyton Carnival	Scouts/Guides
Council Gardens Maintenance	Short mat bowls
Church choir	Singing group
Colyton Library	Skittles
Colyton Link Good Neighbours/Car Service	Snooker/billiards/pool at Colyton Memorial
Colyton Memorial Social Club	Social Club
Colyton Sports Centre classes (at Grammar School)	St Andrews Hall
Colyton table tennis	St Johns Ambulance Service
Devonshire Association	St Johns Hall
Ducklings	Square Pegs
Feoffees Town Hall	Sunday School Building
Fitness classes at Colyton Sports Centre	Table Tennis
Football & Youth football	Tae Kwan Do
Friends of Colyton Library	Tennis
Friends of St Andrews Church	Theatre group
Friends of St Michaels Church	Trampolining
	Tramway
	TRIP visits
	Women's Institutes
	Yoga/Pilates

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Footnote

When asked what they most like about living in the parish the majority of responses stated the friendliness of the people and the community spirit, the peace and quiet and beautiful rural environment with good local services and good quality of life.

Typical comments were:

The peaceful rural atmosphere, the high quality of the scenery, the friendliness of the people and the strong community spirit.

The peace, tranquillity, friendly people and environment. In fact it is difficult to find fault.

Facilities of a town, size of a village, pleasing buildings in beautiful surroundings.

The front cover photograph is a view of the River Coly between Colyford and Colyton.

This photograph was chosen by the Steering Group for the Parish Plan in order to reflect these feelings of appreciation for the beautiful natural environment of the Coly Valley.