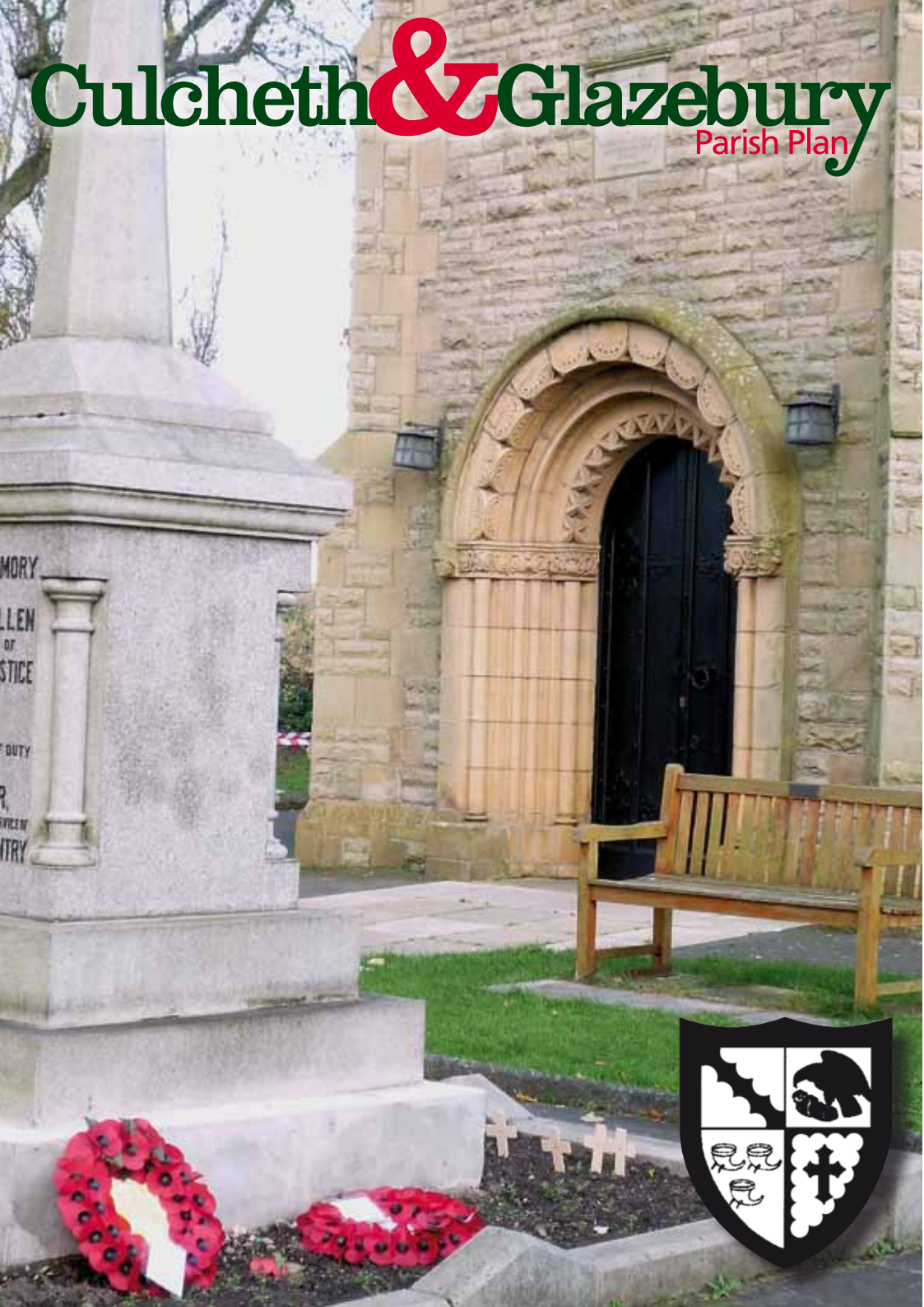


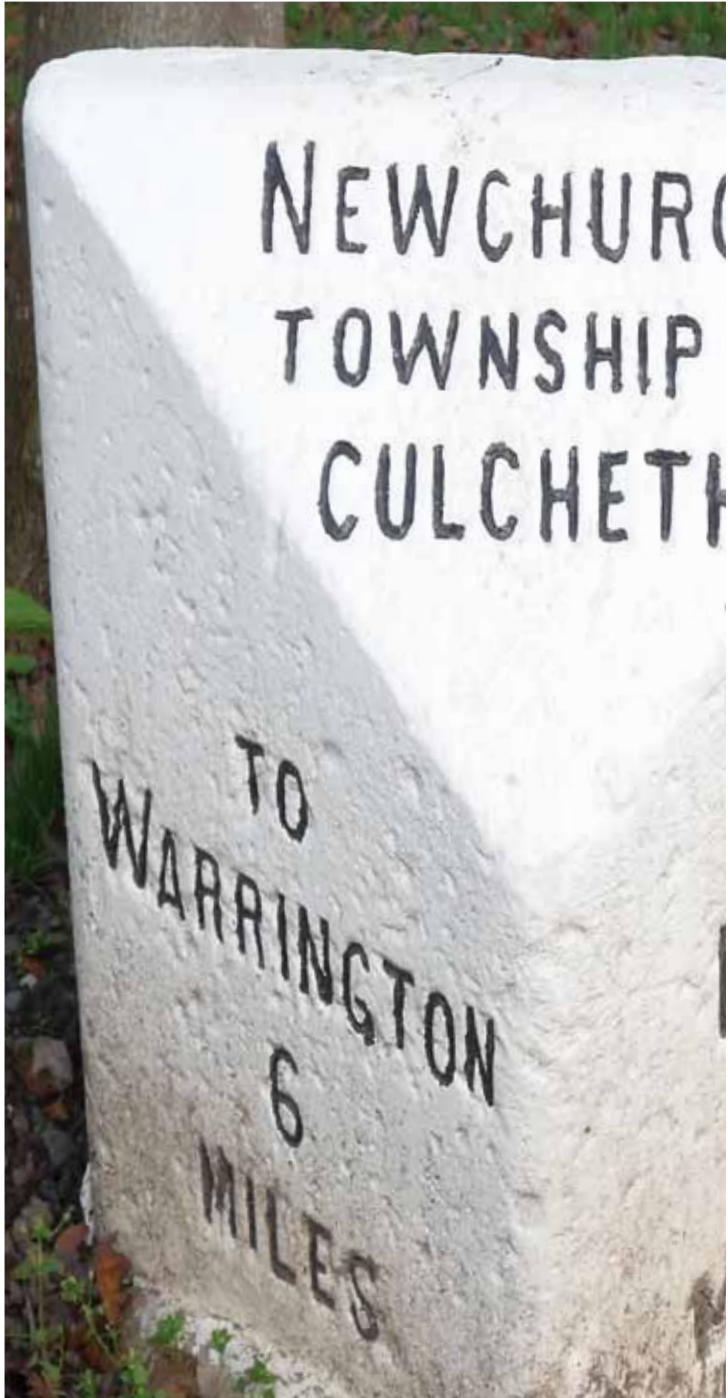
Culcheth & Glazebury

Parish Plan



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Chairman's Introduction

In Memory of Roger Taylor 1947 -2011

Roger Taylor was the driving force behind the Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Plan; he felt that planning for the future in the place we work or live was something we all needed to be thinking about. He set about putting the steering committee together, and was a passionate believer that it was for the good of the community. Although he knew he was ill, he did all he could to keep things moving, including walking the streets and roads of Glazebury in the awful snows making sure that every household had a copy of the survey.

Roger served as secretary on the committee, and I have to say that he was excellent in this role. He wanted to see the plan through to publishing, and then set up steering committees to help solve the problems which have come to light. I am very grateful for Rogers help and dedication, and I know that the steering committee will agree with me that he was the shining light behind us all. We dedicate this plan report to Roger and thank him for all he has done.

The document you now have in front of you has been produced in consultation with the Parish Council and Warrington Borough Council.

We should be proud of what we have done so far. This is one of the first such plans to be produced in Warrington and the Action Plan should be an invaluable tool in ensuring that Culcheth and Glazebury influences the move towards "localism" for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors in our area. The survey that we carried out in the winter of 2010-2011 has given us a high degree of confidence that we know what the key issues that people are concerned about are and what they would like to see changed.

I believe that the Action Plan is realistic and achievable. We do, however, need the help and co-operation of local people, as well as councils and other agencies, to succeed. We envisage creating a number of small working/focus groups. If you can give some time up to help refine and deliver the plan, contact us via the Chairman, the websites www.culchethandglazebury.org.uk, www.cgplan.org.uk, the Parish clerk and Parish councillors. You may have concerns about changes in the delivery of local services, but I believe that between us we can work in co-operation for the good of Culcheth & Glazebury.

Introduction to Culcheth & Glazebury

Culcheth and Glazebury are villages within the Warrington Borough Council local authority area, situated six and a half miles from the centre of Warrington, and two point eight miles from the centre of Leigh. There are now over three thousand six hundred dwellings in the area with a population of over eight thousand six hundred. Culcheth and Glazebury are called villages, although Culcheth is nearly the size of a small town, and they

“Restrict building of houses as village overcrowded enough for shopping and driving. Fields around the area are lovely for walking”

are surrounded by open countryside. The average property price is £235,400. The area is served by the Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service.

The average age is 40.5 years. Seventeen per cent of the population are under the age of 18, thirty five per cent are between the ages of 18 and

44, and twenty seven per cent are aged 45 to 65, twenty one per cent of the population are over 65. The population is mainly white and is served by four Christian churches inside the area and one a few miles away.

The local amenities include a library, Doctors Surgeries, Dentists, Pharmacies, Veterinary Surgery, village hall, various sports facilities, two supermarkets and numerous small shops, with the majority

of these located in Culcheth. There are currently nine public houses in the area as well as

several restaurants and eating outlets. There is a large garden centre located in Glazebury. There are four primary schools and one high school in the area as well as a number of nurseries.

The Ordnance Survey grid reference for the area is SJ65 3951.

It is believed that the name 'Culcheth' originated from

an Anglo-Saxon corruption of an older Celtic name for 'the edge of a wood', which is assumed to refer to the forest that was here in those times. Other neighbouring villages, such as Glazebury, Kenyon and Croft, also have names derived from Celtic origins.

The first definite mention of the village is found in a survey dated 1212 AD that records that Gilbert de Culcheth built the first Culcheth Hall in or around the year 1200. His Grandson, the 3rd Lord of the Manor, died in 1246 with no male heir, and so the land was divided between his 4 daughters, the Holcrofts, the Risleys, the de Culcheths and the Peasfurlongs. One of these daughters was wedded to Hugh de Hindley, and they retained possession of the Hall itself, with her husband taking the family name of de Culcheth. Culcheth Hall survived until the late 1950's.

The Heraldic shield of Culcheth & Glazebury, which appears on the cover, is the coat of arms of the four families, Moving clockwise, starting top left, the shield is quartered with the family arms

of Radcliffe, Culcheth, Holcroft and Risley.

The last three are the names of the families who held 'Manors' of the same names in what was one described as the 'Ancient Township of Culcheth'. Radcliffe is the name of the family that held the fourth manor of the Township, Peasfurlong (originally spelled Pestfurlong).

The Parish was very small in terms of population, with Culcheth being a small rural hamlet until the Second World War. Census figures from 1801 show the local population to be over 1,800, which increased to over 2,500 with the opening of the world's first passenger rail service, the Liverpool-Manchester railway. The population stabilised at around 2,200 for the remainder of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century.

The real changes started to happen with the building of

“Sainsbury’s only good for a limited range. Have to travel to Leigh for a lot of things.”

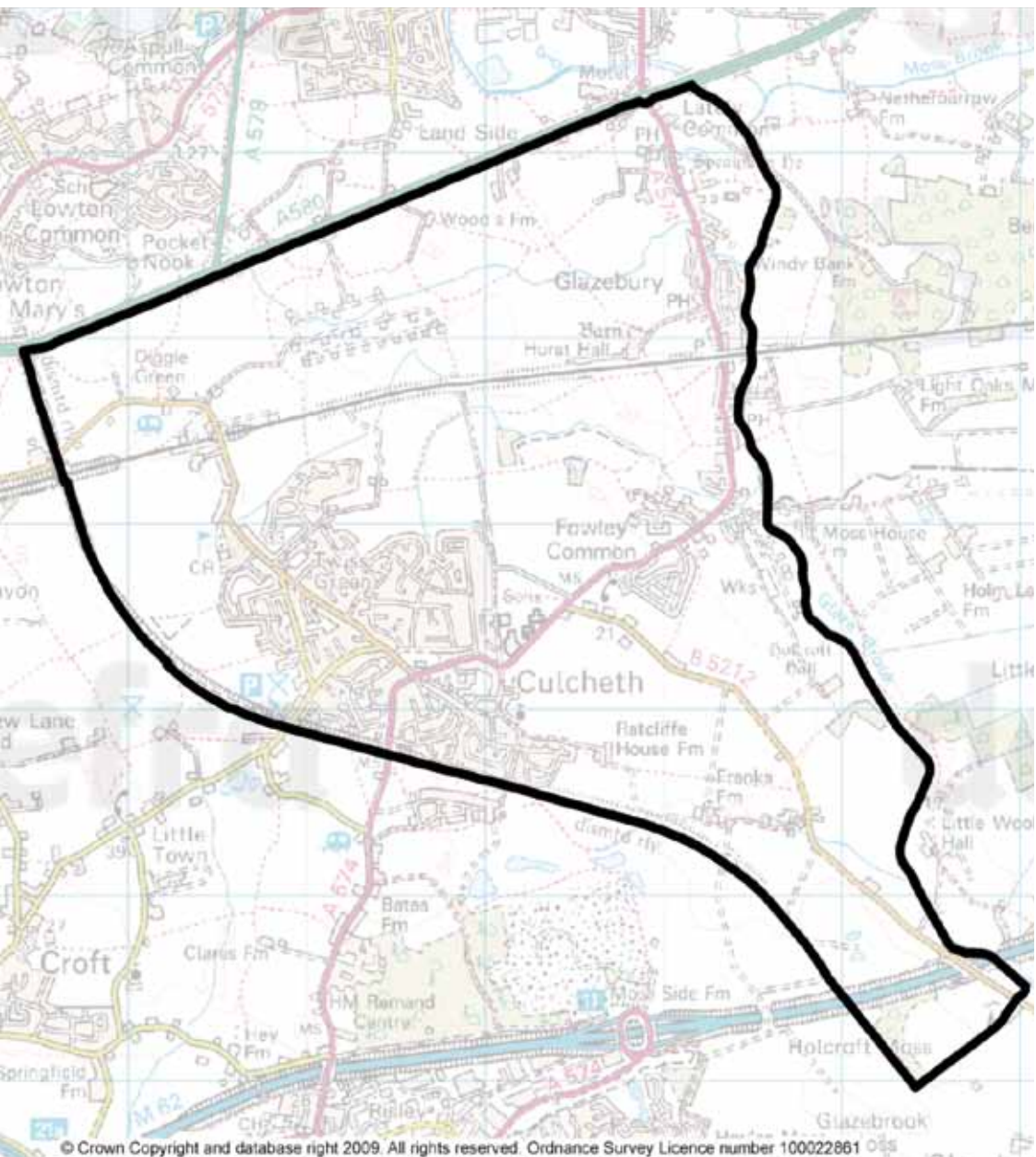
the munitions factory at Risley and the forces' camps and houses which were built for the workers. Some existing buildings were taken over, including Culcheth Hall, which was used by the army. There is still evidence of many of these buildings and structures in the area, although the munitions factory at Risley formed a significant part of the Warrington New Town Development in the 1970's and 1980's.

In the post war years the rapid expansion continued with the establishment of the nuclear power related industry at Risley and surrounding areas. Many new houses were built and the population of the Parish now stands at over 8,600 in over 3,600 households. Glazebury is probably best described as 'ribbon development' with houses from the late 19th century being interspersed with younger properties developed through the 20th century and subject to more

rigorous planning control since 1947. Surrounded

on all sides by rich agricultural land, Culcheth is now essentially a dormitory village, having no significant industry or manufacturing to speak of, but being home to many of the workers at the nearby Taylor Business Park, Science Park and the Birchwood Industrial Estates, and local shopping centre for the adjacent villages of Croft, Kenyon, Glazebury, Risley and Glazebrook.

Its prime location in between the two big cities of Liverpool and Manchester, the quality housing and rural setting combined with a lively village centre, good schools and excellent transport links, make Culcheth one of the most sought after residential locations in the North West. Glazebury in contrast straddles the A574 to the north of the main village with shops, pubs and community facilities mixed with housing and spread along the route to the north with no clearly defined village centre. Albion Park is an employment area and Bents Garden Centre is a major visitor attraction that has won many regional and national awards.



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Profile of Culcheth & Glazebury

Population: Who lives in Culcheth & Glazebury

- Culcheth & Glazebury lies in Warrington, and has a population of 8,555.
- Of the total population, 1,510 (17.6%) are children, making a smaller proportion than across Warrington (19.3%).
- 2,045 (23.9%) are people of pensionable age, making up a larger proportion of the population than across Warrington (18.6%).

	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All People	8,555		196,205		6,875,715	
Males	4,290	50.2	96,985	49.4	3,377,320	49.1
Females	4,265	49.8	99,220	50.6	3,498,395	50.9
Aged 0-15	1,510	17.6	37,800	19.3	1,300,090	18.9
Working age	5,000	58.4	121,970	62.2	4,238,405	61.6
Pensionable age	2,045	23.9	36,435	18.6	1,337,215	19.5

Population: Ethnic profile of Culcheth & Glazebury

The ethnic profile shows that, in Culcheth & Glazebury, the large majority is White British (97.1%)

	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All people	8,540		191,080		6,729,765	
White British	8,295	97.1	183,675	96.1	6,203,045	92.2
Other white	125	1.4	3,290	1.7	152,670	2.3
Non-white	125	.5	4,085	2.1	374,815	5.6



Profile of Culcheth & Glazebury Continued

Population: Household composition in Culcheth & Glazebury

- There are 150 lone parent households, and 535 pensioners living alone in Culcheth & Glazebury
- 14.5% of households with dependent children are headed by a lone parent in Culcheth & Glazebury, a smaller proportion of households than across Warrington (19.0%).
- 54.1% of pensioner households are comprised of one pensioner living alone, a smaller proportion of households than across Warrington (59.7%).

	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All	3,495		78,030		2,812,790	
Lone parent with children	150	14.5	4,760	19.0	215,610	25.2
Pensioner	995	28.4	16,860	21.6	674,020	24.0
Lone pensioner	535	54.1	10,060	59.7	423,625	62.9
Student	0	0.0	15	0.0	9,135	0.3
One person	365	10.5	11,390	14.6	446,610	15.9
Married	1,540	44.1	33,100	42.4	1,009,125	35.9
Cohabiting	235	6.7	6,635	8.5	221,595	7.9
Other	210	6.1	5,245	6.7	236,950	8.4

Economy and Employment: Who is working in Culcheth & Glazebury

Economic status

- Of those people of working age in Culcheth & Glazebury, 3,970 are economically active (65.5%)
- There are 2,090 economically inactive people in Culcheth & Glazebury.

	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All people aged 16-74	6,055		139,055		4,839,670	
Economically active	3,970	65.5	95,735	68.9	3,093,080	63.9
Economically inactive	2,090	34.5	43,285	31.1	1,746,480	36.1
Working more than 49 hours per week	650	17.4	12,995	14.2	398,635	13.8

Worklessness in Culcheth & Glazebury

- In Culcheth & Glazebury, 115 people are receiving JSA (Job Seekers Allowance) (2.3% of all working age people) and 230 receiving IB (Incapacity Benefit) (4.6% of all working age people).
- The number of people receiving 'out of work' benefits (JSA and IB) in Culcheth & Glazebury is 345 (6.9% of all working age people). This is lower than the proportion across Warrington (10.0%).
- In addition, 145 children

are living in households where no members of the household are in work (7.8% of all children in Culcheth & Glazebury)

What jobs are people doing?

- 870 people are employed in managerial occupations in Culcheth & Glazebury, 22.7% of the population (compared with 16.2% of people across Warrington).
- 625 people are employed in professional occupations, 16.3% of the population (compared with 11.3% of people across Warrington).

- 300 are employed in elementary occupations, 7.8% of the population (compared with 12.2% of people across Warrington).

What are the skill levels?

Adult skills

- 1,375 people in Culcheth and Glazebury have no qualifications, 22.7% of the population (compared with 26.9% of people across Warrington). There are 1,810 people qualified to degree level or above in Culcheth and Glazebury (29.9%) compared with 19.7% of people across Warrington.



Deprivation and low income

Social exclusion in Culcheth and Glazebury

- 550 people in Culcheth and Glazebury are receiving some sort of DWP (Department of Work and Pensions) benefit, 11.0% of the working population.



Key low income indicators in Culcheth & Glazebury						
	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Working-age receiving any DWP benefit	550	11.0	18,115	14.9	821,055	19.4
People who are "income deprived"	545	6.6	22,285	11.6	1,256,540	18.4
Income Support claimants	120	2.4	5,155	4.2	279,115	6.6
Children living in income deprived households	115	6.9	5,470	14.2	334,225	25.0
Older people receiving Pension Credit	280	13.7	8,045	22.1	360,165	25.8
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit claimants	370	10.6	14,280	18.3	725,095	25.8



Health

- 725 people in Culcheth & Glazebury report themselves as having a limited long-term illness, 10.3% of the population (compared with 11.7% of people across Warrington).
- DWP health benefit data shows that 285 older people in Culcheth & Glazebury receive Attendance

Allowance (14.0% of all older people)

- Across Culcheth & Glazebury 420 people receive Disability Living Allowance (4.9% of all people).

Access to services

- 520 households have no car or van, 14.9% of all households in Culcheth & Glazebury.

- Access to education, training and employment: No households are more than 8km from job centres, no households are more than 8km from secondary schools

- Access to healthcare: No households are more than 8km from a principal GP site.

Housing

- Social housing levels are lower in Culcheth & Glazebury than across Warrington, with 385 households renting from the Local Authority or Registered Social Landlords (11.0% of all households).
- 1,520 households live in detached accommodation, 43.5% of all households (compared with 25.0% of households across Warrington).
- 1,445 households live in semi-detached accommodation, 41.3% of all households (compared with 43.8% of households across Warrington).
- 430 households live in terraced accommodation, 12.3% of all households (compared with 25.0% of households across Warrington).

	Dwelling type in Culcheth & Glazebury					
	Culcheth & Glazebury		Warrington		North West	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All	3,495		78,030		2,812,790	
Detached	1,520	43.5	19,465	25.0	520,125	18.5
Semi detached	1,445	41.3	34,170	43.8	1,078,300	38.3
Terraced	430	12.3	19,495	25.0	936,265	33.3
Flat (purpose built)	135	3.9	5,365	6.9	301,930	10.7
Flat (other)	35	1.1	1,305	1.7	105,430	3.8
Caravan or other temp accom.	5	0.1	140	0.2	8,220	0.3





What is a Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is a document which sets out a shared vision of how the community wants the Parish of Culcheth, Mee Brow & Glazebury to develop in the next few years. It covers a number of social, economic and environmental issues, which are individual to our Villages.

It is a Plan for the Community by the Community

The Plan sets out the things that the Community feels, or would like to happen in the form of an Action Plan. This shows the priorities, timescales and potential partners in the various enterprises.

The Vision

- To protect our Villages from being over developed.
- Encourage greater participation in the community by local residents.
- Strengthen the community.
- Influence local decisions making, especially planning.
- Identify projects which will need working in partnership with other agencies.
- Identify opportunities for funding.

What next?

This is a plan for the whole community and will be subject to continuous monitoring and development. This development presents all residents with opportunities to get involved with the community, either in monitoring progress, reviewing the objectives of the plan or volunteering for the various groups which will be established in the Parish.

How the Plan was produced

The Parish Council agreed to support the development of the Parish Plan in 2009. Set out below are the main milestones that have been gone through to produce the plan.

Apr 09	Creation of an interim Steering Group
Jun 09	Initial application for funding submitted and approved
Oct 09	Initial consultation based around the community
13th Jan 10	Creation and constitution of Steering Group
Sept 10	Initial draft of surveys
Sept 10	Applications for funding submitted for Parish Plan Grant from Cheshire Community Action and Stronger Together
Nov 10	Survey/questionnaire launched and distributed
Winter 10/11	Data entry and analysis
Nov 10	
to Jan 11	Completion and return of survey questionnaires
Jul 11	Analysis of survey questionnaires.
Jan 13	Draft report ready
Mar 13	Report printed

Steering Group Members

The process of developing the Parish Plan has been led by a Steering Group made up of around nine members, three or four of whom are from the Parish Council.

The following were members of the Steering Group at the beginning and/or during the final stages:

Sally Probert (Chairman)
Roger Taylor (Secretary)
Stephen Latimer (Treasurer)
Keith Bland - Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council
Jacqui Johnson – Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council
Mike Vobe – Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council
Chris Vobe – Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council
Anne Daybell
Ileyne Hutchinson
Cheshire Police

Other members or volunteers who have helped at various stages include the following:

Paul McIver
Barry Clayton
Christine Harrison
Brian Taylor



Analysis of the survey

Identification of key issues and development of the action plan

The main consultation was the survey questionnaire carried out between November 2010 and February 2011. A printed questionnaire was distributed to every household in Culcheth and Glazebury and the following paragraphs summarise the results of that survey which have been crucial in drawing up the action plan. Over 570 questionnaires were returned which is considered to be reasonable for this type of survey, although a higher number would have been welcomed. Perhaps this indicates a high level of satisfaction amongst the residents of the area.

The majority of respondents were aged over 35 (90%) with 35% over 65. The special arrangements used with the schools have however enabled us to get an insight into the views of children and young people. In the sections which follow an analysis is set out of the responses that were made to the multiple choice question, together with some of the main issues and suggestions which arose in response to the 'open'

questions. The analysis is presented overleaf:

Children and Young People

To ensure that the views of the whole community were represented, the Parish Plan project also asked for input from some of our youngest community members - the children who attend our Primary Schools. In addition Culcheth High School

“Culcheth is a small friendly village, let’s keep it that way. Keep development to a minimum”

Students were specifically targeted and encouraged to complete the main survey questionnaire. A modified questionnaire was used in the 4 primary schools which gave pupils the opportunity to discuss what they like about living in the villages, and things they would like to change. There was a great response from the children, with information gathered from the majority of pupils at the schools.

The under 18's in the area were divided into two groups, the 11's and under; and 12 to 18 years. The twelve plus group were encouraged to fill in the questionnaire via the local high school and by talking to local scout and guide groups in the area. Their views are included in the main survey results. The under 12 group were approached through the local primary schools. The chairman, Sally Probert, spoke firstly to school staff to gauge their opinion about how to approach the issues, and then spoke to the school councils and environment groups in the school.

These pupils, helped by staff, then approached the classes to discuss and ask about opinions. The schools involved in this way were:-

- Culcheth Community Primary School
- Glazebury Community Primary School
- Newchurch Community Primary School
- Twiss Green Community Primary School

In this way every person

between the ages of four and a half and eleven who is educated in the area had a chance to say how they felt, and what they wanted. Approximately five hundred and fifty under 12s were involved in this part of the survey. The first part of this survey asked what the young people liked about Culcheth and Glazebury. The young people pointed out their satisfaction with their own schools, and also the new high school which they were looking forward to attending. There was a lot of feedback about the friendliness of the people in the area, and that they felt safe and secure. They also appreciated the peace and quietness of the general area, and the amount of trees and natural spaces they had, although they felt that there was always room for improvement. The available sports facilities [football and rugby fields and the astro turf] also were high on their satisfaction list. The restaurants in the area were

also favourably received, although 10% of young people would also like to add more fast food outlets such as McDonalds to the area. Other young people were against this idea on the grounds that it would contribute to a litter problem, something they felt strongly about. The library was appreciated, although there was a general feeling that it

“Even though we have had the play area revamped, it is nowhere near the quality and range of facilities as other areas. A lot of the children tend to go and use the astro turf facilities to play football as there is little else for the 10 - 16 yr olds to do. How about basketball hoops etc to encourage the children to participate in exercise?”

could be modernised and improved upon.

The second part of the survey asked about changes they would like to see. The highest on the list by a long way, (almost 90%) was better facilities for all age ranges of children. The feeling was that there was a complete lack of

play facilities for over six years old, and that the general park area on the green at Culcheth needed to be improved so that older children could play there.

They suggested the possibility of a zip wire, rope climbing area, bigger slide, a climbing wall, a graffiti wall and a basketball court. The children in Glazebury pointed out that the play facilities at Mee Brow were in a sorry state, and there were no play facilities at all in Glazebury itself. They wanted an improvement in their area. Other suggestions included an outdoor activity centre, a Jungle Jim's, ice skating, arcade, paint ball and there were a lot of remarks about needing safer places to ride their bicycles, including cycle lanes on the roads. The road between Culcheth and Croft was particularly difficult, as there was no pavement at one point for them to walk along. It was also pointed out by 15% of the children that the common was very muddy and better drainage would help them play on there.

Over two thirds of the young people were worried about youth provision for teenagers. They have noticed

that a lot of teenagers hang around outside, and found it worrying. The young people in Glazebury said that they had no youth club at all. There is youth provision in Culcheth at the Methodist Church on a Friday evening, and on the same evening there is a council led youth club at the High School. The young people would like more provision, and also youth clubs for younger people. This was the second most important thing after the play facilities.

We also consulted with young people in the area aged between 13 and 18 via the youth network provided by Warrington Council, and the feedback from here showed that young people would be very interested in a basketball/ five a side football court being built. They feel that this could be linked to the Teen Shelters ("Pods") where young people could hang out. The young people noted that there was little in the area to help them exercise and have fun together, except the skate park. Two thirds of the children also mentioned a desire for a swimming pool, and there was also a suggestion of free buses for young people to areas with swimming pools if Culcheth and Glazebury could not have

their own. Young people in the area also wanted a cinema, with over 25% putting it on their wish list. This was closely followed by changes to the skate park to make it a bmx/skate park. The skate park was also criticized for the amount of litter and glass on it, and over 100 children felt it needed to be tidied up and improved for use. It was also pointed out that this was the area the local police tried to move the teenagers onto, and this caused a lot of the problems. Younger teenagers under 16 did not like being told to move to the skate park as they felt more vulnerable away from the centre of the village. They preferred to be where people could watch them as they felt safer. Litter and graffiti at the skate park and elsewhere was seen to be a problem by half the young people surveyed. Another cause for concern is the amount of traffic. Forty per cent of young people thought there was too much, and a lot of it moved too quickly. There was a small minority who wanted more cycling and fewer tractors and

“Public transport does not start early enough. Need bus coordination with Birchwood Station. Should be able to get a G.P. appointment the same day”

big lorries on the main road, going past their schools.

Other suggestions from the young people under 12 included more police in the area, less pubs, more dog poo bins and litter bins, pot holes filled in, a shopping mall with famous name shops, a green grocers, decorating roundabouts with sculptures and other art, a fountain, a theatre, a roller coaster and an ice rink.

Recommended Actions

- Provide Teen Shelters in Culcheth & Mee Brow
- Warrington Borough Council to ensure that the skateboard area is free from litter and glass.
- Provide more Dog Poo Bins and Litter Bins throughout the villages.
- Look into providing more youth activities in both villages.

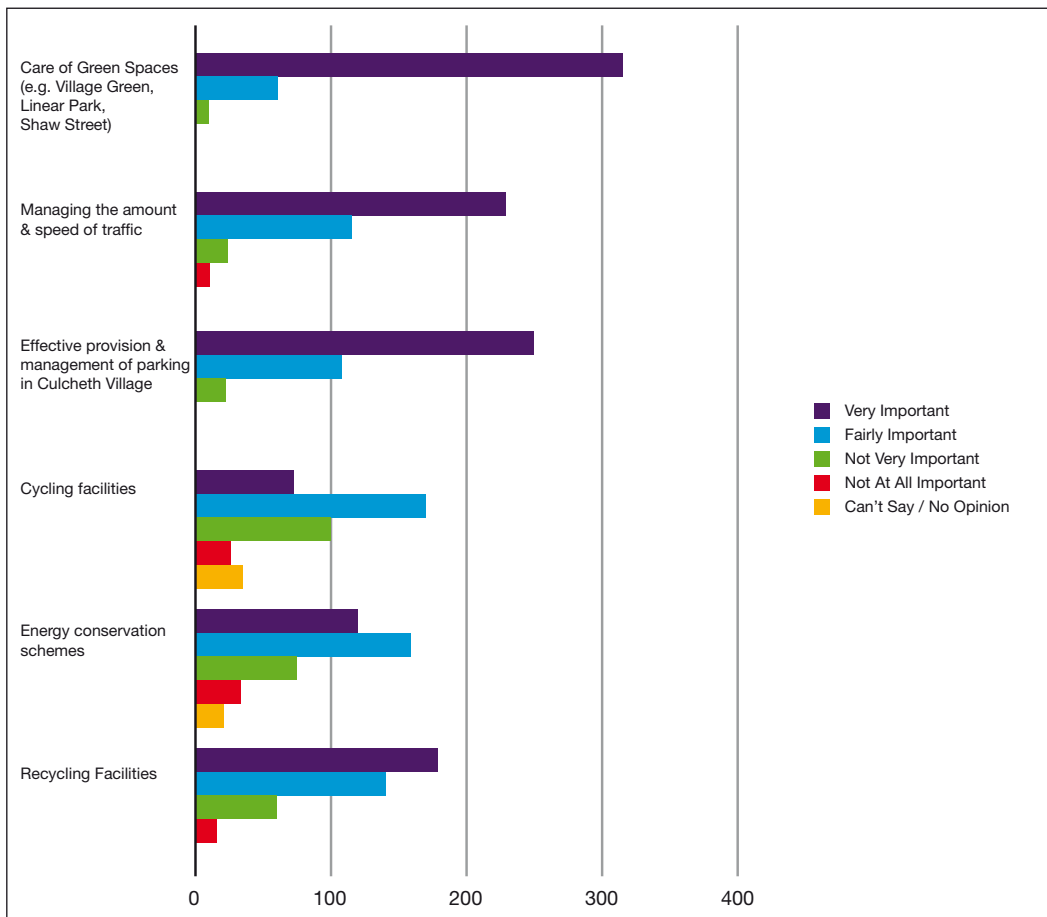
The Environment

Culcheth and Glazebury sit to the north east of Warrington. It is approximately six and a half miles from the centre of the town. The area is surrounded by farm land, with lots of walking opportunities. There are various small and local businesses in the area, including the Taylor Business Park, and Bents garden centre.

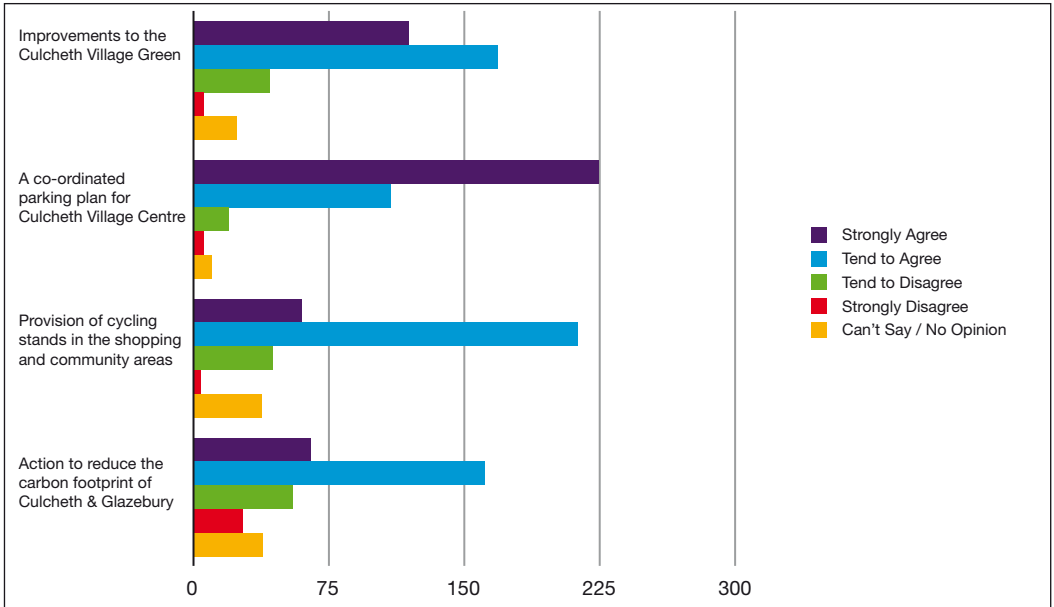
There are buses into the centre of Warrington and also to the nearer centre of Leigh. Although there are two railway lines in the area, one to the south of the villages and one which runs through Glazebury, there is no station. Culcheth itself has a large village green which is well used by local people, and

used by the Parish Council to host Community Day. Glazebury itself is of a more linear design, and follows the main road linking Leigh to Warrington. The area tends to attract people who work in the Liverpool and Manchester areas but who wish to live in a more rural area.

Q. How important do you think the following are to the future of Culcheth and Glazebury?



Q. Do you agree or disagree that the following are required?



People clearly value the open spaces in the Parish, with 84% regarding their care as very important. Parking provision is one of the most important issues that people wish to see resolved with specific comments being added very frequently in the open questions. With regard to the Village Green, whilst seeing the care of open spaces as important, there was little clear support for improvements in a general sense but the issue of drainage was not posed specifically.

“No more restaurants and take aways. Night Club not a positive influence.”

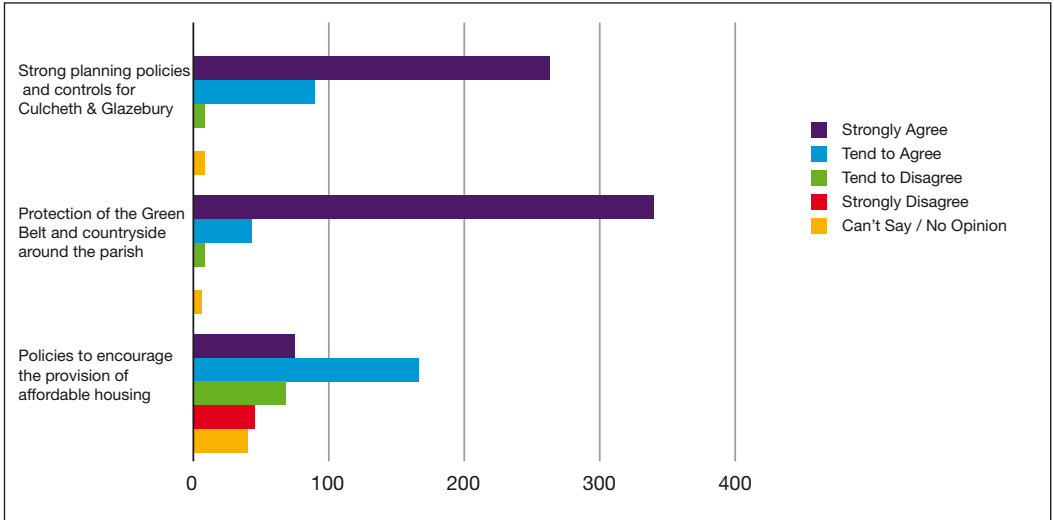
There may be a lack of appreciation of the severity and implications of poor drainage on the Green - many Community Days and other events being marred by this problem in poor weather.

Recommended Actions

- Create a working group of local residents, businesses, Parish & Borough Councillors to develop and promote a comprehensive and practical parking plan for Culcheth village centre in conjunction with Warrington Borough Council.
- Pursue funding with the Parish and Borough Councils to carry out improvements to the village centre, especially the drainage on the village green.
- Develop a cycling strategy for the Parish.
- Hold a seminar to address the reducing of the carbon footprint of Culcheth and Glazebury.
- Campaign for more speed restrictions on all the roads leading into both villages.
- Setting up of a Speedwatch Scheme.

Planning

Q. How important do you think the following are to the future of Culcheth & Glazebury?



A very high proportion (70%) strongly agreed the need for effective planning controls and an even higher proportion (87%) strongly agreed with the need to protect the Green Belt and countryside. The need to have strong planning controls is no doubt closely related to the developments in the village of Culcheth where the number of restaurants and food outlets has given cause for concern with 86% feeling that there are more than enough at the present time. Culcheth and Glazebury are desirable places to live and house prices in the Parish are high. It can be difficult for young people and first time buyers to enter the property market. More than

half (50%) of them agreed that there should be policies to encourage the provision of affordable housing. Only 19% however agreed with this proposal strongly. It appears that there is some concern about a lowering of house prices that such a policy might bring about.

Recommended Actions

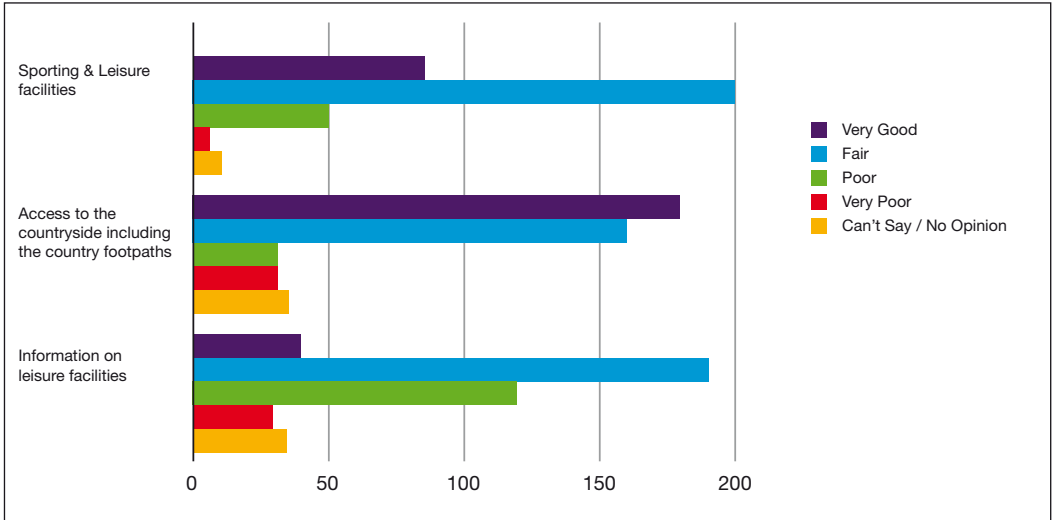
- Liaise with Warrington Borough Council to ensure inclusion of proposed policies in the Local Plan which meet the needs and desires of the community.
- Limit new housing developments but have regard for the need for affordable housing in any

new developments.

- Restrict future development of restaurants and takeaways.
- Take account of the parking impacts of all proposed developments.
- Promote the development of a voluntary Tree Warden Scheme

Recreation and Leisure

Q.What do you think of these facilities in Culcheth & Glazebury?



Sports and leisure facilities are generally seen to be good or fair but there are a number of people who commented on the poor nature of current provision. Culcheth and Glazebury enjoy easy access to attractive countryside which is well served with footpaths. The Linear Park is an important part of this infrastructure. 48% felt this access was very good with a further 41 % judging it to be fair. When combined this

amounted to 89%.

87% strongly agreed that the protection of the Green Belt and countryside is important.

Recommended Actions

- Work with the High School to maximise the opportunities for community involvement in and use of the facilities.
- Liaise with the working group proposals to ensure

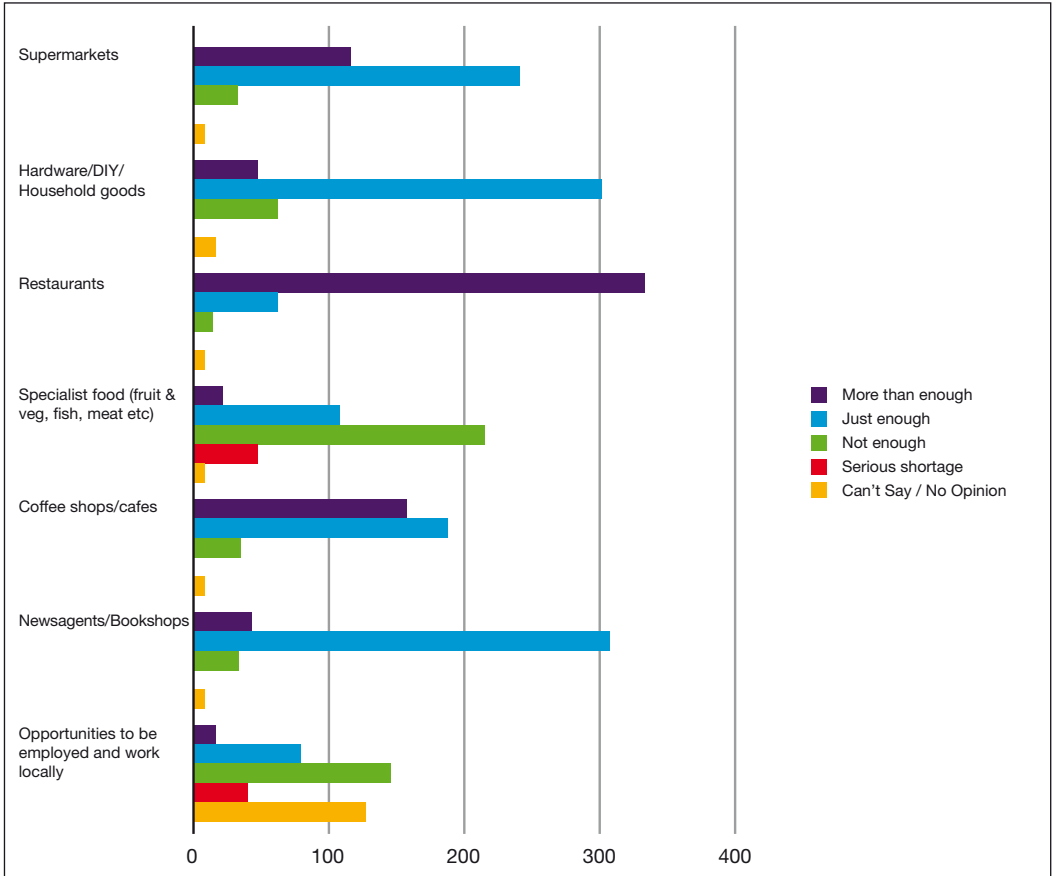
that information is made available about community facilities and activities.

- Develop proposals to provide transport to use the swimming facilities at Woolston and Orford Jubilee Park.
- Promote the development of a voluntary Footpath Warden Scheme



Shopping, Eating and Business

Q.What is your opinion of the range of these facilities?



Certain views dominated the responses to this part of the survey. 86% felt there were more than enough restaurants and food outlets and there was a lot of written comment about the perceived problems associated with these uses and the negative impact they are felt to have on the character of the village of Culcheth. Coffee shops and cafes were also felt to be over provided by a

significant number.

In contrast 67% felt there are not enough specialist food outlets providing fruit and vegetables, fish, meat etc.

Recommended Actions

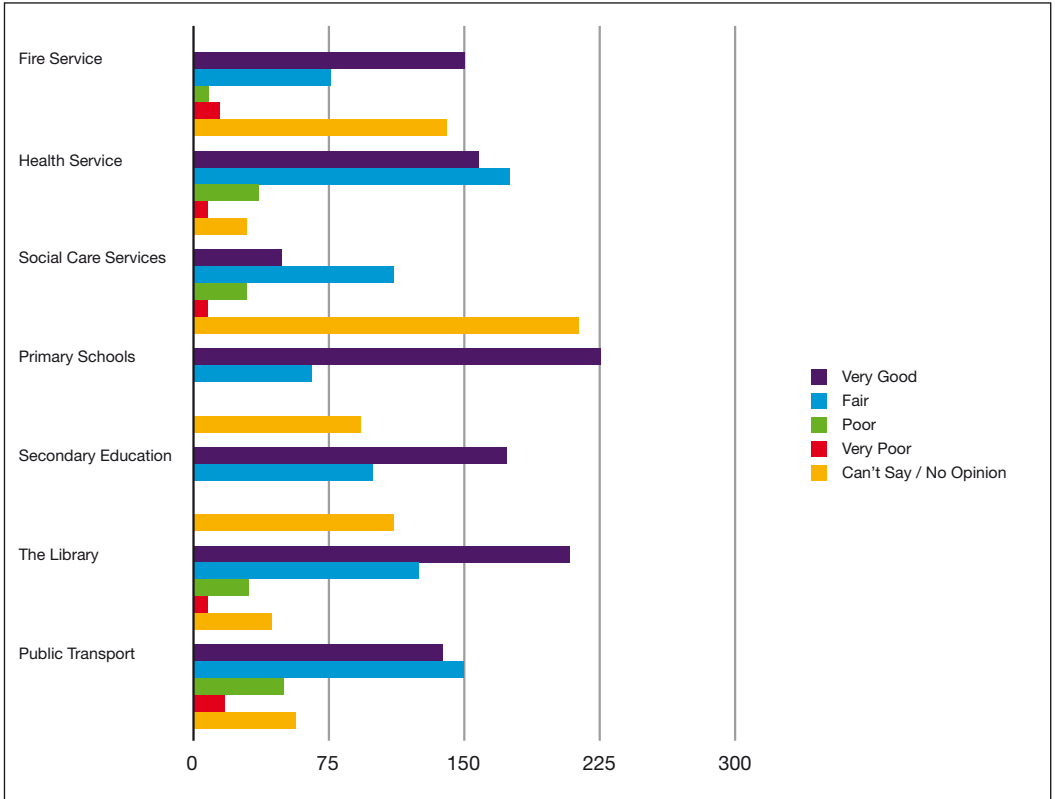
- Liaise with Warrington BC to ensure the inclusion of policies into the Local Plan which limit the further development of restaurants,

takeaways and coffee shop.

- Encourage the development of a wider variety of retail outlets which should include specialist food shops.
- Support the development of a business forum to provide support to the business community and develop opportunities for local employment.

Public Services

Q.What is your opinion of the performance of the following public services in our area?



In response to these questions quite a large number of people recorded “can't say / no opinion”. It can be assumed that this was where the individual had no experience of using the public service referred to. The remainder however painted a picture of high levels of satisfaction with services included. In relation to public transport the quality and frequency of the bus service was well regarded but a number of questions were

raised in relation to integration with railway stations such as Birchwood – and re-opening old stations such as Chat Moss Halt.

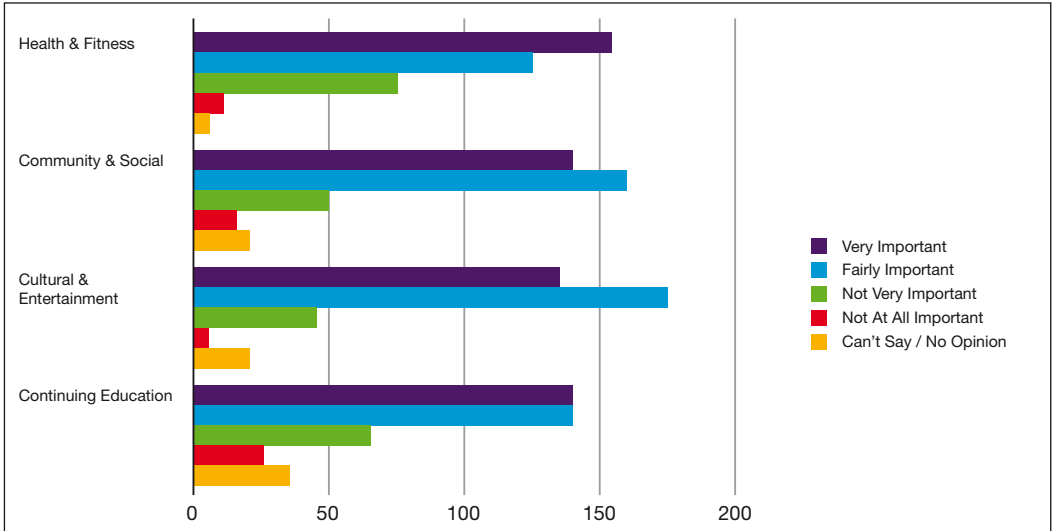
Recommended Actions

- Liaise with transport providers to improve services around the Borough (orbital) as opposed to via the town centre. Access to Gemini and Warrington Hospital are particular examples.

- Seek to improve frequency and links by bus to Birchwood Station and therefore to Manchester and Liverpool.
- Consider the viability of providing addition train station stops in or close to the Parish e.g. Chat Moss Halt.

Culcheth Community High School

At the time the survey was carried out the new High School had just opened its doors. At the centre of the new development is the provision of facilities to the wider community. Respondents were asked how important these facilities are to them.



The opportunities provided were clearly seen to be very or fairly important by around 75%. However the free text section frequently contained comments about the lack of information on what facilities are available for community

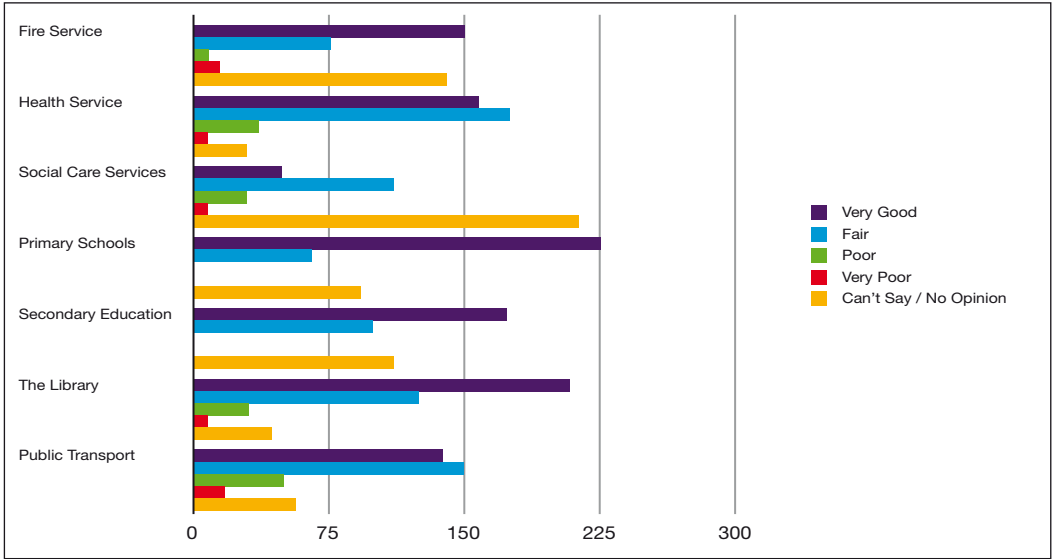
use. In the next multi choice question however only 35% showed that they felt information on leisure facilities was poor or very poor. There are a significant number of suggestions about what could and should be provided

which have been passed to the High School to assist with its planning of community facilities. Things that have been mentioned most frequently include the provision of adult education, the building of a swimming pool.



Community

Q.What do you think of these facilities in Culcheth & Glazebury?



A high proportion of people (88%) felt that the range of community organisations and groups is very good or fair and indeed if you look around the notice boards the Library and magazines (“The Essential Guide to Culcheth” and “Culcheth Life”) it is evident that there is a lot going on with opportunities to meet a wide range of needs. There are however a significant number who feel that the opportunities for adult education are poor and similarly the availability of information about community facilities and activities was felt to be poor or very poor by 64%. Youth facilities were felt to be poor or very poor by

50% and this was frequently mentioned in the free text replies. There were a number of comments supporting the approach to community policing and positive effect it is perceived to have had in the area. 77% felt that the delivery of this service was very good or fair. At a time when the concept of the Big Society is being promoted 59% felt that needs and opportunities for volunteers in the community are poor (20%) or fair (39%).

Recommended Actions

- Form a working group to consider the way in which information is made available about community facilities and activities.

- Support the development of youth liaison arrangement and youth facilities.
- Investigate and support the development of adult education opportunities.
- Consider the development of a “Volunteer Bureau” to respond to and maximise the opportunities.
- Look for funding opportunities for providing Play and Skate Board equipment in Mee Brow, Glazebury & Culcheth.
- Support the setting up of a Glazebury Children’s Play area.

Action Plan *The last two columns have not been completed as the detailed information can only be identified by the various action groups when they are established. Generally the main partners will be Warrington Borough Council and Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council.*

The Environment

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Parking		Create a working group of local residents, businesses, Parish & Borough Councillors to develop a practical parking plan for Culcheth village centre.		
Improvements to the village centre		Pursue funding with the Parish & Borough Council to carry out improvements to the village centre, especially the drainage on the village green.		
Cycling		Develop a cycling strategy for the Parish.		
Speeding		Campaign for more speed restrictions on the roads leading into both villages. Setting up of a Speedwatch Scheme.		
Carbon footprint		Hold a seminar to address the reducing of the carbon footprint in Culcheth & Glazebury.		
Dog Poo Bins & Litter Bins		Provide additional Dog Poo Bins and Litter Bins throughout the Parish.		
Street Lighting		Lobby Warrington Borough Council for upgrading of the street lights throughout the Parish.		
Roads & Footpaths		Lobby Warrington Borough Council for the repairing and replacing of footpath surfaces as well as pot holes throughout the Parish.		

Planning

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Local Plan		Liaise with Warrington Borough Council to insure inclusion of proposed policies in the Local Plan which meet the needs and desires of the community.		
Housing		Limit new housing developments, but have regard for the need for affordable housing in any new developments.		
Businesses		Restrict future development of restaurants and takeaways.		
Parking		Take account of the parking impacts of all proposed developments.		
Trees		Promote the development of a voluntary tree warden scheme.		

Public Services

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Bus Services		Liaise with transport providers to improve services around the Borough (orbital) as opposed to via the town centre. Access to Gemini and Warrington Hospital are particular examples.		
Transport links		Seek to improve frequency and links by bus to Birchwood station and therefore to Manchester and Liverpool. Consider the viability of providing additional train station stops in or close to the Parish.		

Community

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Information & publicity		Form a working group to consider the way information is made available about community facilities and activities.		
Youth matters		Support the development of youth liaison arrangement and youth facilities.		
Adult education		Investigate and support the development of adult education opportunities.		
Volunteers		Consider the development of a Volunteer Bureau to respond and maximise the opportunities.		
Grants & funding		Look for funding opportunities for providing additional play and skate board equipment in the Mee Brow, Glazebury & Culcheth area.		
Youth facilities		Provide Teen Shelters in Culcheth & Mee Brow and look into finding funding for a BMX track next to the Skateboard facility on Shaw St Playing field.		
Glazebury Children's Play Area		Parish Council to continue to support the Glazebury Children's Play Area project.		



Recreation and Leisure

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Culcheth High School		Work with Culcheth High School to maximise the community involvement in and the use of their facilities.		
Transport links		Develop proposals to provide transport to use the swimming facilities at Woolston and Orford Jubilee Park.		
Footpath Warden		Promote the development of a Voluntary Footpath Warden Scheme		

Shopping, Eating and Business

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Local Plan		Liaise with Warrington Borough Council to ensure the inclusion of policies into the Local Plan which limit further development of restaurants, takeaways and coffee shops.		
Retail outlets		Encourage the development of a wider range of retail outlets.		
Business Forum		Support the development of a business forum to provide support to the business community and develop opportunities for local employment.		

Culcheth High School

Topic	Timescale	Action to be taken	Responsibility Lead & Partners	Resources implications
Leisure facilities		Look at providing more publicity on the Leisure facilities.		

Monitoring Responsibility for the Action Plan

The Parish Plan has been developed and produced by the Parish Plan Steering Group under the auspices of the Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council. The publication of the final plan effectively ends the work of this group.

It is suggested that the group be replaced by the Parish Plan Monitoring Group. This group should have the aims indicated in the Plan. Volunteers for the group should be sought from residents via the website and the Culcheth Life page. This group should report directly to the Parish Council.

It is suggested that the entire Action Plan be reviewed in 5 years and at that time, the Monitoring group should cease to exist and be replaced by a Parish Plan Review Group. Again, volunteers for the group should be sought from residents via the website and the Culcheth Life page. In this way, residents will have several further opportunities to contribute to the development of the Parish.





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The Vision for the Future

To protect our Villages from being over developed

Encourage greater participation in the Community by local residents

Strengthen the Community

Influence local decision making

Identify projects which will need working in partnership with other agencies

Identify opportunities for funding



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