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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to be able to present the 2014 Parish Plan which is the culmination of many months of hard work and painstaking analysis by the Action Group Committee. This document has been endorsed by the Parish Council and the members have resolved to adopt the Policy Statement printed on page 32, which now sets out their guiding principles for our community.

There have been some notable challenges since the last Plan was published in 2003 and the strong sense of community spirit was readily apparent in the support which was shown for the Action Groups established to oppose the change of use plans for The Four Horseshoes Pub and the onshore London Array scheme.

Despite the initial success of the Four Horseshoes campaign, the future for the Pub is once again uncertain but on a brighter note we can be very proud of the achievements of Graveney School, the sterling efforts being made to restore All Saints' Church, and the reassurance that the funds secured from London Array and now held by the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust, can continue to be directed towards community projects.

From all the figures presented in the Plan there is perhaps one important and somewhat disappointing statistic. The number of household questionnaires returned was 64%, some 22% below the high level achieved in 2003. At a time when the recently enacted Localism Act aims to devolve more decision making powers to communities and local councils, a greater level of feedback would have helped the Parish Council to shape future policies and initiatives.

I do hope you will find the Parish Plan both interesting, informative and thought provoking, and if you do wish to raise any questions, please do not hesitate to bring these to the attention of the Parish Council.

Finally, my thanks to all members of the Parish Plan Action Group, to the parishioners and businesses who completed the questionnaires, and to the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust for jointly funding this project.

Alan Stewart

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History



A Recent History

Many of us who live in Graveney with Goodnestone Parish are relative newcomers and have little idea of how much our villages have changed in living memory.

Forge Cottage in Goodnestone was a busy working forge making and repairing items for agricultural and domestic use. Mr. Brice, who ran it, was also the local farrier making shoes for the horses that still worked the fields up until the 1950's.

The villages boasted at least six cherry orchards and local women were employed to pick and box the fruit. Many a Graveney toddler was to be found anchored to a cherry tree by a length of washing line to stop it wandering away.

Of course, hops were a staple crop and several hop gardens were to be found, one next to the Four Horseshoes Pub. Both locals and Londoners were employed to pick the hops. Many happy evenings were spent sampling the fruits of their labours in local hostelryes.

At one time the village shop was run by a Mrs. Farminger who was also the postmistress. Not only did she man the shop, she also delivered the mail door-to-door.

The remnants of Denley Hill can still be seen from the road but it was much larger until after the devastating floods of 1953 when much of its soil was taken to make the sea defences at Seasalter.

Monkshill road was known as Brickfield Road due to the thriving brick making business that used the clay that was there in abundance.

What is now the school car park was once a wheelwrights run by the Wraight family. Mr. Robert Wraight Senior was our local milkman

when he was a young man. He used a bicycle and trailer to deliver the milk that was produced and bottled at Denley Farm.

And finally, our villages were home to a magnificent avenue of elms which, sadly, had to be felled due to Dutch Elm disease.

Much of this information was gleaned from Mrs. Mary Wraight, a lady in her 90's who remembers the villages from 70 years ago. Thank you so much, Mary.

Trish Timms

Ancient History – printed with permission of Swale Borough Council

To quote directly from Tysilio: "Caesar, as soon as possible after he had read the answer of Caswallon, prepared his ships, set sail, and came to the aber [confluence] of the Thames near which he landed ... When they [the British] reached the Castle of Doral, (thought by Petrie to be the Roman town of Durolevum, now located at Syndale they found the enemy [the Romans] encamped on the shore. An immediate attack was resolved on, and the carnage was great on both sides." At Graveney, some four kilometres east of the site of Durolevum, the typical shape of a Roman fort seem to have survived as field boundaries on the 1795 O.S. surveyor's drawing, and can be seen with what looks like an additional annex to the east. Aerial photography indicates features that could be multiple ditches on the eastern side. The area of the probable fort is about 300 x 310 metres (328 x 335 yds), large enough to hold a single legion. Limited excavation on the eastern side exposed a rampart and a ditch. No artifacts were recovered. Just to the north of the probable fort is a large expanse of inter-tidal sand. The shoreline at this point has eroded about two miles (3.2 km) inland since the Roman period, and any other large Roman earthwork defences will have long disappeared.

The probable fort of about 22 acres, at Graveney is 12 miles (19 km) from the Iron Age camp at Bigbury. It is fronted by many miles of flat sand and it is where the Swale (Medway) joins the Thames. At Syndale is another possible Roman fort, large enough to hold 1,000 soldiers, and dated by over 500 sherds of pottery found in the fastigated military ditch to the time of Claudius. This is the only possible Claudian fort found so far in Kent, and indicates the method of garrisoning mentioned in Cassius Dio's.



Parish Plan Concept and Objectives



The Government's Rural White Paper '**Our countryside, the future**' (2000) proposed that all rural communities should develop 'Town, Village and Parish Plans' to identify key facilities and services, to set out the problems that need to be tackled and to demonstrate how distinctive characters and features could be preserved.

The Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Plan is produced by and for our local community.

It is an opportunity for every parishioner to have his or her say in the development of the community. From these an action plan can be developed to lay out a shared vision for the future of the parish over the next 10 years. There are many areas of interest and importance and it is up to the community to define the issues to be tackled by the Parish Plan.

Parish Plans do not currently have any formal status, and they cannot override adopted planning policy, however, they can make an effective contribution to the planning process through policy development and application at a local level.

Potential benefits of the results of the Parish Plan are:

- ◆ Identify existing areas that need improvement and areas that need preserving for future generations.
- ◆ Identify new projects that will in some way enhance or benefit our parish.
- ◆ Evidence-based information, responses and proposals that are relevant to and capable of use by Planning Officers or Inspectors when making planning decisions, both in policy and development control.

In 1986 the community undertook its first village appraisal. 2003 saw a new Parish Plan completed and distributed.

Since then there have been major changes:

- ◆ London Array has changed the face of our community for the foreseeable future with its onshore electrical installation, creation of the car park for the Primary School, grants for childrens' education and the creation of the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust.
- ◆ The Primary School has also had renovations.
- ◆ Ecomerchant has moved on.
- ◆ The Four Horseshoes Public House has been bought, sold, reopened, closed and is at present again up for sale.

Needless to say, the next 10 years may bring many more changes, including ones we may not yet even envisage.

In the changing political, environmental, business and domestic environments we will all have hurdles to overcome. If this document helps in any small way then the time, effort and cost have all been of benefit.



Conservation



Parish Character Appraisal – printed with permission of Swale Borough Council

Graveney Church, Graveney Bridge and Goodnestone conservation areas:

(Extract from report to Development Committee 24 November 1999 – Agenda item 6C Annex A) www.swale.gov.uk

Location

- ◆ Graveney is situated on the eastern edge of the Borough of Swale, some six kilometres from Faversham to the west and a similar distance from Whitstable to the north east. It lies on the edge of the Graveney marshes, which stretch away some distance to the north west as far as The Swale. Goodnestone, a separate settlement, lies immediately to the south of Graveney.

Geography

- ◆ Both settlements stand on slightly raised ground, just above the surrounding low lying land. Graveney has a distinctly linear form, with development stretching along Seasalter Road over a distance of some 800 metres. New development / redevelopment has taken place in recent times both north and south of the railway line.
- ◆ At Goodnestone the buildings are grouped along the west side of Head Hill Road and round into Goodnestone Lane. Whilst the development form here is in some ways more compact than at Graveney, the church is set apart at the end of Goodnestone Lane, some 200 metres to the west. This location was a few hundred metres distant from an arm of Thorne Creek, which was navigable until the early 1800s.

Historical notes

- ◆ The name 'Graveney' is said to derive from the Old English 'at the graven river'; it was originally the name given to the stream at Graveney which ran through a broad ditch (or trench or graven ditch). The best preserved Viking vessel found in England (the Graveney Boat), was discovered in 1970 a short distance to the north east of Graveney village during maintenance work on the Hammond Drain and dated to AD 927.
- ◆ Goodnestone, originally a Saxon settlement, derived its name from Godwin, Earl of Wessex, and was for long known as Godwinstone (or Godwynstone), meaning the farmstead or manor belonging to Earl Godwin. This name continued in use until the 16th century.

Buildings

- ◆ All Saints' church, together with Graveney Court, marks the northern western edge of Graveney village. The church is of special interest dating from the 12th century. Newman (in Buildings of England) comments that 'this church is a rarity in Kent and would be a rarity in any county except perhaps Norfolk; for it is not only delightfully unrestored but it is worthwhile also as architecture and contains objects beautiful in their own right'. The church is modest in size, and built from flint and stone rubble with a peg tiled roof. A lych gate, much more recent in date, is sited on the edge of the carriageway and gives access to the small churchyard. A small paddock adjoins to the east which is enclosed by low brick walls and a rather battered estate railing along the road frontage.
- ◆ Graveney Court adjoins the church to the north. Set back from road and partly hidden from view by trees from some angles, this house is situated on the very edge of Graveney marshes. It is timber framed, dates from around 1420, and is finished with plaster and weatherboarding. The adjoining farmyard to the north now consists mainly of modern buildings, although two older brick buildings do survive.
- ◆ Murtons Farm lies a short distance to the south of the church on the eastern side of Seasalter Road. A part of this small, now painted, brick building dates from the sixteenth century. Alongside is a rather larger seventeenth century, timber framed barn, recently converted into two dwellings, which now has a fairly modern appearance by virtue of the extensive refurbishment and conversion work.
- ◆ This small group of buildings has now been joined by later development to the once separate cluster of old buildings some distance to the south, grouped around the junction of Seasalter Road with Sandbanks Lane. The original gap between these two groups of buildings has been infilled with housing development, particularly at Murton Place where the original small estate of Airey houses was redeveloped in the late 1980s to a higher density. It now comprises some 26 dwellings and although set around a cul-de-sac layout the development has a significant frontage to Seasalter Road.

- ◆ Graveney School, and the former head teacher's house, is an attractive Victorian red brick building. Its steep, slate covered roofs, gothic shaped windows, and meticulous brickwork detailing are characteristic of school buildings of the period. This building, completed in 1876, has all the familiar characteristics of a small village school and it therefore makes a crucial contribution to the street scene.
- ◆ The nearby Bridge House and The Post Office both pre-date the school, and define the shape of the road junction. Bridge House is built of red stock brick and has a clay tiled roof; the adjoining stables have been converted to a dwelling. The Post Office/ Graveney Bridge is built of brick, now painted, and has a prominent, steeply pitched, peg tiled roof. The shop comprises a single-storey weatherboarded extension built in front of the original building, and there is a simplicity about this arrangement which accords perfectly with the character of the place.
- ◆ The North Kent Coast railway line now forms a physical edge to these buildings. Seasalter Road doglegs rather pleasantly to cross over the line, which form nicely emphasises the sense of place here. The railway bridge is a substantial and impressive structure, although it is not immediately apparent in the street scene as much of the yellow brick skewed arch is set within the railway cutting. A modern steel footbridge, lacking the character and finesse of the main bridge, has been placed alongside.
- ◆ Culmers and Wheelwrights Cottages lie to the south of the railway line, and although both are of some age they have been heavily refurbished. To the south again is a line of unremarkable housing development. Opposite is The Four Horse Shoes public house dating from about 1800 which effectively marks the southern limit of this group, and which is of particular interest for the mathematical tiling on the front elevation. Land to the north of the public house has been recently developed for housing, and the site to the rear is occupied by a mobile home park.
- ◆ Goodnestone lies to the south of Graveney, separated by a short stretch of countryside. Buildings here are grouped along the west side of Head Hill Road and round into Goodnestone Lane. Those fronting Head Hill Road include Poplar Hall farm, several groups of cottages and an oast house complex now converted to dwellings. The converted oast comprises five prominent roundels linked to a central two storey store. This traditional Kentish building, with its warm red brick and white painted weatherboarded loading bays, plays a key role in defining the character of the street scene in Goodnestone. The conversion has respected the overall building form but detrimental features include rooflights in the roundels, plastic windows and tall evergreens along the front boundary.
- ◆ Poplar Hall, built at the very beginning of the twentieth century, is a substantial, brick built house set back from the road in a mature garden and nicely marks the southern edge of the village. By contrast, the northern limit of the settlement is marked by groups of modest red and yellow brick cottages set around the junction



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of Goodnestone Lane with Head Hill Road which together create a pleasant space.

- ◆ The tiny St Bartholomew's church is set apart from the rest of Goodnestone to the west, and is approached along a narrow lane. This diminutive building dates from the early 12th century, possibly earlier, and still retains most of its Norman character. Built of flint and stone rubble, and set in a small churchyard it is a good example of a simple, almost primitive, country church. The building, redundant since 1984, is now cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust. Goodnestone Court, to the north, is a half timbered building dating from the 15th century. The large space between the church and the house is filled with an array of farm buildings, some brick built, which are set in and around a bowl shaped hollow.
- ◆ Langdon Court, which lies a short distance to the north of the main group of Goodnestone buildings, is a substantial brick house set back from the road and largely hidden from view by large mature trees set around it. The adjoining complex of farm buildings, a separate commercial operation, has the appearance of being mainly comprised of modern buildings, but within the group there are a number of more traditional farm structures.

Landscape

- ◆ The flat, expansive nature of the Graveney marshes continues to exert an influence on the character of development at Graveney, despite the land having been converted almost entirely to arable use. Whilst the marshes no longer have a truly wild appearance, the presence of these wide and open spaces extending up to the very edge of the church graveyard is a strong reminder of just how remote the place has been. This feeling tends to be absent from Goodnestone, where the surrounding landscape for the most part has more trees and hedgerows and consequently a rather softer character. However, the amalgamation of fields to the south-west is now creating a new and open landscape.
- ◆ Orchards were, until recent times, a significant feature around both settlements, but their numbers have declined in recent years, as has the visual impact of the remaining orchards as standard trees have been replaced with smaller varieties. Hopfields too have disappeared. Arable crops are now the main feature in the landscape, together with intensive horticulture and fruit growing which, at certain times of the year, results in large areas of polythene being prominent in the landscape.
- ◆ Head Hill and Seasalter Roads are country roads which are both still fairly well defined with hedgerows and trees, although the hedgerows are now very thin in places at the northern end. Footways and kerbing are generally absent in Goodnestone, so that the rural character of the road remains largely intact. At Graveney, however, stretches of footway are present both north and south of the bridge, as are a small number of street lighting columns; materials and detailing here tend to be suburban in character and make few concessions to the rural location.

Conclusion

- ◆ Graveney and Goodnestone, although physically close, have separate origins which continue to be reflected in differences in character between them. Graveney's relatively isolated position on the very edge of the marshes continues to influence the character of the place, even though land drainage and changes in agricultural practice have altered the appearance of the surrounding landscape. Goodnestone, by contrast is surrounded by a more typically Kentish landscape where orchards are still a significant feature, although modern fruit and horticultural practices - and arable farming - have brought changes in appearance also.
- ◆ Goodnestone is a modest place, comprised largely of cottages and farm buildings but with the rather exceptional presence of a tiny Norman church set in fields to the west with the characteristic Kentish yeoman farmer's house alongside. For the most part the environment has a pleasant cohesive quality, with buildings built from locally made red and yellow bricks (here predominantly reds) linked along the country road by hedgerows, trees, walls and fences. The salvage yard and the adjoining industrial building interrupt the visual flow of the frontage although the activities do bring some diversity into the street scene. The countryside remains a major influence on the character of the place.
- ◆ Buildings at Graveney are more scattered, and their rather more ordinary appearance perhaps reflects the harsher environment close to the marshes. The straggle of buildings along the road may, therefore, be seen to be a proper reflection of times past and the somewhat bleak surroundings. There is, perhaps, less cohesion in the built environment and less consistency in the range of building materials. Nevertheless, the area around the railway bridge is quite nicely defined and undoubtedly has a clear sense of place. Recent new building has been on a significant scale for a small rural settlement, and has generally been rather ordinary in character.



Listed Buildings



There are at present sixteen buildings, one Chest Tomb and one Headstone with listed status in our community. Twelve of the buildings, the headstone and the chest tomb are Grade II listed, two of these buildings are Grade II* and both churches are Grade I listed.

For further information see:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england

See map on page 55.

SSSI Units, Ramsar Sites and RSPB Areas

The Swale and North Kent Marshes are SPAs, Nature Reserves, SSSI and Ramsar sites which encompass part of our parish. These lie along the south bank of the Swale, Faversham Creek and marshes to the east of the parish between Monkshill Road and the Swale.

For further information see:

www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designations/sssi

See map on page 56.

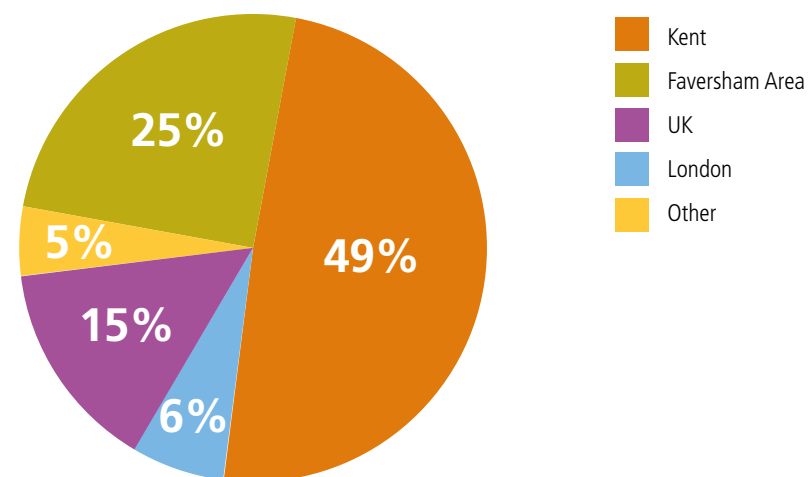
Survey Results

RESPECT HORSE RIDERS
PUT UP "CYCLES ON ROADS" SIGNS
CREATE BRIDLE PATHS A NEW SHOP
TRAFFIC LIGHTS OR MIRRORS AT BRIDGE
VERGE AND ROAD SURFACE MAINTENANCE
BETTER DRAINAGE
IMPROVE BUS TIMETABLE ADHERENCE
TREE, SHRUB AND FLOWER PLANTING
BETTER PLAY AREA AT VILLAGE HALL
MORE ADULT COURSES AND LEISURE PURSUITS
MORE THINGS FOR CHILDREN TO DO
MORE KEEP FIT, YOGA AND OTHER EXERCISE CLASSES

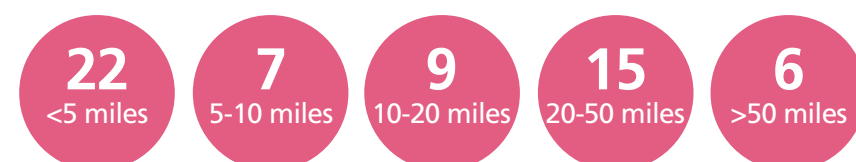
Householder Demographics

136 forms were completed and returned which is 63.85% of the households identified. 127 moved here, 4 had always been in the community and 5 householders left this space blank. 18 people said they worked within the parish while 50 worked outside the parish. 11 people said they had a self-employed business in the parish.

Where People Previously Lived.



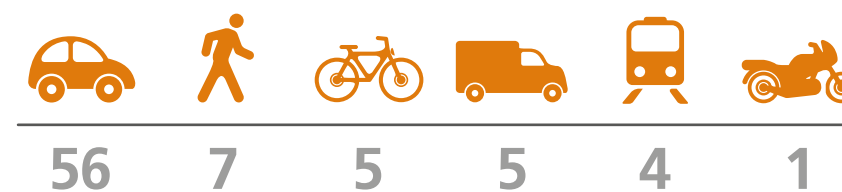
Distance Travelled To Work



Reasons People Moved To Our Community:

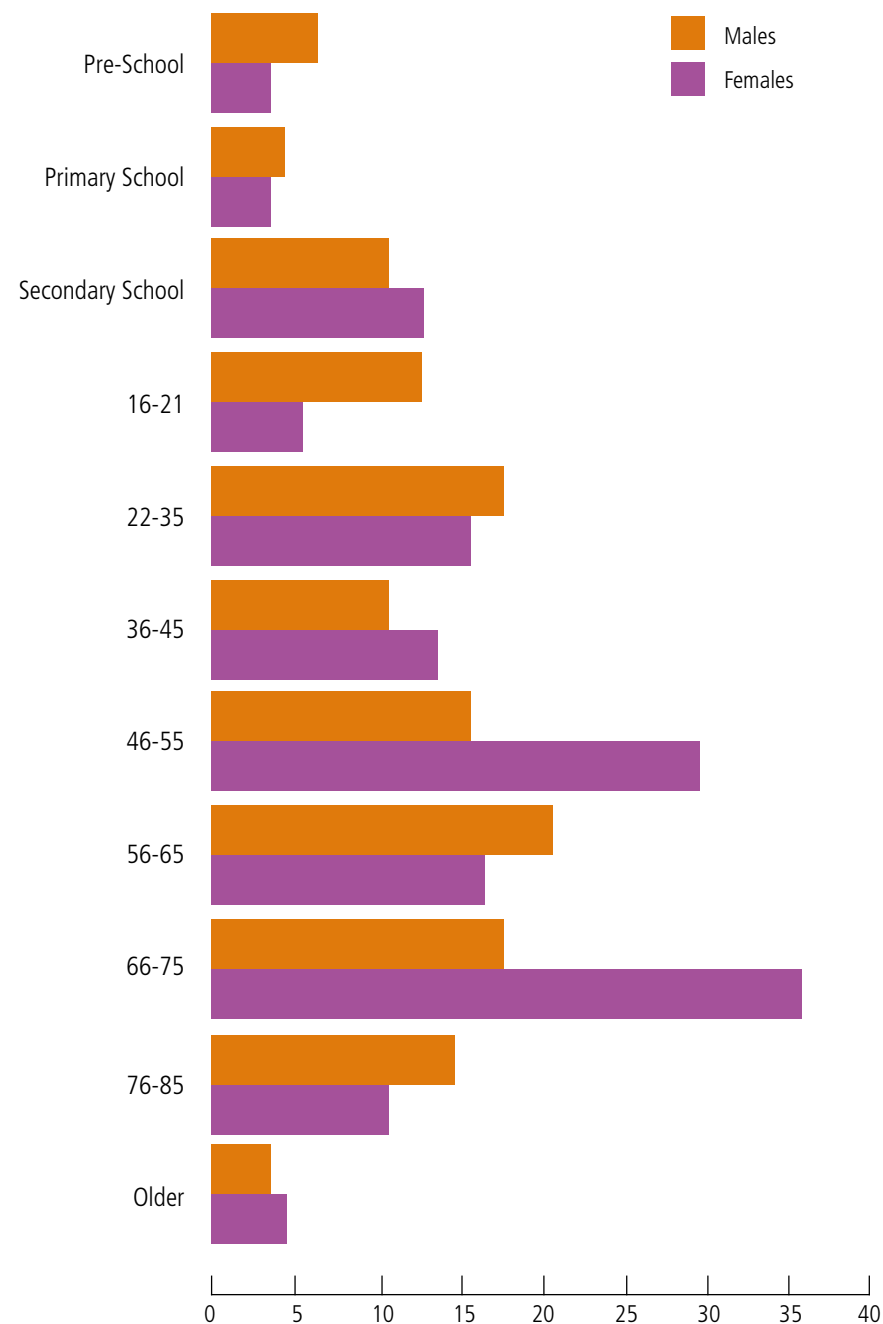
- ◆ 38 households moved here because they found a house, land or accommodation they liked.
- ◆ 34 households liked the peaceful countryside beside the sea.
- ◆ 27 households moved to the parish for work or had family in the area.
- ◆ 26 households liked the village and its location.
- ◆ One household moved because of a 1940's bomb.

Types Of Transport Used To Travel To And From Work.



Of those who answered the questionnaires, 47% now live in detached properties, 40% in semi-detached and 13% in terraced housing. 77% are owner occupied, 13% owned by the Housing Association, 4% rent from a local landlord, 4% are tied housing and 2% rent from the local authority.

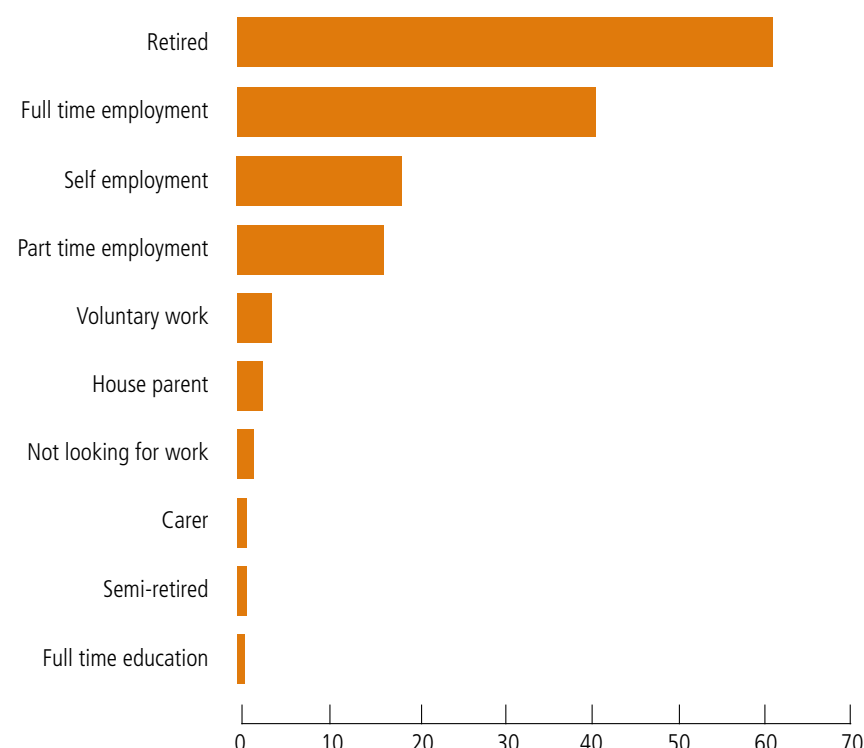
Reported Residents.



Employment

The following figure represents the occupations of the householders who responded:

Householder Occupations (number of people).



Vehicles:

People gave the following ways to improve local transport:

- 48 More Frequent Buses / Earlier Times Schedule / Later Time Schedule / Sunday Schedule
- 19 Increase Timetable for Canterbury and Whitstable
- 9 Improve Adherence to the Timetable
- 6 Advertise and / or Distribute the Time Schedule
- 5 Have More Bus Stops
- 5 No Improvement to the Local Transport is Needed
- 2 Add More Pavements
- 1 Put the Travel Information in the Parish News
- 1 Increase the Number of Routes
- 1 More People Should Use the Buses
- 1 Have a Community Bus
- 1 Link the Buses to the Free Provision by Farmers for their Workers

Only 7 people rely on public transport for work all the time, 3 occasionally. 38 rely on it for other occasions and 2 people sometimes use it for reasons other than travel to and from work.

Types of vehicles reported:

- ◆ 199 cars
- ◆ 23 motorbikes and mopeds
- ◆ 68 bicycles
- ◆ 9 commercial vehicles

Parking:

- ◆ 127 park off road
- ◆ 10 park on the public roads

Use of local bus system:

- ◆ 62 use local bus system
- ◆ 71 did not use local bus system
- ◆ 1 person needs a local bus timetable

A current bus schedule has been provided on Page 50-51.

Local Businesses



Out of 17 business questionnaires distributed we received 9 completed forms.

- ◆ Eight of the owners reside in the parish, only one lives outside the parish boundaries.
- ◆ Of the 347 employees, only 24 were local leaving 323 non-locals.
- ◆ Three of the companies were able to hire local people with the correct skills to fill vacancies.
- ◆ Five would hire local youths or students for work experience.
- ◆ Four companies would encourage their employees to participate in village activities.
- ◆ One business has an apprenticeship scheme.
- ◆ The local broadband was adequate for three companies, not adequate for two and the four others use other services.
- ◆ The parish has long been an area for growing hops, vegetables and fruit. Migrant workers have been a long-standing feature of the parish, first with hop pickers from London's East End and now European soft fruit pickers. Cherries, strawberries and orchards provide fresh fruit to the local people and food stores. In addition, there are various farms growing different grains, vegetables, sheep and other livestock.
- ◆ The following have been long established businesses within the parish: horse riding and stabling; livestock and grain farming; fruit, vegetable and hop growing; holiday caravan rental; honey production; dog training.



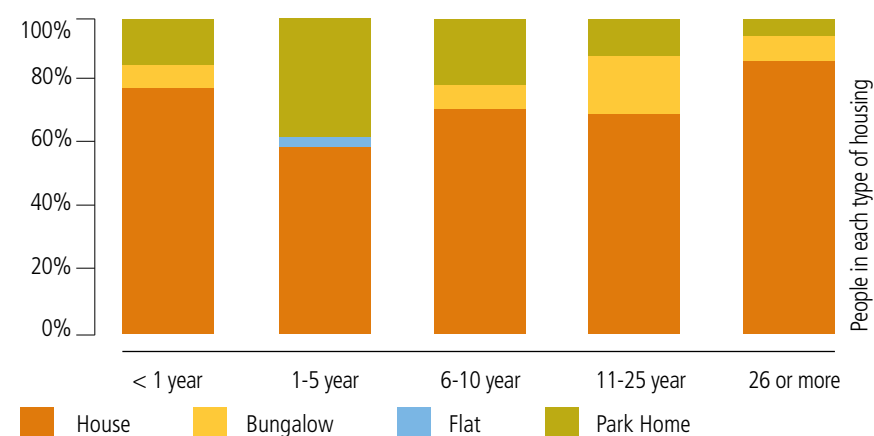
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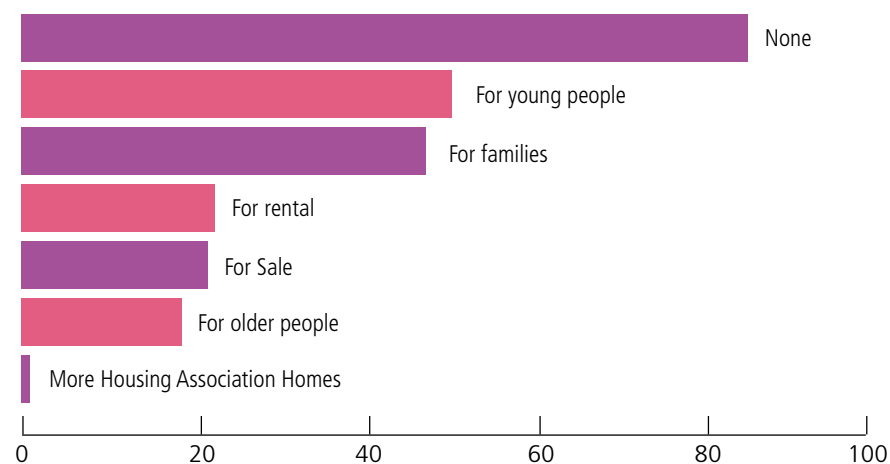
50.66%
of the forms
distributed
were returned.



Current Housing Statistics (This chart indicates the type of housing people currently reside in and how long they have lived there).

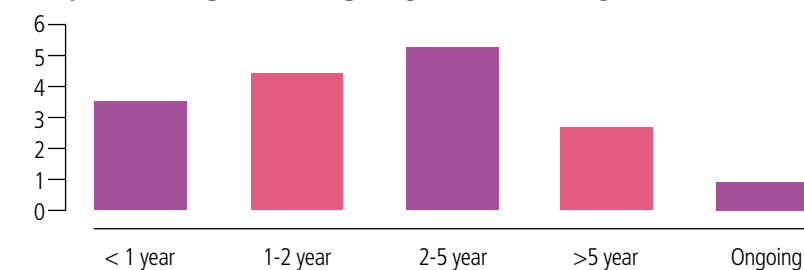


Additional Housing (This graph represents the number of people who thought the parish needs more of each type of housing).



- ◆ 21 people indicated family members were searching for housing.
- ◆ 2 required a one bedroom and 6 needed a two bedroom dwelling.
- ◆ 16 needed a three bedroom and 4 required a four bedroom house.
- ◆ 6 people required a detached house and 6 more were looking for an attached house.
- ◆ 4 people would like a bungalow.
- ◆ 15 people responded that they did not wish the villages to be extended.

People Searching for Housing (Length of time searching).



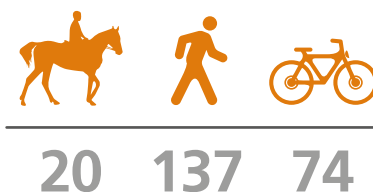
Type of Housing People Require..



The majority who indicated suitable new housing sites suggested the following:

- ◆ Opposite Murton Place / School
- ◆ Sandbanks Lane
- ◆ Near the Pub / Four Horseshoes Caravan Park

Highways and Transport



Non-vehicular Traffic

Of the answers received, 137 people walk, 74 cycle and 20 ride horses through the village.

Suggested ways to improve the village for non-vehicular traffic were:

- 80 Add footpaths / pavements / refuges
- 23 Lower speed
- 16 Add cycle / bridle paths
- 13 Trim hedges and clear footpaths
- 12 Add lighting on Sandbanks Lane
- 10 Add speed humps
- 8 Improve verges and road surfacing
- 8 Better footpath markings / more signage / more maps
- 5 Put up a bridge mirror
- 3 Enforce speed limit

Following the last parish survey, there was an investigation into providing a footpath between Goodnestone and Graveney. This revealed the high standards needed for Kent Highways to adopt a footway and the resultant cost made this prohibitively expensive.

Since then we have suffered the London Array construction works, together with the disruption and damage to the verges. The temporary lorry speed limit of 20 mph past the school has now gone and the village can return to whatever we now

In addition the following were suggested by one or two people:

- ◆ Maintain verges
- ◆ Narrow the road and make passing places
- ◆ Widen the road
- ◆ Enforce rules for cyclists
- ◆ Respect horse riders
- ◆ Provide Hi-Vis jackets for farm workers
- ◆ Repair the path from the bridge towards Faversham
- ◆ Tractors and heavy vehicles should not use mobiles
- ◆ Put up speed cameras
- ◆ Clean up the dog mess
- ◆ Prohibit horse riders on roads
- ◆ Add 'Cycles on Roads' signs
- ◆ Put pram friendly gates on footpaths
- ◆ Add Goodnestone speed restrictions
- ◆ No parking at the bridge
- ◆ Put up village signs / gates

One person also suggested a paid annual membership to ride with respect & safety through farmland tracks. Another suggested extending the cycle path from the school car park through to Dargate.

consider normal, with the 30 mph limit through the main villages and a 40 mph limit out to the marshes.

Replacement of the village name signs has also been delayed by bureaucratic requirements. Councillor Bowles has secured for us, after much lobbying, a couple of interactive speed signs which now remind drivers who are speeding through the villages.

The fingerpost sign at the junction with Monkshill Road has been repainted; it should direct travellers for many years to come.

Vehicular Traffic

The worst Black Spots reported on the questionnaires were:

- 65 The bridge
- 36 Sandbanks junction
- 21 Goodnestone bends
- 20 School parking
- 16 All Saints' Church – either direction
- 10 St Bartholemew's Church Lane exit
- 8 Murton Place / Farm
- 8 Areas with no pavements
- 5 Parking beside the Four Horseshoes Pub
- 5 Goosefields exit
- 4 Property entrances
- 3 Head Hill Road

Ways to improve traffic for motorists put forward are:

- 174 Clearer signs / More signage / Go Slow
- 29 Enforce slower speed
- 20 Better maintenance and repair of roads
- 15 Speed humps
- 15 Forbid school parking on main road
- 8 Better drainage
- 7 Sandbanks Lane / Bridge mirror
- 4 More lighting
- 3 Better off-road parking
- 3 Additional off-road parking
- 3 Cut back & trim hedges
- 3 Traffic lights at the bridge
- 4 Clean / maintain road verges
- 3 No parking on the road at the pub
- 2 Double yellow lines

- 2 More police speed checks
- 1 Use school warning lights
- 1 Locked off-road parking for residents
- 1 No parking opposite Goosefields
- 1 Repair heavy vehicle damage
- 1 No parking on main roads
- 1 Replace the fingerpost at Goosefields
- 1 More pavements
- 1 Educate motorists

Other ideas put forward were to swap the Village Hall location with the field opposite the school, no parking at the Sandbanks Lane / Bridge Junction, more restricted parking and a bypass.



The Blackspots below were also mentioned by either 1 or 2 people:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ◆ The junction of Homestall Lane and Whitstable Road | ◆ Potholes |
| ◆ Monkshill and Seasalter Road junction | ◆ All Rights Of Ways |
| ◆ The blind bend at Odin's Path | ◆ The concrete on the verges at Goodnestone |
| ◆ Four Horseshoes Park exit | ◆ Parking near the Hilderbrands site |
| ◆ The bends past Cleve Hill | ◆ Pickers at Goodnestone |
| ◆ Graveney Court bend | ◆ All of Goodnestone roads |
| ◆ Goodnestone stables exit with horse trailers | ◆ Cleve Hill junction |
| ◆ The entrance to the horse field opposite the school | |
| ◆ Drains / flooding between Tashmiri Mews and Denley Hall | |

Environment



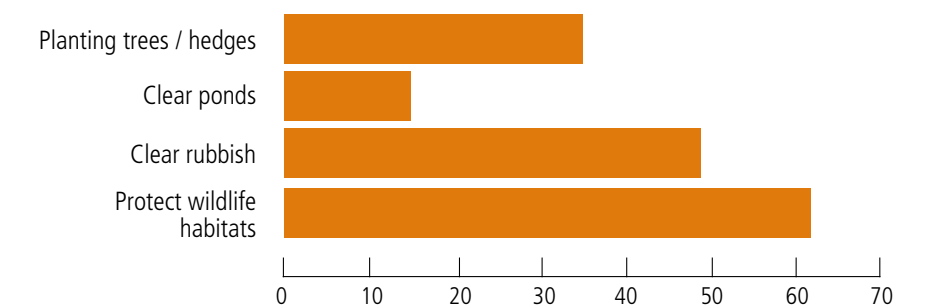
They also gave the following suggestions:

- ◆ Plant flowers / wildflowers
- ◆ Become a bee-friendly village
- ◆ Rejuvenate verges and hedges
- ◆ Create community allotments
- ◆ Stop farm workers littering
- ◆ Stop farm workers screaming when passing horses

People thought the environment could be improved by:

- 91 Remove rubbish
- 83 Cut hedges short & tidy
- 66 Plant more trees
- 63 Look after woodlands
- 44 Plant more hedges
- 27 Let hedges grow
- 12 Don't know
- 7 Cut down some trees
- 2 Cut verges
- 1 Plant flowers
- 1 Allotments
- 1 Council road sweeper
- 1 Gully / drain clearing

Volunteers advised they would help with the following:



On the footpaths questions, the figures indicate the numbers of people answering the questions.

Local Footpaths	Yes	No	Only Some
Do you know where they are?	130	23	18
Are they easily accessible?	113	27	19
Are they well signposted?	103	33	20

The list below indicates areas of the villages that could be enhanced and the number of people suggesting each.

- 11 Pub & Car Park Area
- 8 Cut & clean verges
- 6 Clean up lorry depot area
- 6 Tree / shrub / flower planting
- 6 Village shop / café
- 4 Dogs fouling footpaths - signs needed
- 4 Cut back hedgerows to allow for walkers
- 3 Replace village signs
- 3 Flowers / Better Play Area at Village Hall
- 2 Swap Village Hall and School field
- 2 Cycle path to beach
- 2 Wildlife areas protected & improved
- 2 Playground / sports facility
- 2 Clean the village / remove rubbish
- 2 Fly-tipping is getting out of hand
- 2 Hedgerow maintenance
- 2 Keep vehicles off verges

Other comments regarding footpaths were:

- ◆ Have they been ploughed up?
- ◆ Create parking areas near footpaths
- ◆ Label them with natural wooden signs and have clearer / larger signs on posts
- ◆ Create a footpath to Seasalter, and the one from the end of Sandbanks Lane to Saxon Shore Way is difficult to follow
- ◆ Make the footpaths pram friendly
- ◆ Create well-defined walking footpaths with a map on the Village Notice Board
- ◆ Have pavements to link Goodnestone and Graveney
- ◆ Tractors are causing lots of mud

20 people thought there should be more footpaths, 14 indicated more bridle paths and 11 more cycle paths.

“ Many footpaths can be accessed within our Parish. One of the most popular walks is along the Swale Heritage Trail and Saxon Shore Way. You can do either an eleven mile circular walk taking about four and a half hours or a five mile circular walk taking a couple of hours.

Did you know that the last military action on British soil against invading sources took place on Graveney Marshes, known as The Battle of Graveney Marshes. This battle is credited as shortening the length of the Second World War.

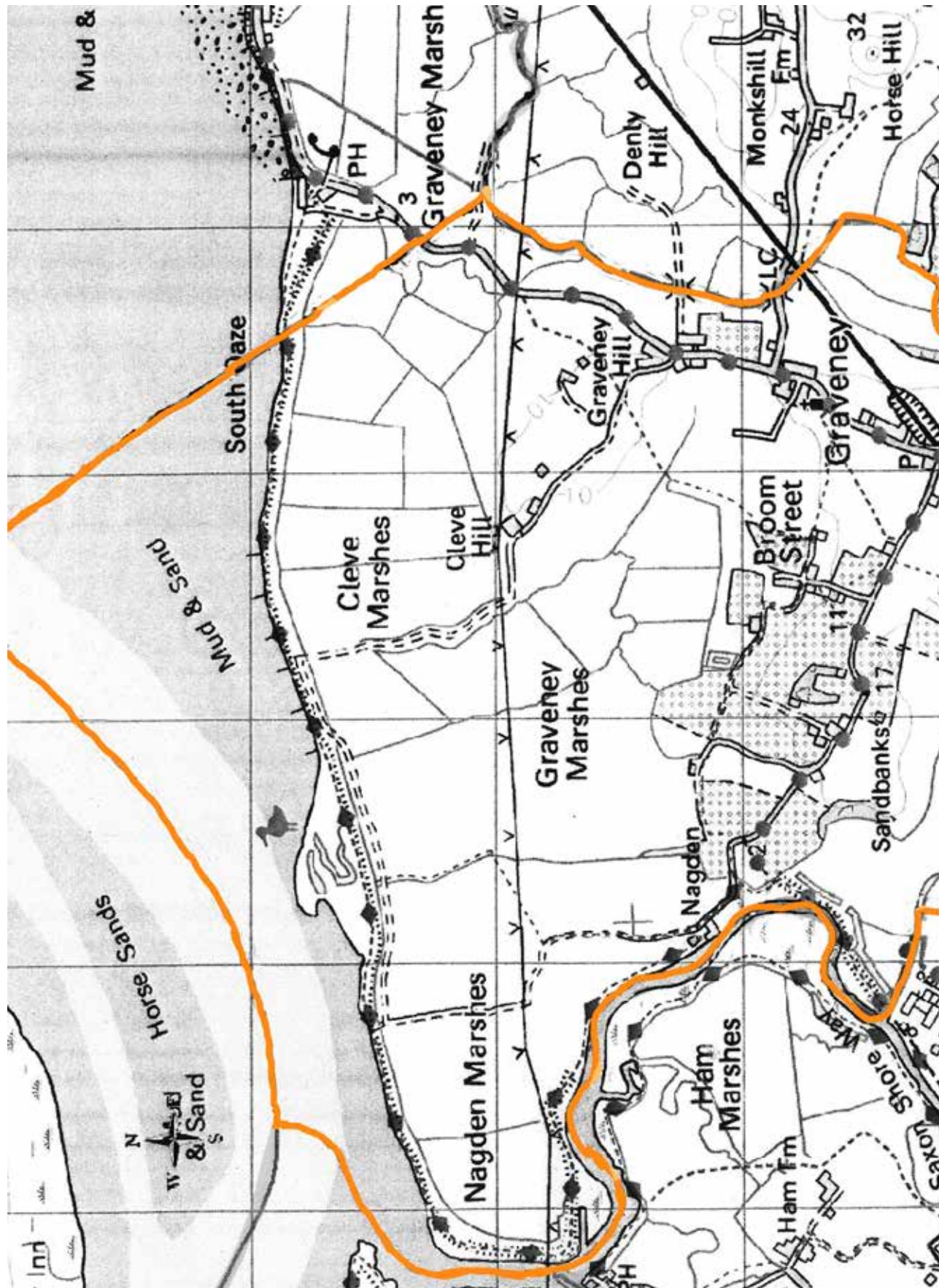
Graham Reynolds ”

One person indicated each of the following:

- ◆ Drive Careful signs
- ◆ Bus stop area
- ◆ Ban heavy vehicles except buses
- ◆ Purchase pub car park
- ◆ Landscape entrances - gates, flowers
- ◆ Road & drainage maintenance
- ◆ Commercial Properties for sale
- ◆ Provide Waste Bins
- ◆ Develop area behind railway next to school
- ◆ Link Village Hall to Church & School
- ◆ Sandbanks Lane - derelict area on left
- ◆ New village hall beside pub
- ◆ Increase size of Village Hall using green
- ◆ Clean verges opposite London Array entrance
- ◆ Bury some of the electrical cables
- ◆ Stop Parking on Odin’s Path
- ◆ Murton Place grass & bushes overgrown
- ◆ Fruit left to rot collected for elderly & low income
- ◆ Cut down noise pollution from bird scarers
- ◆ More pavements
- ◆ Remove vans / trucks
- ◆ Christmas decorations
- ◆ Landscape front of Culmers Terrace
- ◆ Pedestrian access to Village Hall
- ◆ Create car park for pub
- ◆ Sandbanks Lane & Broom Street flooding
- ◆ Proper road sweeping and drain clearance
- ◆ Regular farmers market
- ◆ Bridge area needs cleaned up
- ◆ Odin’s path used by cyclists
- ◆ Flooding of Church Lane & fields - toxins?
- ◆ Maintain footpaths & cycle paths
- ◆ Maintain woodland & coppiced areas
- ◆ Plant more trees & grass between Goodnestone & Graveney
- ◆ Dogs fouling Village Hall car park
- ◆ Fence Village Hall so children cannot go into woods
- ◆ Open a Shop
- ◆ More pavements
- ◆ Plastic covered fields flooding roads, polluting
- ◆ More courteous road use to help verges
- ◆ Lack of amenities
- ◆ Pedestrian access to Village Hall
- ◆ Shop
- ◆ Tarmac edges of roads to prevent holes
- ◆ Stop people letting their dogs bark
- ◆ Stop people having bonfires during the day
- ◆ Clear rubbish from hedgerows
- ◆ Footpath behind Culmers Terrace needs maintenance



PARISH BOUNDARY



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Recycling



153 people answered the questions on recycling. 114 decided no improvements were needed. 39 people thought they could be improved in the following ways:

- 9 Re-instate central recycling here
- 6 Village skip / large bin for non-drivers
- 4 Food waste collection
- 4 Wider variety of recycle bins
- 3 Clothes bank
- 3 Better / clearer / more info
- 3 Communal bin for garden waste
- 3 Newspaper / magazine / cardboard recycling
- 3 Local bottle bank
- 1 Bins for electrical goods
- 1 Free car tyre disposal at Faversham
- 1 Garden clearance / recycling / disposal
- 1 Simplify system
- 1 Bin bags / liners supplied
- 1 More frequent collection
- 1 Have less bins
- 1 Garden waste bins should be free of charge

A Swale Recycling pamphlet has been delivered to all households with clearer and more comprehensive information. New food bins have also been delivered. The recycling of food waste began in April 2014.



Website:
www.swale.gov.uk/bins-recycling

Tel:
 01795 417850

Address:
 Swale Borough Council
 Swale House
 East Street
 Sittingbourne
 Kent ME10 3HT

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood & Home Watch is a voluntary network of schemes where neighbours come together, along with the police and local partners, to build safe and friendly communities.

Survey Results.

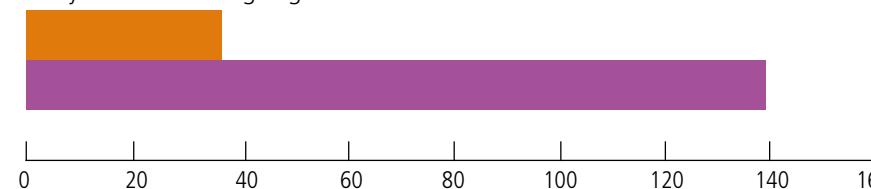
Is Neighbour Watch effective?



Do you know Neighbour Watch contact details?



Are you comfortable going out after dark?



Crime Statistics for Graveney with Goodnestone Parish from www.police.uk/kent/24/crime

- 1 Jan 2013
- 3 Feb 2013
- 10 Mar 2013
- 2 Apr 2013
- 5 May 2013
- 4 Jun 2013
- 9 Jul 2013
- 5 Aug 2013
- 2 Sep 2013
- 4 Oct 2013
- 5 Nov 2013
- 2 Dec 2013
- 2 Jan 2014
- 8 Feb 2014
- 1 Mar 2014
- 1 Apr 2014
- 1 May 2014
- 3 Jun 2014
- 3 Jul 2014
- 3 Aug 2014

Out of 181 responses, 37 indicated they had recently been a victim of crime and 144 had not. 23 people had been a victim only once, 8 people twice and 6 people 3 times in the last five years.

Note: These figures may be distorted because more than one person in the same household may be reporting the same incident figures, thus doubling or tripling the incidents. As all responses were anonymous, there is no way of determining the correct figures.

Useful contact details:

Neighbourhood Police Officer:

PCSO Adam Sparks

Dial **101** for Non-Emergencies and Enquiries

Dial **999** in an Emergency

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Kevin Castle

Tel: 07749 736669

Email: kevincastle@btinternet.com

Chairman of Swale Neighbourhood Watch

Mrs. Margaret Trinder

Tel: 01795 530297

Email: margandtim@gmail.com

www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

Parish Plan



The Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council agreed the following Parish Plan at an Extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd September 2014.

The Parish Newsletter

The Parish Council will continue to support the production and distribution of the Parish newsletter to every household on a regular basis. In addition, contact information will be placed on village notice boards to ensure communication is kept alive within the community, and to try and ensure that all residents are aware of all clubs, local events and organisations that are available to them. A copy will be available on the Parish Council website.

Youth Facilities

The Parish Council will look to facilitate the setting up of youth organisations and events where young people in the village can meet and get to know each other.

Planning and Development

The Parish Council will continue to review all planning matters within the parish, ensuring they are sympathetic with the surroundings and not detrimental to the village environment. Consideration will be made for the possible implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Act at a later date.

Local Amenities

The Parish Council will continue to support local groups, particularly encouraging them to use the village hall. Whilst the village hall is one

of the best community amenities for bringing the parish together, the Parish Council will remain alert to any opportunities for providing a more central community building.

Highways and Transport

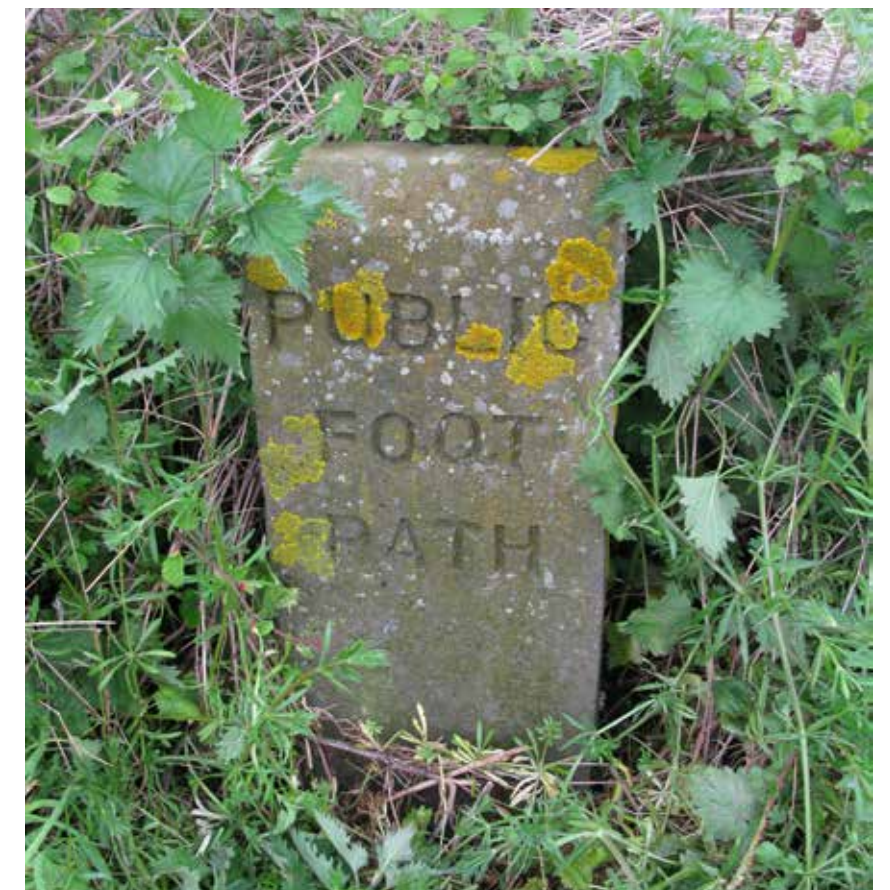
The Parish Council will, within the constraints of Kent County Council and Kent Highways policies, continue to monitor traffic management issues within the parish. The Parish Council will investigate the possibility of creating bridleways, additional footpaths and cycle routes.

Conservation of the Environment and Historic Structures

The Parish Council will, where possible, support suitable schemes to protect footpaths, hedgerows and trees, and to keep the villages and surrounding areas clean and tidy. The Parish Council will continue in its efforts to protect historic buildings and structures of historical interest within the parish for future generations.

Action Groups

The Parish Council will encourage the setting up of independent action groups to concentrate on specific projects and where these fall outside the budgetary constraints of the Parish Council, explore other funding sources including grants which may be available from the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust.



Parish Amenities



Graveney Primary School

Graveney Primary School

Seasalter Road, Graveney, Faversham, Kent ME13 9DU

Tel: 01795 532005 Fax: 01795 530174

Email: office@graveney.kent.sch.uk

Web: www.graveneyprimary.com

Headteacher: Mrs Alison Blackwell

The Pupils

Graveney Primary School continues to be a thriving village school, with 105 pupils on roll and 15 members of staff. The school has seen a few changes in the staff including a new headteacher, however many of the staff have remained in the school for many years. In February 2012 Graveney Primary became an Academy; this decision was made after careful consideration and consultation. Graveney Primary has once again moved on with the times and as a converter Academy has maintained our individuality and avoided becoming part of a larger federation of schools.

The learning environment

Since 2002 Graveney Primary has continued to adapt and develop. In 2002 the extension of the original building was completed to include 4 new classrooms, this created a wonderful environment with spacious classrooms for the pupils. In 2008 a further smaller extension was added to the front of the school, this was originally developed as a small ICT suite (computer room), this room has recently been refurbished providing the school with a learning room for small groups. The use of technology has been extended



105
pupils on roll
15
members of staff

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to all areas of the school and to support learning across the curriculum. Pupils’ at Graveney are able to achieve standards in reading, writing and mathematics in Key Stages 1 and 2 that are above those found in most schools.

The playground has also benefited from improvements during the last 10 years. Parking spaces for staff are now available in the school car park, following the London Array development. This has enabled the school playground to also be improved with a Trim trail, gazebo and a basketball court. The school continues to lease the playing field opposite the school for sport and outside learning opportunities.

The school was once again inspected by Ofsted in September 2013. The results showed that Graveney is a good school with some outstanding elements. This has been achieved by the hard work of all the staff, pupils, parents and governors of the school.

“Pupils consistently demonstrate a delight in learning and very high expectations of themselves. Their behaviour towards each other and around the school is excellent.”

“The school caters for pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development very well. Pupils are encouraged to value all different types of people. Pupils consistently demonstrate care and consideration towards others.”

“Leadership is good because the effective action of the headteacher, other senior leaders and governors has rapidly improved results in writing and mathematics and enhanced the quality of teaching.”

Ofsted September 2013

Note: The school facilities can only be used for the education of the current pupils, this restriction is due to our size and our insurance provision. The car park lease also states that it may only be used for school related purposes.

These are the uses people thought the school facilities could be put to out of hours:

29 Adult courses / computer training	1 Library
21 Increase car park use	1 Charity fun fairs
11 Cubs / guides / youth	1 Leisure pursuits-quiz
11 Gymnasium / yoga / exercise / pilates	1 Coffee mornings
5 Social evenings	1 Painting
3 Discussion groups / clubs	1 Art & craft fairs
3 Toddlers events / play area use	1 Functions
2 Football pitch	1 Staff should use car park
2 Music / dance	1 Community centre facilities
2 Badminton / table tennis	1 Children sports
2 Boot fair	1 Meetings
2 Child care	1 Clubs & societies

Graveney Village Hall



Subsequent to the last appraisal in 2003, the trustees were keen to address the comments made by villagers with regard to the Village Hall. Whilst actually re-locating the hall or increasing its size are not options, we like to think that we have achieved a lot in the past ten years.

The hall has been re-decorated inside. The kitchen has been completely renovated. New toilets with disability needs taken into account have been installed. A new eco-friendly heating system has been installed. Disabled access has been installed. Exterior lighting has been improved. The hall is always left completely clear of equipment thanks to improved storage. The lighting has been updated and improved inside the hall.

The number of trustees has fallen but the stalwarts who are left try to do their best for the villagers and their needs. However, without the generous help of Vinson Farms we would be unable to get the field grass cut. Unfortunately some dog owners still allow their pets to foul the grass, something that is beyond our control.

Hiring's of the hall are still good with the Parish Council, the W.I., dog training classes, sequence dance classes, Wednesday Club, band practice and more recently Pilates being some of our regular renters. Whilst we do hire the hall out for private functions, we have tightened the hiring rules to minimize disturbance to our neighbours.

We do get complaints that not enough clubs for locals are run at the hall. We can only say that we do not and cannot run or organize any clubs ourselves. We do still organize our seaside trip for adults and the free trip to the Panto for the village children. Our seniors' post Christmas party is always a smash hit.

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The trustees fund raise every year by holding Boot Fairs at the Abbey School and monies raised go toward improving the hall and its facilities. Whilst we take our critics seriously, please bear in mind that we few trustees do what we do on a voluntary basis and always appreciate a pat on the back.

Trish Timms

Contact: Penny Foster

Phone: 01795 538732

Clubs and Associations which regularly use the Village Hall
For information on these groups, please contact:

Trish Timms on 07926 351628.

- ◆ Auto Camping Weekends
- ◆ Band Practice
- ◆ Christmas Party for Seniors
- ◆ Dog Training
- ◆ Parish Council Meetings
- ◆ Parish Plan Committee Meetings
- ◆ Sequence Dancing
- ◆ Village Hall Meetings
- ◆ Wedding and Party Hire
- ◆ Wednesday Club – Seniors
- ◆ Wine and Wisdom Evenings
- ◆ Women's Institute Meetings



Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council

For nearly 50 years the Parish Council has served the villages of Graveney and Goodnestone.

Our duties are to represent the parishioners in the maintenance and management of the village and its assets ie: street lights, bus shelters, notice boards and dog bins to name but a few.

We also liaise between the village community and Swale Borough Council or Kent County Council on putting forward our views on planning applications, reporting on the conditions of the roads ie: pot holes, condition of hedges and verges, street lights and any other relevant issues.

We have a close-knit community. This was demonstrated when we fought to keep the pub open.

The Parish Council meets in the village hall the second Monday in the month with the exception of February and August. Meetings last from 7.30pm to 9pm.

We will soon be adding the Parish Council news to the Parish magazine. This will be a great help in keeping the Parishioners fully informed on the work we are carrying out on their behalf.

We have a full complement of Parish Councillors and an excellent Parish Clerk, so you can be assured that if you have any issues that you would like to address, your concern will be dealt with promptly by attending any meeting or by informing a Parish Councillor.

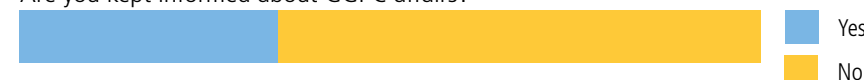
The public is welcome to attend all meetings held by the Parish Council, including AGMs and extra meetings called due to planning applications or any other urgent matters.

All Councillor contacts, meeting times and agendas are posted in the village Notice Boards.

Terry Robinson

Parish Council.

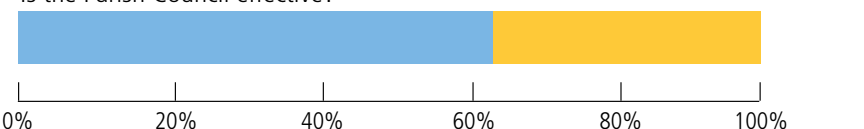
Are you kept informed about GGPC affairs?



Have you ever attended a GGPC meeting?



Is the Parish Council effective?



One person wishes the Parish Council would have the power to arbitrate more effectively in local disputes.

Another would like the verges restored by London Array as originally promised.

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Clerk to the Council: Sarah Muteham
Mobile: 07740 706189
Email: clerkggpc@gmail.com
Website: www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Faversham Without Ward



Catherine Wilkinson
Parish Councillor

Tel: 01795 591731



Terry Robinson
Parish Councillor

Tel: 01227 273178

Graveney Ward



Alan Stewart
Parish Councillor
(Chairman)

Tel: 01795 533205



Andrew Bowles
Parish Councillor
Borough Councillor
County Councillor

Tel: 01227 752840



Lesley Lound
Parish Councillor

Tel: 07933 350999



Tina Sadler
Parish Councillor

Tel: 01795 530906

Goodnestone Ward



Roger Mitchell
Parish Councillor
(Vice-chairman)

Tel: 01795 532372

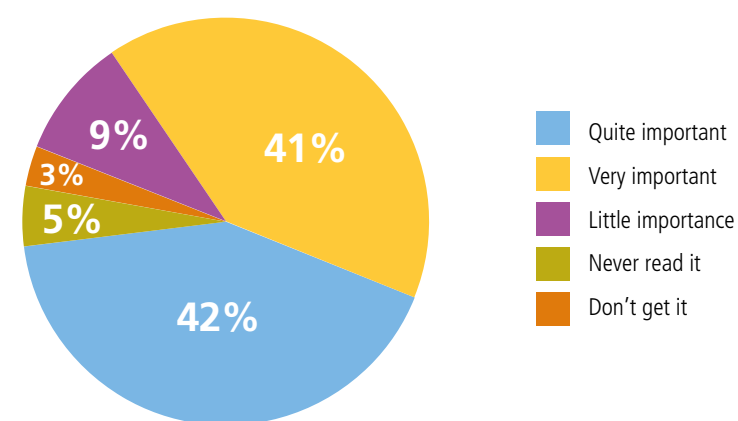
Parish Newsletter

Until 2005 the Goodnestone & Graveney News was edited by Joan Drury. On her retirement, Graham & Clare Boggia took up the reins and for the next five years produced the Parish Magazine. In 2010 there was no one to take over so no magazine was delivered for the remainder of that year. In January 2011 Reverend Gill & Peter Reed took it upon themselves to add the editing of the Graveney & Goodnestone Village Events and its publishing and distribution to their many other tasks.

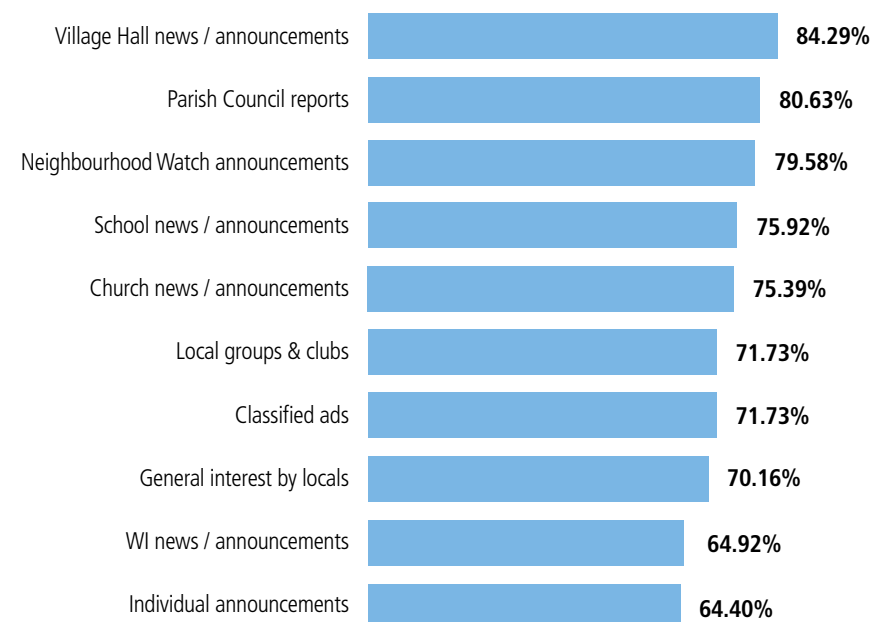
As of May 2014 the editing has been done by Carol Mitchell who will take into account as many of the suggestions of the parishioners as practical.

A large Thank You to all who have edited, created, contributed articles, published and continue to deliver the news around our community.

How people feel about receiving the Parish Newsletter.



The highest percentage of people who thought the Parish Newsletter should include these items.



For any queries or article contributions, contact:
Carol Mitchell

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01795 532372

Email:
editor.ggmagazine@gmail.com

Religious Worship

138
people thought
the provision
for religious
worship in the
village met
their needs.

St Bartholemew's Church, Goodnestone



St Bartholemew's Church, Goodnestone is under the auspices of The Churches Conservation Trust. The church was built around 1100 but declared redundant in 1982. It was extensively repaired in 1997 and is designated as a Grade I listed building.

Web site: www.visitchurches.org.uk
Tel: 0845 3032760

All Saints' Church, Graveney



All Saints' Church, Seasalter Road, Graveney is in the Parish of Goodnestone with Graveney. In 2013 English Heritage classed the building as "Being at Risk".

English Heritage

Designation:
Listed place of worship grade I

Condition:
Poor

Priority category:
D (C)

Owner type:
Religious organisation

List entry number:
1069110

From the answers to the survey, 138 people thought the provision for religious worship in the village met their needs. 6 people found it inadequate. People mentioned the following ways to improve the churches. Christingle services, more locals should attend and support the church, a footpath and more financial support.

41 people wished to be buried in the village and 77 would support a new graveyard or Garden of Remembrance. 106 people did not want village burial, one wanted another type of burial, 2 wished to be cremated and 5 were undecided. 70 people did not want a new graveyard or Garden of Remembrance.

2 people said they visited the church daily, 13 visit once or twice a week, 17 visit once or twice a month, 69 go once or twice a year and 72 never visit.

The Heavenly Twins - Ten years on - Where we are now and where next



One cannot re-write history, yet each decade brings its own unique chapter adding colour and depth to the life of these two wonderful ancient churches, St Bartholomew's in Goodnestone and All Saints' in Graveney. Each generation requires stewards to care for places or buildings that are unique and special, to hold in trust for those who will follow.

When I am in church, I often reflect on the lives of the people in whose footsteps we tread.

The many generations who have prayed, worshipped, read and studied scripture, attended Sunday school, married, baptised their children and bid farewell to their loved ones. I hear fond memories of those who were part of the uniformed groups in the village in the past.

Many remember squashing into the box pews, another unique feature at All Saints'. An experience shared by the pupils from Graveney School whenever they come into church to celebrate their special assemblies.

Contact: Principal Adviser,
Heritage at Risk
Tel: 01483 25200

To visit All Saints' Church, contact:
Church Warden, Peter Reed
Tel: 01795 534059

If you need a member of the
Local Clergy Team or wish to
book a Baptism or Wedding,
contact: The Reverend Gill Reed
Tel: 01795 534059

Email: gill.pete@talktalk.net

Friends of Graveney Church,
contact: Janet Turner
Tel: 01795 534999



Both All Saints' and St Bartholomew's have been valued, enjoyed and been part of the lives of local people for generations. Whenever we hold open days, we offer hospitality to both local people and visitors from farther afield, often abroad. Sometimes they visit because of family links or because of the unique historic interest of the buildings.

We must pay tribute to all who have supported the church, both financially or spiritually since the last report was published. As we continue to tread in the footsteps of those who have made both All Saints' Church and St Bartholomew's what they are today, we would like to share with you a little of what has happened in the last ten years or so.

This era has been a period of mixed blessings. In 2000 the safe was stolen, incurring the loss of irreplaceable records and ancient silverware, later the Bell tower roof collapsed. Yet from these negative incidents, funds were sought from Brett Aggregates, Friends of Graveney Church and English Heritage among others, to repair the tower roof and install electrics.

Our kitchen and toilet facilities were achieved, then later a ramp was installed to make access easier for all. We are still hopeful one day to have a loop system for those with impaired hearing.

While the repairs and improvements were being carried out, those who were present at that time can recount a few colourful tales! The continuing repairs were undertaken as needs arose and funding was achieved. We also enjoy the use of the Car Park thanks to the Boggia Trust. This facility has made such a difference providing safe parking whenever the church is in use.

London Array came to the village and members of the church were invited to be part of the Liaison Group. The school, village hall and church have each benefited from their support. One particular History open weekend, the London Array team arranged transport to visit the Land Base Sub-Station for the offshore wind farm.

They also arranged for an archaeologist to visit, who recounted some fascinating history of the local marshes, there was also a display of some artefacts that had been uncovered there.

Other ventures into our history revealed some medieval glass found in Canterbury Cathedral Glass Workshop. These 14th-15th century pieces were cleaned and re-set into a window on the North Aisle in Autumn 2009. This venture was achieved by the generous funding of Friends of Graveney Church.

At present, as many are aware, we are hoping to undertake major repair and restoration work revealed as necessary from a recent Quinquennial Report. This has involved seeking funding to cover the ever spiralling costs. Our current situation has not been helped by the recent storms which have caused further damage. If the church is to remain open and continue its place in the unfolding history of this community we have no option but undertake this enormous task.

On a positive note, we continue with Open Days both as fund raising events and during last summer were open at least one day

a week. This is a requirement of those who have received English Heritage funding. We have again applied to them for assistance toward our forthcoming repair and restoration project, along with other funding bodies.

Open days are very much part of our outreach. After one such Friends event the idea for a Parish Flyer was born and subsequently published. In the not too distant future this will be under new editorship and we look forward to how that will evolve.

Apart from regular Sunday worship and some weekdays, the church is used regularly for Art Club, and Music including our singing group. We have enjoyed wonderful concerts provided by many talented people or groups. Equally popular is the Art & Craft Festival, Flower Festivals, Lent Lunches and our Summer Cafe in Church. We share in providing for those less fortunate by raising funds in support of local homeless charities. We also support Canterbury Food Bank. Any charitable giving is alongside funds we raise ourselves for the repair and restoration work.

Pastoral life is very important here. We have the privilege to share the joys of Marriages, Renewal of Vows and Blessings. Also the joy of Baptisms and sharing the journey to Confirmation for many people as we add to the Christian family, year on year. Yet we also have the privilege in sharing in the lives of those bereaved as funerals are conducted. Simple services take place to fulfil the wishes of deceased local people who have asked for their ashes to be interred under the trees in our peaceful churchyard. Each person is remembered both in our monthly prayer list and in our annual Service of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Each unique and personal occasion add yet another piece in the tapestry of history unfolding in this wonderful ancient place of prayer. It is truly a joy and a privilege to have been called to minister here and I thank all who have supported me in a great many ways. And so the pages of history unfold to the next chapter

St Bartholomew's Church will remain under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust along with a very special group of people who live in Goodnestone. These volunteers provide regular upkeep without whom the church and its surroundings would soon become unkempt. We thank too all who help with the care of All Saints and its grounds.

We hope the coming months will see our building at least be weather-tight against the elements we experience in this wonderful part of rural Kent.

We look to the future both prayerfully and with excitement. Plans are unfolding to ensure the provision of ministry here in the years to come. This is not the end of our journey, it will continue on with this generation, then those who will follow, each playing their unique part in the wonderful history in this special place.

Gill Reed

Local Priest - Spring 2014



Local Clubs and Organisations



Graveney Art Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday morning each month at All Saints' Church

Contact: Val Kennard

Tel: 07866 984678

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust

The trust was created as a limited company and a charity to receive the benefits from London Array, including the school car park. The car park was leased to KCC for the use by the school, as agreed in the transfer process.

Several months of meetings established the investment strategy and the grant giving processes to satisfy the judicial management of funds in a trust. Since we started taking applications, many small grants have been given. However we have been disappointed by the small volume of applications.

The trustees also expected a wider variety of application from organisations and groups of individuals within the parish. Investment performance has been good, so our overall funds are now greater than we started with. We hope to hear from more of you with a solid, costed project within the parish, or for the benefit of the parishioners. Recently we have had a grant request to support the repairs to All Saints' Church roof, which is our first significant amount.

Roger Mitchell

Contact: Roger Mitchell, Chairman

Tel: 01795 532372

Graveney District Women's Institute

Our local W.I. has recently celebrated its 26th anniversary and throughout this time our group membership has remained fairly static with mostly village inhabitants but also some from outside. Most of these have village connections.

Sadly, three years ago despite good membership, we nearly folded due to lack of people standing as officers. However, today we have a strong, fun group with Sue Wraight as President, Gladys Gurr as Treasurer and Clare Boggia as Secretary.

We have had a wide variety of speakers over the years, some serious, some fun. We have introduced on top of our formal meeting (on the second Wednesday of the month) an extra meeting where members meet to do a wide range of activities including whist drives, cinema outings, walks, curry nights and greyhound racing.

We are grateful to the Village Hall Committee to keeping the hall clean for our monthly meetings but sadly our hall is not large enough for any meetings we host with other W.I. groups.

Whilst we primarily meet to have fun and promote women's education, we do support, where able, other worthy causes such as Faversham Cottage Hospital, M.S. Society and Alzheimer's Society. We have managed to do this through holding events such as Strawberry Teas and donating money instead of giving Christmas cards.

As to our future: we hope to continue for the next 26 years and of course would welcome new members.

Whilst we are part of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, we have a very informal style to our meetings! Of course times have changed since our inception. We now actively use our Facebook page to save memories of our meetings and to communicate.

In future we would like to see a social media page for our village where the various groups (Village Hall, Church, Parish Council, School) can add and promote their activities and fundraising events.

Clare Boggia

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall

Contact: Sue Wraight

Tel: 01227 751361

Tree Warden

The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative to enable people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods. The scheme was founded and is co-ordinated by The Tree Council.

Tree Wardens are volunteers, appointed by parish councils or other community organisations, who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and encourage local practical projects related to the trees and woods.



Trees within Conservation areas are afforded special protection. Anyone wishing to undertake works to a tree within these areas must give six weeks written notice to the Swale Borough Council of their intention. This enables the Council to inspect the site and to consider whether a TPO would be desirable.

Works to any tree, be it protected or not, should not proceed without first confirming their protective status by calling 01795 417442 for further guidance.

Our local Tree Warden is Kevin Castle.

Tel: 07749 736669

Ukulele Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month at All Saints' Church
2-4 PM

Contact: Keith and Janet

Tel: 01795 530854

The Four Horseshoes Public House

Unfortunately, at the time of going to press our public house is closed and its future is uncertain.



More About Local Services

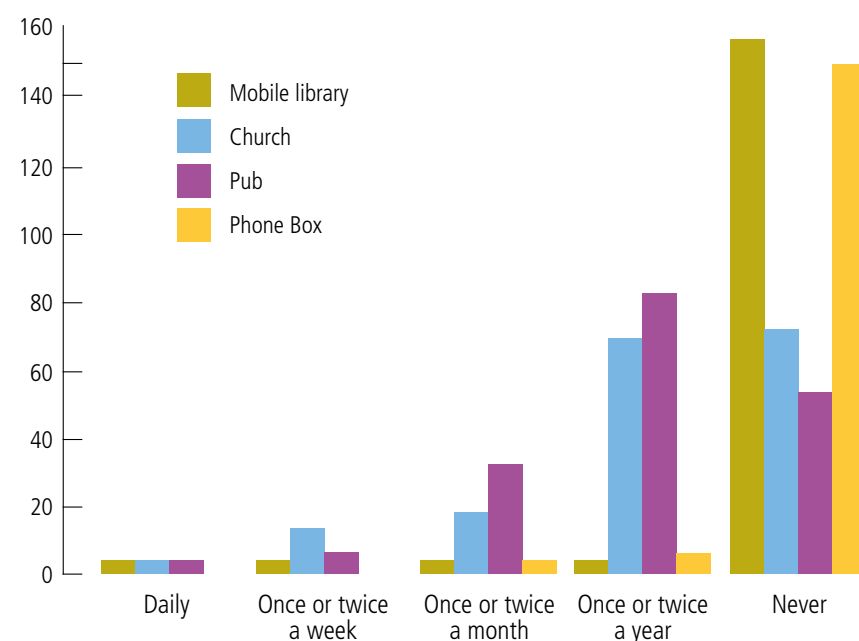


Mobile Library Service Schedule

Four Horseshoes Park
Wednesday 13.15 - 13.30

Near Primary School
Wednesday 13.40 - 14.15

The frequency people use some of the local services.



Other clubs / activities people in the parish would like to see are:

- 8 Keep Fit / Yoga / Tai Chi
- 5 Activities for children
- 5 Village events / socials
- 4 Youth clubs / scouts / guides
- 3 Groups for the elderly
- 3 Art / music / carol singing

80 people said they would support an **Action Group** to further projects for the villages. **47 people** declined and **6 people** might be able to help, mostly depending on time.

- 2 Motorcycle club / cycling group
- 2 Walk for health / ramblers
- 1 Men's group
- 1 Meditation
- 1 Craft
- 1 Education for adults and teenagers
- 1 Allotments / gardening
- 1 Park
- 1 Riding club
- 1 Local Interest club
- 1 Spiritual church
- 1 Conservation group
- 1 Ramblers
- 1 Photography

One person said the club events were at the wrong times. Another mentioned that parents should set up clubs / activities for their children and not leave it to others.

Some skills people in the village possess and would be willing to use for the benefits of others are:

- 8 Gardening and garden design
- 4 Computing
- 2 Builders / handyman
- 2 Accounting
- 2 Painting
- 1 Community help
- 1 Outdoor gym
- 1 Project manager
- 1 Music teacher
- 1 Administration
- 1 Fitness instructor
- 1 Teaching / coaching
- 1 Cooking
- 1 Debt counselling / assistance
- 1 Consumer Protection legislation
- 1 Building
- 1 Access to a tractor for large projects

One person will help with any general help needed.

Bus 660 Time Schedule

Stalisfield Green - Faversham - Graveney - Whitstable - Tankerton

Mondays to Fridays

Stalisfield Green The Plough	0748	0917			1248		1658
Otterden Corner House	0754	0923			1254		1704
Eastling School	↓	↓			↓	1525\$	↓
Eastling Carpenters Arms	0758	0927			1258	1527	1708
Painter's Forstal	0807	0936			1307	1536	1717
Faversham Forbes Road (Rail Stn)	0816	0945			1316	1545	1726
Faversham Court Street	0700	0820	0949	1015	1158	1320	1549
Graveney Turning	0705	0825	0954	1020	1203	1325	1554
Graveney Murton Place	0708	0828	0957	1023	1208	1328	1557
Seasalter Ye Olde Sportsman				1028		1333	
Seasalter Cross				1033		1338	
Whitstable Tollgate				1036		1341	
Whitstable Horsebridge				1041		1346	
Tankerton Circus				1043		1348	
Tankerton Priest & Sow Corner				1045		1350	

Saturdays

Stalisfield Green The Plough	0917				1248	1525	
Otterden Corner House	0923				1254	1531	
Eastling Carpenters Arms	0927				1258	1535	
Painter's Forstal	0936				1307	1544	
Faversham Forbes Road (Rail Stn)	0945				1316	1553	
Faversham Court Street	0820	0949	1015	1158	1320	1557	
Graveney Turning	0825	0954	1020	1203	1325	1603	
Graveney Murton Place	0828	0957	1023	1206	1328	1606	
Seasalter Ye Olde Sportsman				1028		1333	
Seasalter Cross				1033		1338	
Whitstable Tollgate				1036		1341	
Whitstable Horsebridge				1041		1346	
Tankerton Circus				1043		1348	
Tankerton Priest & Sow Corner				1045		1350	

\$ – timing point served on schooldays only

No service on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
Between Christmas and New Year a Saturday service will operate.



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Bus 660 Time Schedule

Tankerton - Whitstable - Graveney - Faversham - Stalisfield Green

Mondays to Fridays

Tankerton Priest & Sow Corner					1120		1420
Tankerton Circus					1122		1422
Whitstable Harbour Street					1125		1425
Whitstable Tollgate					1130		1430
Seasalter Cross					1133		1433
Seasalter Ye Olde Sportsman					1138		1438
Graveney Murton Place	0710	0830	1000	1143	1208	1443	1600
Graveney Turning	0713	0833	1003	1146	1211	1446	1603
Faversham Rail Station	0719	0839	1009	1152	1217	1452	1609
Faversham Court Street	↓	↓	1013	1156	↓	↓	↓
Painter's Forstal	0729	0849			1227	1502	1619
Eastling Carpenters Arms	0738	0858			1236	1511	1628
Eastling School	↓	0900\$			↓	1513\$	↓
Otterden Corner House	0742	0906			1240		1632
Stalisfield Green The Plough	0748	0912			1246		1638

Saturdays

Tankerton Priest & Sow Corner					1120		1420
Tankerton Circus					1122		1422
Whitstable Harbour Street					1125		1425
Whitstable Tollgate					1130		1430
Seasalter Cross					1133		1433
Seasalter Ye Olde Sportsman					1138		1438
Graveney Murton Place	0830	1000	1143	1208	1443	1610	
Graveney Turning	0833	1003	1146	1211	1446	1613	
Faversham Rail Station	0839	1009	1152	1217	1452	1619	
Faversham Court Street	↓	1012	1156	↓	↓	↓	
Painter's Forstal	0849				1227	1502	
Eastling Carpenters Arms	0858				1236	1511	
Otterden Corner House	0906				1240	1515	
Stalisfield Green The Plough	0912				1246	1521	

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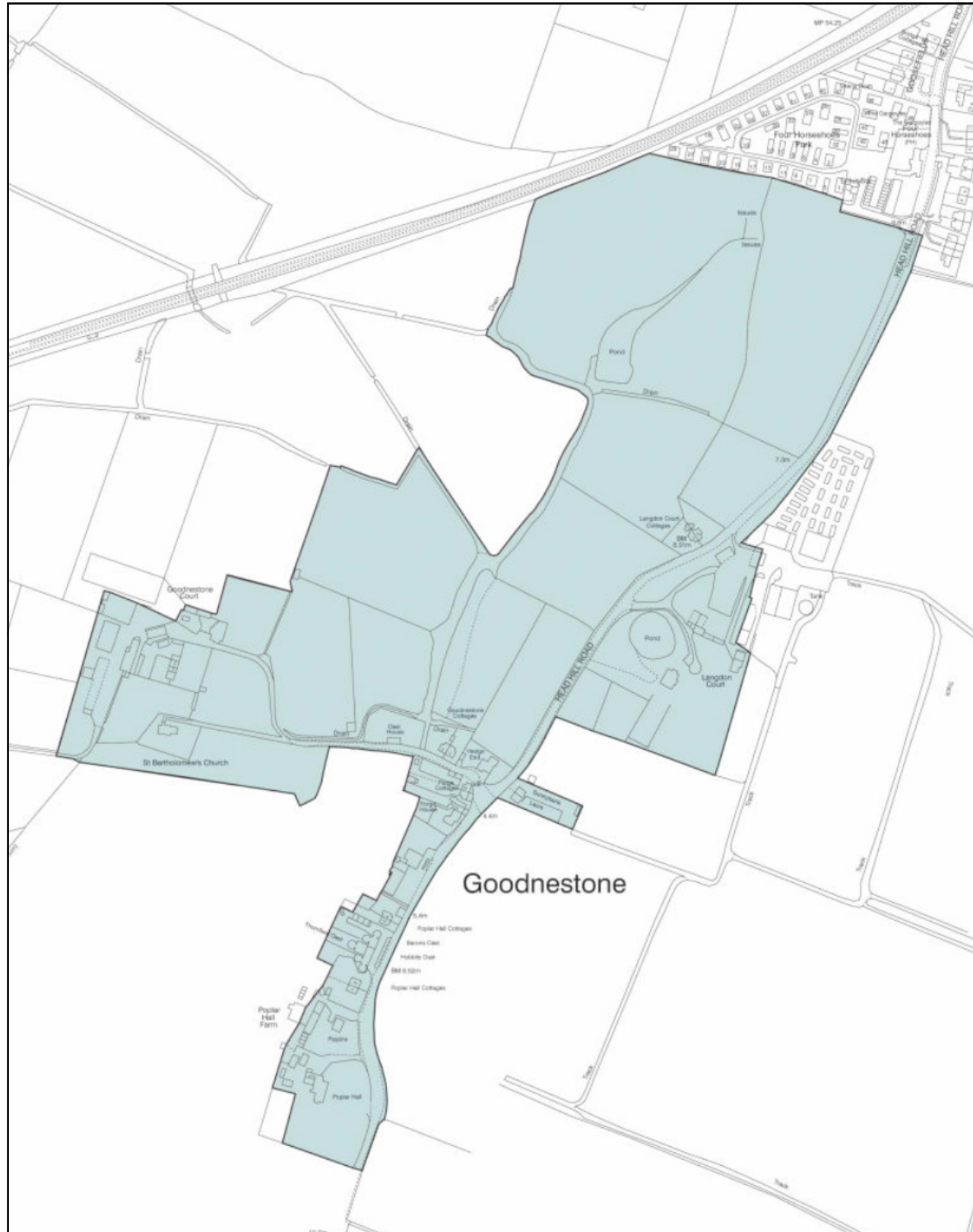
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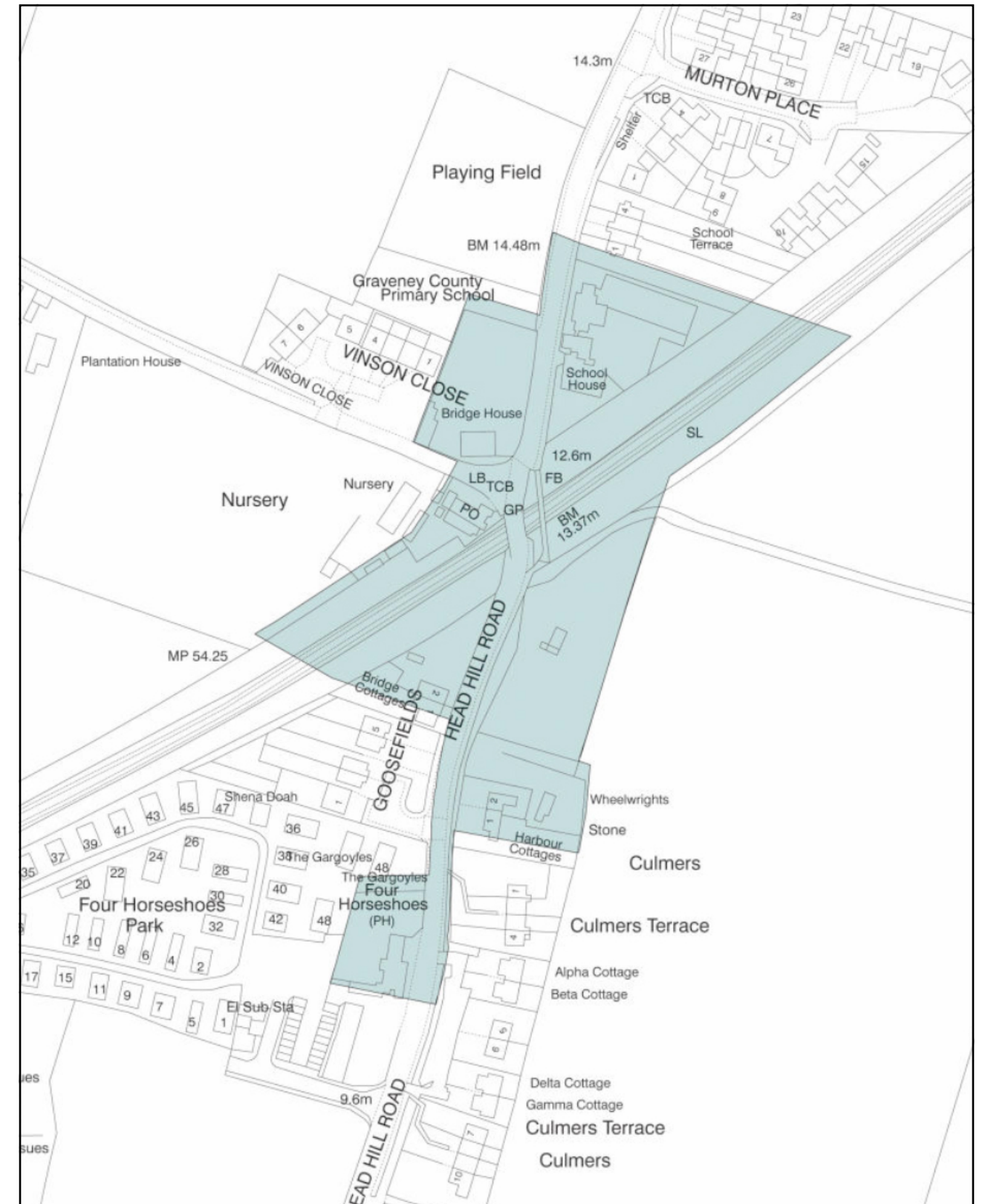
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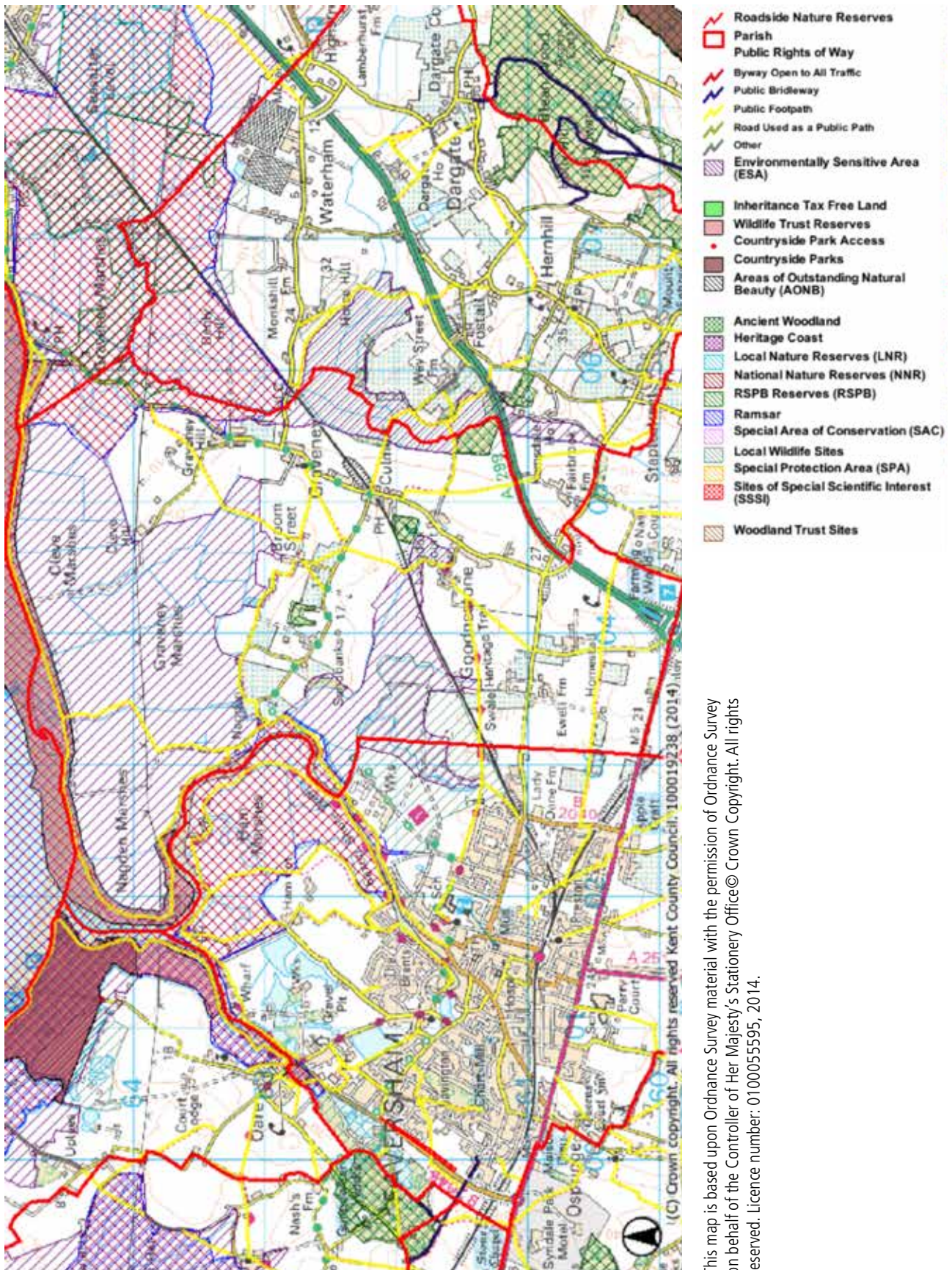
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Graveney Bridge Conservation Area



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