



Dear Members,

A big 'Thank You' to all those who came along to our 'Drop In' at the West Byfleet library on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and to those who have completed and returned our questionnaire in which we were asking for your views of West Byfleet.

As you will see from the attached summary of the results, most people seem happy living in this area. We like the convenient location to London, airports and the open countryside, particularly the Wey Navigation that is so well looked after by the National Trust, one member said that their family call us 'leafy West Byfleet'.

People enjoy the look and feel of West Byfleet and still like to think of it as a village. We like the friendly atmosphere the fact that we have a local health centre, post office, library, banks, dentists, churches and local schools.

We like Waitrose and the independent traders, the selection of restaurants and enjoy the coffee shops that have sprung up over the past few years.

The dislikes were unanimous, Sheer House followed closely behind by traffic problems, parking and road safety. Lack of variety of shops was identified and many of us would like to see a DIY/ garden shop. Many requested a local pub, but many may not appreciate that West Byfleet and Pyrford have an age old covenant which forbids the opening of a pub in the villages. The Catherine of Aragon is classed as a hotel and the Harvester is a restaurant.

We dislike the litter and the pigeon mess around Barclays Bank area and that there is not a great deal for teenagers to do or facilities for the elderly. There is no community centre / village hall. Some feel there are too many coffee bars and restaurants.

So how do we think our village could be improved?

Lots of ideas were suggested. Reduction in local traffic and better road management, reduced speed limits, one way systems. Need for more parking spaces and a better variety of shops with a hardware shop and an ironmongers top of the list. A good village pub and some place for young adults to meet. A community centre / village hall and better facilities for the elderly.

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# WEST BYFLEET NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Furthering the social, economic & environmental well-being of West Byfleet



Extended library opening hours, make better use of the recreation ground,  
Provide benches for people to sit on.  
Improve landscaping and create a clean village centre/ green.  
These are just a few of your ideas.

Using this information as a start the WBNF is now working with the West Byfleet Business Association to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for the centre of the village and we will in due course be setting up working groups to look at Neighbourhood Plans for the Built environment [your homes], Community and the Green Environment.

All this work takes a great deal of time and the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum is completely dependent on voluntary help. It is non-political and has been set up solely for the benefit of the West Byfleet Community.

Do encourage more people to join the Forum, which is free to join.

Once again we thank those who responded to our questionnaire and attended the Drop In.

For those who have kindly offered help, Thank You. We will in due course be contacting you.

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