

Parkend - A Vision for the Future

Qn no	SECTION A	No of Question responses	No of section responses	% of responses
1	Where do you live? (Please select ONE answer)	75		
	Parkend		51	68%
	Other (please give first 5 characters of postcode)*		24	32%
	*Most other locations were surrounding villages/towns			

2	Which age groups live at your home? (Please select ALL that apply) 112 selected answers	75 responses		
	Under 11		9	8.04%
	11-18		12	10.71%
	19-25		7	6.25%
	26 -50		26	23.21%
	51-66		38	33.93%
	Over 66		20	17.86%

A3. What do you like about Parkend?

The appearance, the sense of community, two good pubs that served food (prior to covid)

Rural, friendly, has a history

Picturesque, quiet location

Lovely place to live

Friendly community spirit, family history, heritage, history

Friendly, lovely location, quiet, small

Community sprit

Location, people and atmosphere - way of life

The community

It retains the basics of a traditional village community, it is a defined community by its setting and by the 'old families' that inhabit it.

Setting in forest, not overdeveloped

Village shop, Steam Railway, Pubs, Woodland Walks, Bike Shop, Memorial Hall

Strong friendly community. Village events (Carnival, music, touring theatre, craft groups etc.) Village has retained its sense of 'Forest'. New buildings have largely been sympathetic to their setting (not sprawling / suburban / exec homes). Free roaming sheep & boar. Fantastic wildlife. .

Being in the middle of the forest, and friendly neighbours.

Attractive village in the heart of the forest. Many interesting and appealing buildings. Good cycling and walking trails nearby.

Lovely atmosphere, great pubs, fantastic school

Natural environment, peace

It's central location within the forest. Easy access to the forest with a multitude of walks. Great place to raise a family.

Heart of the forest and village around the cricket square.

The friendliness. I like the village sports green in the centre, the beautiful church, post office and general stores, welcoming pubs, both serving very good food. Whitemead is also an asset and we don't even know it it's there. It's very well run and beautifully kept. I like the proximity to the woods and woodland walks and the steam railway.

Quiet village in beautiful natural forest surroundings

Attractive quiet village with nice dense woodland surrounding the area.

Being in a community, being so close to the Forest & having access to post office.

Church. We attend Parkend Baptist as part of Forest new life Church (FNLC) we love the green and Cricket area, the fountain pub and the Woodman pub. My wife loves Whitemead for swimming.

I was born and bred in Parkend. Sadly although I still enjoy the village it is not the village I enjoyed in my early years, then everyone in the village knew one another and helped each other, a great community. Now most of that seems to have gone, add to that the Fact that the BOAR have really made a mess of what once was a beautiful village.

Nothing much

Rural location access to forests
Steam train, Forest walks, Shop, Pubs, Whitemead
Village outlook and access to the Forest of Dean
Love it, great views, lovely community
The setting of the village amid the forest but in a bright sunny clearing. Very friendly and welcoming to newcomers. Well kept. Amenities (2 pubs and a Post Office + shop), Cycle paths and footpaths. Wildlife
Born in Parkend. Still living in Parkend
A quiet village with a good community spirit
That it is a true village in a village setting
Its location and remoteness
Forest, Cricket. Small, Community Spirit
Quiet, pleasant village
Lovely community spirit, 2 lovely pubs, cricket/sports field, train station
Not a lot at the time
Holiday atmosphere with the Steam Train, Cycle Centre and Field Centre when children visit. 2 good pubs and a cricket ground. Active Scout Movement.
Rural location
Some of the people and living near the forest
It is peaceful, the wildlife is amazing. It's a historical village.
Village green, friendly people, Parkend Baptist Chapel, pleasant walks in and beyond the village, cricket
It is a tidy village and has an excellent community spirit with lots of activities
Whitemead, Parkend Church
It's village feel
Village pub feel
The community spirit, how most people know each other. The great pubs and local access to everything.

Community spirit. Availability of services - pub, shop, etc. Friends live here. Nice and central.
The playing field, pubs, shop, cycling facilities, nature, train station/steam train
The sense of community. The wildlife. The quaintness. The trains, I would love them to extend their track. Everything really.
Access to the cycle trails, access to forest walks, sense of community, pubs, cafe and post office.
The pubs, the village community feel, friendly people, great little shop, history, great school
Beauty and location
The location itself
The peacefulness, quiet unassuming, beauty
It is nice and peaceful.
Quiet
Village community
It's such a beautiful little Village I lived there from age 21/2 until I got married in 2003
Nice, welcoming village. Shop, post office, pubs, sports field, steam trains...has everything you need
Community spirit.
Choice of 2 very different pubs.
Cricket club at the centre of the village.
Music groups especially Flute Choir.
The station.
Central location in the Forest.
Pretty, picturesque village
The tranquillity of the village and being surrounded by woodland to walk and exercise in.
Friendly village with good neighbours
A friendly village with good amenities
Small friendly village
It's attractive, great to stroll round, small shop, places to eat and drink.
Rural area surrounded by forest.

► 4. How do you rate Parkend? (Please select ONE on each row) Total Responses: 822 [Toggle Charts](#)

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Friendliness	23	25	16	5	4	2
Promoting heritage	7	19	22	17	3	6
Public transport	0	3	11	22	21	18
Social events	3	15	15	24	6	11
Sporting opportunities	4	13	21	16	4	16

A5. What could be improved? (Please give location if it is in a particular area)

Amenities

Somewhere for children to go and somewhere for exercise/learning classes

Amenities - would be good to have a few options available to save going to Lydney/Coleford

More public transport - cannot get to Coleford

Feels like we are becoming a free car park - not sure what the answer is - perhaps some 'dragon's teeth' to limit areas of verge that can be parked on? If the proposed Lydney - Parkend cycle way happens could this incorporate dedicated parking?

A cycle trail from Parkend to Lydney would be a huge asset.

Playground for children

More play facilities for young children

Groups or variety of workshops, music, play, sport etc

Getting onto the cycle trail from cycle centre or this end of the village. Lack of safe footpaths with the amount and speed of traffic coming through

More activities for babies, children and teenagers.

Information about clubs, classes and events could be posted on board opposite the Fountain or in a monthly/quarterly newsletter. This might however happen in normal times.

A children's playground in or near the sportsfield

The village needs a playground and a picnic area that residents and visitors can use. It would encourage families to meet and support each other.

Facilities for young people

More use of the cricket field for all ages.

A little youth club, a community cafe, a place to read, meet people, mix the generations etc

Somewhere for the younger members of our community can go. A park, a hangout, youth club.

Some community classes/groups i.e. fitness, etc would be a good way for people to meet and new residents to integrate.

Parks

Play park for younger children.

SURVEY COMMENTS

Buildings

The memorial hall area does need to be sorted out

Shewards Shop

The appearance, condition and use of the Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall looks dingy, neglected and uninviting, and adds to the run-down look of that part of the road. The derelict house is an even worse eyesore. I'm not aware of the possible solutions already put forward but would it be possible to turn the memorial hall into a community/arts/education/library/meeting place and perhaps demolish the derelict house to create a community garden with allotments for local residents?

The village hall used to be the bastion of social life in the community, but is less widely used. Partly due to a decline in the quality of the facilities (or an increased expectations on the standard of public facilities) and partly due to a general apathy.

Unightly buildings (Shewards Shop, Old PO)

The old shop next to the hall would make a superb community centre.

Derelict area next to memorial hall & better shop in post office

As mentioned above some money put into restoration of buildings and more for attract younger people to stay around and not go to bigger towns.

Landscaping and Appearance of Village

Verges, hedges and trees cut back. Some seating in the old square area bordering the stream

General appearance. Trees cut in "The Square"; pavements cleared so there is space to walk, mess from the boar routinely cleared.

The (beech?) tree area adjacent to the cricket ground could be made more attractive and accessible. The wire fence around the pitch could be replaced with a more attractive boundary.

Litter picking, grass mowing

No particular area just generally

Cleaning up the pavements. We have lots of elderly residents and children, pavements need to be cleaned if mud from the verges. Road junction at Folly Road needs to be cut back too

The Telephone Box needs to be loved as weeds growing in it.

The fence around the field isn't particularly welcoming - it just looks unsightly.

An outdoor fitness area could be built for teenagers. Like the one in Lydney park. A play area for the younger children to play on.

Traffic

Traffic speed going through village on all through roads

Speed camera or speed through village lowered to 20 mph to slow traffic down approaching the cross roads from either direction.

Reduce speeding down the street past the Woodman

The roads through the village have become very busy.

Traffic - drives too fast through village, often visitors speeding through especially as go past DF Cycles. Can we have a 20 is plenty?

Speed cameras! Especially down New Fancy Road.

Restrict speed of traffic through the village

The bus route is ridiculous, the majority of people living in Parkend are elderly and can drive but there is no consideration for my age group so a reliable, frequent bus route is needed.

Traffic calming down Folly Road/ Fancy Road

Traffic calming and parking

The main area for improvement here is reducing speed of traffic on New Road, which is shocking.

Address the speeding issue.

The speed of traffic through the village needs to be slowed before someone gets hurt, especially Fancy Hill/Road.

Very dangerous.

New Road is such a fast road now, so many cars and lorries speeding.

Events

Remembrance Day. Other villages make a lot more effort to decorate their village with poppies etc but little is done in Parkend. It's very nice that a service happens but is always disappointingly quiet and I think this is largely due to the odd time of day it's held and the fact that very little advertisement is done. Most of the village does not seem to know it's even held. It would be nice if the school, scouts and military cadets were asked to help.

I wish there were more village activities- maybe a Christmas carnival or Christmas lights? I feel Parkend Players need to be revived.

More community days, there and the train station, sports days on the cricket ground. If there is something to celebrate do it as a community ie ve day if we are doing it there is no communication

Anything that promotes a sense of community - there has been talk about a cinema night in the hall, for example (when Covid is over). More plays too.

More for people to do, to get together as a community.

Village open-gardens day.

Other issues

The village could be vastly improved if we could get rid of the boar, they make our village look like a tip. They were not around in my early years when this was a pretty looking village.

Opportunities for younger people

More respect for old born and bred Parkend villagers!

Cars parked everywhere at weekends (BIKERS)

Need for Doctors surgery

I'd also see more done to celebrate the village's history - information boards, or a village heritage walk, heritage 'open-doors' doors event, for example.

Affordable housing for single people and small families. Affordable housing for rent, for single people and small families.

Parking in the village

Get people responsible to tidy their field in front of Mount Pleasant house - stop dumping cars in it & cut hedges

Parking for visitors as they are wrecking the verges.

Mobile phone booster to improve signal

Parking - especially the influx of cyclist who park and disappear for the day therefore not supporting local businesses and also often leaving their rubbish behind.

Better signage around the village

Path between Yorkley and Parkend

Communication, open up Whitemead facilities at a community rate to encourage healthy activities.

Public transport

Public transport between Lydney and Parkend

Bus routes and public transport needs to be improved massively!

► 6. Have you used any of these buildings in Parkend and what for? (Please select ALL that apply) Total Responses: 512

	Music group	Worship	Meeting	Public event	Private event	Other
Parkend Memorial Hall	16	8	32	42	22	9
Parkend Club	3	0	7	17	31	4
Dean Garden Room	0	0	4	22	10	3
St Paul's Church	7	30	0	11	14	9
Baptist Chapel	2	17	13	11	6	6
Pubs / Hotel	4	2	19	27	29	22
Pavilion	0	1	3	19	2	6
Beavers Lodge	0	0	6	5	3	8

7. Do you attend classes or meetings in other towns/villages that we could try to organise in Parkend? (select ALL that apply)

 = Highest response Total – 120 selections	Yorkley	Bream	Lydney	Whitecroft	Other
Exercise e.g. yoga, dance, Pilates	11	3	16	4	5
Music e.g. choir, band	2	1	3	1	8
Health support groups e.g. exercise for health, slimming	2	1	5	5	4
Crafts e.g. sewing, knitting, woodwork, cooking	3	2	5	1	5
Social/admin groups e.g. memory cafe, WI, Rotary, local government , senior lunches	1	1	5	1	7
Young people e.g. childcare, playgroups, junior sports	4	3	6	0	5

Other (Please give details)

Orchestra rehearsals in a school in Newnham. If the hall was developed into a bigger space, the orchestra may be persuaded to change their rehearsal location.

The memorial hall is such a great space and could be used so much more

We enjoy the pubs for food, music, and taking friends & family

Social events at Bream Community Centre Courses on how to help patients with dementia. Visiting elderly folk for Age Concern (befriending scheme) in various villages

	SECTION B - SHEWARDS SHOP SITE	No of Question responses	No of section responses	% of responses
1	What would you like the site/building to be used for? (Please tick ONE box)	75		
	Multi-purpose community centre		61	81.33%
	Demolished and cleared		14	18.67%
	Left as it is		0	0%

2	Do you support this project to take ownership of the site? Please select ONE answer)	75		
	Yes		67	89.33%
	No		8	10.67%

3	Are you willing to get involved in some way? (Please select ONE answer)	71		
	Yes		34	47.89%
	No		37	52.11%

▶ 4. Suggestions for the building from our Open Days – are they important to you? (Please select ONE on EACH line)						Total Responses: 693	Toggle Charts
	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not at all important	No opinion		
Adaptable room space	25	36	4	0	5		
Disabled facilities - toilet, level access e.g. lift to 1st floor, no step entry	33	26	3	1	7		
Efficient lighting	29	30	4	1	5		
Electric car charging points	6	8	24	21	10		
Good acoustics	15	29	13	2	10		
Kitchen bar area	31	26	5	1	7		
Meeting / study space	22	31	7	1	8		
Storage for user groups	13	32	13	3	8		
Stage area	13	29	12	7	8		
Sustainable building e.g. solar panels, efficient heating	31	30	4	0	4		

Other suggestions

Small playground for younger children

Good WiFi

Social space should be available to many groups

It would be lovely to have another cafe, or something like a fruit and veg store, bakery, second hand book shop... especially as it is an area which attracts tourists all year round, aside from local residents

There seems little point developing any sort of usage for the shop that is already met, or might even compete with, what is already provided by the hall. I don't know how you plan to fund the project in the long-term, but splitting the downstairs into rented units for locals and having a community space upstairs might be an option to bring in money.

B5 – General comments

Q1 Ideally used as a multi-use community centre but demolished/cleared as a minimum.

New to the area, but see potential here for locals and tourists.

Creating a Community Centre/facilities would be a great asset towards getting the community more active and allow for socialising - something many have missed out on because of lockdown. Important that the class/activity schedule and environment created appeals to all age ranges.

disabled parking only at front of hall.

the old post office next door is also an eyesore. the frontage of all three buildings is awful not a good impression of the village.

The community need to come together to push this project forward and the end result needs to reflect the needs of the community not simply tick boxes that are perceived by a small group on who the burden of this project falls. It is always better to respond to a need rather than to provide a 'flexible' space that one hopes will find a need.

This project fails if people are not involved big time, doing things not available in the hall next door. Quite a big ask, I fear, in this small population.

I don't live in the village and I don't have a sense of what 'infrastructure' is missing from the village i.e. what activities etc cannot go ahead because there is no suitable building. I am not sure that q 1. gives the full options - could it be developed into a commercial / retail space which could be let out to generate income to support the Memorial Hall for example? Could it be developed into 'affordable housing' for local people?

ParkThatBike, 14 The Barracks, Parkend, peter@parkthatbike.com 01594 564 344

Having this space with a noticeboard displaying activities would be incredible. Obviously we would expect to pay or contribute to their running.

If Shewards shop gets rebuilt I would like it the same on the front or at least similar so that it matches the looks of the town hall.

Parkend is a lovely little village and I know there have been great community events in the past and look forward to hopefully being involved in the community albeit part of FNLC going forward

As I understand it the FODDC put a conservation order on the building. Financially, this is not in my opinion for the village. The Village Hall seems to lack the finance to bring it up to a suitable standard and as for a multi-purpose community centre, then use the village hall which is hardly used anyway. LETS BE REALISTIC Lets improve and justify the use of the village hall, the village could never afford to purchase and maintain Mrs Shewards Shop

If it can't be turned into a community hall demolish it - it can't be left as the eyesore it is

The building needs to be as cost free as possible to the village and should be a beacon of what sustainability can do for older properties

How fantastic would it be to see Sheward's shop restored, but given we already have the Memorial Hall, the Dean Field Studies Centre, the Working Man's club, the Garden Room, plus other facilities, does Parkend really need another public facility? All of those thinking positively should be applauded (thanks so much!), and it is brilliant that the community has come together to work towards this, but how can we possibly convert this into a positive outcome?

We have heritage in our hall - we do not need new or extra buildings. We need people to use what we have!

Better used as a carpark and do the Memorial Hall up

Terrible eyesore. Posters everywhere. All monies raised to be put to repair Memorial Hall

Money raised, spent on our present Memorial Hall to update it to Yorkley Community Centre standards

Would prefer demolition of old shop and development improvement of existing hall in a sympathetic manner with adjoining car park.

The hall is a mess and needs knocking down and a new place built but as Parkend is becoming a holiday village the availability of people to be part of a community is decreasing.

I disagree with the idea of using the building for "creating new community facilities" I have always thought the building should be used/converted into flats for rent by single people.

The improvement in these two buildings will put Parkend on the map. But I realize you will need a committed team. Fund raising will be essential.

I was concerned to hear that a completely new building is being considered. I realise the fascia may be beyond saving, but it could be rebuilt, as is, using the same lintels and new stone if necessary.

Parkend needs to be open to new ideas and embrace new comers to the village

Parkend Band would be willing to do concert to raise money my sister did arrange a couple of physic nights to raise money towards the project which I'm sure we would've Happy to do again when we can and possible other event again when we are allowed. ie pudding nights. Possibly do an event with a ploughman's and quiz night. Or fish and chop supper and quiz night. Just a few suggestions.

We hope you get support to move forward. If we weren't moving away, we would definitely have volunteered to be on the committees. Carmarthen is a bit far wavy to be useful!

This is a great opportunity to get modern facilities that are found in neighbouring villages and an opportunity for the village to come together to support this project.

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