

## OUR CONSULTATIONS - SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Flyer comments relating to living here, the community and services: 983  
Adult Questionnaire - question number: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25, and further comments: 11  
Youth Questionnaire - question number: 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 18, 21

A Community Services Working Group has overseen the task of analysing information about community issues from the Flyer, creating community-based questions for the Adult Questionnaire, and helping to summarize the results into Action Plans. In their work they have also liaised with other key professionals such as officers from the Isle of Wight Council and the Police. This wealth of data and information has been considered by the group and is summarized below.

A large majority of the responses to the Flyer included very positive comments on the community of Yarmouth and Thorley. There was a clear appreciation and value placed on the strong community spirit and friendliness of the area. People also appreciate and enjoy its history, culture and environment.

Yarmouth and Thorley are very safe places to live. Our community feels safe, but would like to have a greater night-time police presence. Having a Police Station in Yarmouth is important to us.

Our public toilets are an important facility for local people and visitors to our area, we are however concerned about their quality and maintenance.

There are a number of local medical facilities such as the Doctor's surgery, Dental surgery and Pharmacy that are well used and valued. Some people, without a car, have great difficulty getting to the Brookside Health Centre in Freshwater or St Mary's Hospital in Newport.



The Old Railway Station, now Yarmouth Youth Club © PD



The Green, Estuary Slipway & Yarmouth Sailing Club © BCE



Pier Beach and Royal Solent Yacht Club © BCE

### KEY ISSUES

Our community values and wishes to retain our existing community facilities such as Yarmouth CE Aided Primary School, Yarmouth Youth Club, our medical facilities, Post Office, Fire Station, Police Station and public open spaces in the area.

We would like to see a Community Centre in Yarmouth that could be used by all the community including our young people and in Thorley investigations have already begun into providing a small meeting facility in Thorley Church.

Our Recreation Ground and its children's play area need to be improved and we would like to have a similar facility in the Thorley area.

We would like to see the Town Council fund the employment of a part-time community cleaner to help keep the area clean and tidy.

Our community would like to be kept informed by the Town Council through regular articles in the *West Wight Beacon*.

#### Relevant Action Plan numbers

B1, B2, B3, B4.

#### OTHER ISSUES

We would like to try and establish some allotments or help people to take part in the Adopt a Garden Scheme.

We wish to investigate the provision of a community bus service for our elderly residents and press for a more frequent public bus service (including an early service to Newport).

We wish to investigate further the affordable housing need of our community and ways in which this need may be met.

We wish to encourage and support any public initiative for greater sports provision.

#### Relevant Action Plan numbers

C1, C2, D1.



Yarmouth Fire Station © BCE



Yarmouth Primary School © PD



The children's play area Yarmouth Recreation Ground © BCE