

OVING PARISH PLAN

Action Point template

Subject investigated: COMMUNITY COHESION

Survey question numbers: Q2, Q19, Q29, Q38, Q41, Q42, Q43

Description of the perceived need:

Strategies to improve the use of current recreational and social facilities within the parish.

To consider how the welcome to residents from another country might be improved.

To address the matter of whether OPC should be part of the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.

Summary of relevant survey data:

Q2 indicated that Oving Parish comprised 'pleasant people' and a 'friendly village'.

Q38 showed only seven (4.5%) of respondents were from another country but 26% disagreed/strongly disagreed that they were made to feel welcome.

Q42 regarding OPC participating in the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme attracted a very high level of response: 45% agreed/strongly agreed, 29% were neutral, 26% disagreed/strongly disagreed.

Q41 attracted only a 41% response about what helps bring the community together. The most frequently mentioned were Scarecrow Day, Jubilee Hall activities and church events/activities/clubs. Most responses made suggestions rather than referencing existing strategies/events. Suggestions included greater use of the Jubilee Hall and the church as a community facility, and a shop.

Q43 specifically asked for ideas for improving community cohesion. There were only 35 responses, 20.5% of respondents, not enough to make a proper analysis

Description of response proposed:

The church and OPC should be made aware of their good work regarding community cohesion.

OPC should consider further the matter of welcome to people from another country and how this might be improved.

OPC should consider involvement in the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme bearing in mind the response.

OPC should consider the possibility of establishing a 'noticeboard' on the parish website where proposals to further community cohesion through clubs, societies and groups might be posted with the facility for individuals to register an interest.

Feasibility of response:

Community cohesion is clearly viewed as good within the parish yet any suggestions as to how to build on this should still be considered.

The welcome to people from another country and the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme can be addressed by OPC through its normal procedures

The agency which is ultimately responsible:

Oving Parish Council, the local church and WSCC re Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.

Those who will benefit among the community:

The whole community including those from or coming from another country

Time frame and estimated costs if known:

Principal issues can be considered as soon as possible. No current issues of cost

Plans already in process or proposed which may be relevant:

None