

Alresford Town Partnership



GiveUs5 Research for Alresford: Full Report

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Summary

This survey was a follow up study to the *Alresford Healthcheck 2008*, done in order to enlist the help of members of the local community to prioritise the possible actions and projects identified in the healthcheck study. Two hundred and sixty-three responses were received from all the questionnaires sent out. The data is all the more interesting because at least 122 of those respondents were teenagers, whose voice is often not so well heard in local surveys. All respondents were invited to add their own priority in addition to the twenty-five listed on the sheet. The survey results have provided a to-do list that will form part of the required reading of anyone involved in Alresford's development in the next few years. Somewhat to the relief of all concerned, the results confirmed that the work being undertaken in the name of Alresford Town Partnership to build a car park and a new footpath across Perins School does indeed match public priorities. However, the survey has also shown that an even bigger priority to local people is the cleanliness of the town. The provision of more youth facilities and activities has emerged as an unscripted priority among survey respondents, particularly according to many of the younger ones who took part in this survey.

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List of abbreviations

R	respondent to the GiveUs5 survey
R#	the respondent was a member of Perins School Year 11 at the time of the survey
SEEDA	South-East England Development Agency
Year 11s	pupils aged 15-16 years

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1 Introduction

This full report follows a preliminary report given by the Chair, Dr. Nigel Paterson, to a General Meeting of Alresford Town Partnership on 19 January 2009 (see website of Alresford Town Partnership, 2009). This report incorporates and supersedes the findings stated in that preliminary report. The GiveUs5 Survey made it possible to seek public prioritisation of the actions and projects that were identified in the larger research document called the *Alresford Healthcheck 2008* (Alresford Town Partnership, 2008a). This report provides background to the study. It then describes the research methodology used and gives a description of the data collection and analysis.

2 The *Alresford Healthcheck 2008*

The research project called the *Alresford Healthcheck 2008* (Alresford Town Partnership, 2008a) was a required part of the Partnership's successful bid to SEEDA (South-East England Development Agency) for funding for its 'Putting Pedestrians First' project. This was about improving local accessibility by means of a new footpath and car park both located in the grounds of Perins School. The format of the healthcheck research meant that its ideas and suggestions needed some prioritisation by the local community. It was because of this need that the idea of a 'Give us 5' questionnaire was adopted by the healthcheck working party. A summary of the *Alresford Healthcheck 2008* can be accessed online (Alresford Town Partnership, 2008b).

3 Research methodology

The first draft of the Healthcheck report generated about seventy ideas and projects within the categories of 'The Environment and Housing', 'The Local Economy', 'Health, Community and Recreation' and 'Transport and Travel'. This was clearly too long a list of possible projects to present in a local consultation exercise. Therefore, a meeting of interested parties was held to refine down the overall number of possible projects, which could then be presented in a questionnaire. The exercise reduced the number to twenty-five possible priorities, as subsequently put into a questionnaire called 'GiveUs5'. It was agreed that respondents could add a 26th priority, so that the known priorities could be ordered without excluding new ones.

The questionnaires could be filled in on paper or online on the Partnership's website. It was originally envisaged that all the data would be collected and reported on by the end of 2008, involving about 500 returns.

4 Data collection

This section is divided into two main parts, 4.1 and 4.2: the first of these deals with the collated findings, while the second part provides some discussion of the findings.

4.1 The data collected

The GiveUs5 responses were collected in 2007 and 2008. After more than one deadline extension in order to facilitate more returns, there were 263 different responses to the questionnaire. This was well short of the original target of 500. Of the responses received, 141 were from adults and 122 were from Year 11s at Perins School (64 in 2007/08 and 58 in December 2008). Year 11s are the final-year pupils. Responses were recorded without the names of the respondents, who were coded from R1 to R264, where 'R' stands for respondent. Two hundred and sixty-four respondents were coded, not 263, because it was found that one person had responded twice. Sixteen responses were completed online and the rest were done on paper.

4.1.1 The top ten priorities

These are the top ten priorities, as ordered from the responses. In brackets are the number of respondents who selected this priority and their percentage that they represent among all the respondents. The percentages are given here correct to one decimal point.

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| 1 | Improve standards of street and open spaces cleanliness. (97/263, i.e. 36.9%) |
| 2 | Provide more car parking in the central commercial area and implement effective enforcement of parking regulations. (94/263, i.e. 35.7%) |
| 3 | Improve the quality of bus transport around the town. As part of that, establish Alresford as a partner for the Quality Bus Partnership. (81/263, i.e. 30.8%) |
| 4 | Build physical links with Perins School, Arlebury Park and the town to make better use of community facilities. (79/263, i.e. 30%) |
| 5 | Increase the amount of green space available for recreational purposes and a wider range of activities at Arlebury Park. (76/263, i.e. 28.9%) |
| 6 | Promote projects to meet needs identified by the Young People's Working Group. (60/263, i.e. 22.8%) |
| 7 | Reduce traffic speeds at the town gateways. Continue to pursue calming measures that can be established for safe travel. (58/263, i.e. 22.1%) |

- 8 Create cycle tracks to facilitate safe cycling. (55/263, i.e. 20.9%)
- 9 Identify possible 'exception sites' for Alresford people, in order to increase further the provision of affordable housing. (52/263, i.e. 19.8%)
- 10 Identify and monitor brown field sites within the town boundaries suitable for development (50/263, i.e. 19%)

4.1.2 The other priorities (11th to 25th)

These were the other priorities, as ordered from the responses. In brackets are the number of respondents who selected this priority and their percentage among all the respondents.

- 11= Conduct housing assessment study to ensure industrial/domestic balance and appropriate routing of industrial traffic. (48/263, i.e. 18.3%)
- 11= Initiate Sunday Farmers Markets in the summer. (48/263, i.e. 18.3%)
- 13 Obtain commitment from HCC to extend, review and promote the Cango bus system. (46/263, i.e. 17.5%)
- 14 Respond to perceived need for a larger indoor events facility for the community and members of it. (45/263, i.e. 17.1%)
- 15 Implement footpath over railway and pedestrian access across Perins School playing field and to the Station car park. (43/263, i.e. 16.3%)
- 16 Enhance waterside areas and general recreation areas with improved planting. (38/263, i.e. 14.4%)
- 17 Project to investigate feasibility of using paid staff to open Watercress Line Link between Alresford and Alton at peak times. (36/263, i.e. 13.7%)
- 18 Seek finance for a business support package for both start up and existing businesses and local farmers. In the long term, plan for a Small Business Centre and widen training opportunities in the town. Establish stronger links with the North Hants Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (34/263, i.e. 12.9%)
- 19= Conduct infrastructure survey, using the HCC document and Environment Agency information. (30/263, i.e. 11.4%)
- 19= Promote and recognise community volunteering. (30/263, i.e. 11.4%)
- 21 Improve floral planting schemes. (28/263, i.e. 10.6%)
- 22 Encourage Chamber to increase vocational placements and provide training for young people. (25/263, i.e. 9.5%)
- 23 Audit and maintain a list of spaces and facilities available for community use. Identify changes needed to match identified demand. (24/263, i.e. 9.1%)
- 24 Investigate feasibility of CCTV security at 3 yearly intervals. (23/263, i.e. 8.7%)
- 25 Identify sites for allotments and allocate them to those who have

requested them. (22/263, i.e. 8.4%)
26 (see appendix b)

4.1.3 Question no.26 answers to the questionnaire

Much of the wording of these unscripted responses can be seen in appendix b. The most common areas of suggestions were for:

- more youth facilities and/or activities (20 entries)
- work on roads and related matters (12 entries)
- improvements to local transport (10 entries)
- the use of brownfield sites rather than greenfield ones (9 entries)
- a swimming pool (7 entries)
- leaving the town as it is (7 entries)
- establishing a new business area (6 entries)
- improving the skatepark (5 entries)
- more affordable housing (5 entries)
- improving the crossing at Pound Hill junction (5 entries)

4.2 Discussion of the data

It was understandably disappointing that, despite deadline extensions, the target of 500 responses was not achieved, because this removes statistical significance from the findings. Nonetheless, the response of over 250 people in the community must be welcomed as giving a very helpful indication of the community's priorities.

Looking at the top five priorities identified, responses to the main part of the questionnaire indicate that the greatest concern of respondents was and is town cleanliness. Better car parking and effective enforcement of parking regulations came second. The third highest priority was better bus transport around the town. In fourth place, the building of physical links through Perins School was seen to be an important way of making better use of community facilities. In fifth place, respondents wanted to see an increase in the amount of green space available for recreational purposes and a wider range of activities at Arlebury Park.

The Responses given in answer to question no.26 (see appendix b) help to show what many local people think outside the constraints of the questionnaire wording and the healthcheck from which that was derived. The main interests and concerns revealed were: the need for more youth

facilities and/or activities, various ideas about roads and related matters, and the preference for use of brownfield sites rather than greenfield ones. Quite a number of respondents wanted to see Alresford remain unspoilt and left as it is, while a few wanted to see some radical changes that would make Alresford a more interesting place to live in. Those of us who have already studied the responses carefully particularly remarked on the suggestion that Alresford should 'be more like Basingstoke' (R155#).

Hindsight has suggested that more work could have been done on wording the 25 projects in the questionnaire. Some commentators have felt that the wording was not sufficiently clear or memorable, and that some of it was open to interpretation.

5 Conclusions

It can be borne in mind that three notable factors were not in view when the survey was conducted. There was no world financial crisis going on, with its knock-on effects on thinking, planning and finance. The Alresford Greening Campaign was still in an early stage of development, and its impact had not yet been felt. Thirdly, no-one had suggested the possible closure of an existing facility like the public toilets, so the general train of thought of respondents was towards the prospect of new developments rather in considering how to make use of the exercise to champion our existing facilities.

The main value of this survey has been the opportunity to draw up a list of the top priorities for the town (see pages 3 to 4). To this must be added a public wish to see more youth facilities and activities. The survey indicates that the top priority for local people is that the town should be and remain a cleanly place. Even suggestions made by just one person in this survey (see the final part of appendix b) may yet bear fruit in ongoing work and thinking about Alresford. The Town Partnership thanks again all who contributed to the survey. It now invites the organisations and members of the Alresford area community to take careful note of what has been indicated in this report about local people's wishes. It asks all concerned to join with or beyond the Partnership in helping to implement as many as possible of the main actions and projects identified here.

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Appendix A: Wording of the questionnaire

Give us 5 projects

We want to find out what you think are the most important projects for Alresford. We have been gathering ideas from many individuals and groups, and we now have a long list. We want residents of Alresford to tell us which of the projects are important to them and their family. We are inviting everyone who lives, works in or visits Alresford to vote on what they think are the five most important projects for the ATP work programme.

PLEASE TICK NO MORE THAN FIVE BOXES ADDING, IF YOU WISH, ONE MORE PROJECT WHICH IS NOT ON THE LIST.

Environment and Housing

1. Conduct infrastructure survey, using the HCC document and environment agency information
2. Identify site for allotments and allocate them to those who have requested them
3. Identify possible 'exception sites' for Alresford people, in order to increase further the provision of affordable housing.
4. Identify and monitor brown field sites within the town boundaries suitable for development.
5. Improve standards of street and open spaces cleanliness.

Local Economy

6. Provide more car parking in the central commercial area and implement effective enforcement of parking regulations.
7. Encourage Chamber to increase vocational placements and provide training for young people.
8. Improve floral planting schemes.

9. Enhance waterside areas and general recreation areas with improved planting

10. Conduct housing assessment study to ensure industrial/ domestic balance and appropriate routing of industrial traffic.

11. Initiate Sunday Farmers markets in the summer.

12. Seek finance for a business support package for both start up and existing businesses and local farmers. In the long term, plan for a Small Business Centre and widen training opportunities in the town. Establish stronger links with North Hants Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

13. Audit and keep updated a list of spaces and facilities available for community and private use. Identify the changes need to match identified demand.

14. Respond to perceived need for a larger indoor events facility for the community and members of it.

15. Increase the amount of green space available for recreational purposes and a wider range of activities at Arlebury Park.

Health Community & Recreation

16. Investigate feasibility of CCTV security at 3 yearly intervals.

17. Promote and recognise community volunteering.

18. Promote projects to meet needs identified by the Young Peoples Working Group.

19. Build physical links with between Perins School, Arlebury Park and the town to make better use of community facilities.

Transport & Travel

- 20. Obtain commitment from HCC to extend, review and promote the Cango bus system.

- 21. Improve the quality of bus transport around the town. As part of that, establish Alresford as a partner for the Quality Bus Partnership.

- 22. Project to investigate feasibility of using paid staff to open Watercress Line Link between Alresford and Alton at peak times.

- 23. Reduce traffic speeds at the town gateways. Continue to pursue calming measures that can be established for safe travel.

- 24. Implement footpath over railway and pedestrian access across Perins School playing field and to the Station Car Park.

- 25. Create cycle tracks to facilitate safe cycling.

The box below is for you to add another priority if you wish...

Appendix B: Question no.26 responses collated according to shared interest

Not all respondents suggested a 26th priority, while others made more than one point, in which case their words have been separated below according to the topic. Some people gave amplification of their suggestion and, if so, that is quoted below. Exact repetitions between different respondents about the point being made can be inferred from the way that particular data is presented (for example where it says that there were five entries but only three are quoted). Respondents coded with a '#' were Year 11 pupils at Perins School at the time. They have provided valuable suggestions from under 18s in the community. Each detailed amplification is quoted only once below.

The need for more youth facilities and/or activities (R44, 69#, 77#, 78#, 82#, 84#, 89#, 90#, 107#, 116#, 121#, 127#, 131#, 132#, 141, 152, 178, 184, 205, 222#, 240# & 241#) (20 entries)

- Create somewhere for young people to go in the evening other than the streets. (R77#)
- Somewhere for young people to go (R78#)
- Provide more shelter for young people. (R82#)
- Provide place/shelter for kids/teenagers to go in the evening. (R84#)
- Provide shelter for young people – with a roof – 3 walls – off the streets (in a park) where youngsters can hang out. (R89#)
- More places for young people to hang around (R90#)
- Provide shelters for the younger generation. (R107#)
- More places for teenagers to go (R116#)
- More teenager facilities (R121#)
- More places for young people to go (R127#)
- More things for young people to do that isn't a youth club (R131#)
- More places where teenagers can go (R132#)
- more sports facilities for young (R141)
- More activities needed for young people particularly 11-16/17
- Get young people involved in community work (R178)
- Youths of Alresford need somewhere to be entertained during the evenings to stop anti-social behaviour – Arlebury Park? One evening a week. (R184)
- Improving youth facilities would reduce antisocial behaviour. Also, CCTV would improve our environment. (R205)
- Free gym access for Perins students (R222#)
- More places for teenagers – it's so boring! (R240#)
- Get new things for kids and teenagers (R241#).

Roads and related matters (R4, R11, R35, R64, R167, R175, R180, R189, R201, R204, R259# and R263#) (12 entries)

- A campaign for a decrease in bypass noise, i.e. seek HCC commitment to use 'negative texture material' when next resurfacing (R4)

- Widen Sun Lane at school for parking (R11)
- Lobby to improve junction 9 on the M3 at Winnall (R35)
- Parking is high on the agenda – yet Thursday and Sunday markets take this away from us. (R64)
- Limit vehicle access to Broad Street (pedestrianise preferably). (R167)
- A by-pass around the town (R175)
- Roads... should be re-surfaced. (R180)
- Install 'Slow Down' signs on The Avenue and other entrances to the town. (R189)
- Cycle parking facility in town centre (R201)
- Pedestrian crossing by Perins school bus bay entrance and Jacklyns Lane (R263#)
- As well as cycle lanes, provision needs to be made for bike parking in the town. (R204)
- Reduce traffic found in the town. This would increase tourism and help promote the fact Alresford is a lovely market town. (R259#)

Improvements to local transport (12, 41, 59, 93#, 98#, 100#, 108#, 112#, 171 & 238) **(10 entries)**

- Support the NATT minibus (R12)
- Arrange with HCC and Stagecoach for the timetables of the X64 and 67 buses to be fixed so as to give a half-hourly interval service to and from Winchester and promote it as an easy way to avoid parking problems in Winchester. All journeys on the X64 and 67 should go to and from Winchester railway station. (R41)
- To improve access to commercial centre – try to get a small minibus to do a 'taxi' style service – running all day long to pick up from housing areas. These minibuses could run on a set route several times in the morning and afternoon – for say £1 each way. They would have to be short, quick routes – and have a designated 'bus/taxi' space, giving one hour in town before returning. Young people need homes and jobs and easy travel. (R59)
- To lower bus pass costs and maybe student discount for college (R93#)
- A student rate for bus fares/ a reduced bus pass cost (R98#)
- Lower bus fare (R100#)
- Later buses into Four Marks and to Medstead (R108#)
- Lower bus fares/passes (R112#)
- Going to London on the train – too expensive. Bus route direct to Southampton (R147)
- Free dial-a-ride like the bus (R171)
- Cheaper buses to surrounding areas. (R238#)

Use brownfield sites rather than greenfield ones (R13, R57, R68, R126, R153, R162, R182, R183 & R186) **(9 entries)**

- Use brownfield sites for development (R13)
- No greenfield development at all (R57)
- No greenfield development – keep us a 'small market town'. (R68)

- Green areas should be allocated for preservation i.e. no houses should be built on them. (R126)
- Definitely no houses on the beautiful Sun Lane fields (R153)
- Stop growth of town outside boundaries; look to brownfield sites (R162)
- No building on Sun Lane fields (R182)
- No building on Sun Lane fields (R183)
- Keep green space we have got. (R186)

Alresford needs a swimming pool (R6, 14, 39, 44, 135, 145 & 233) **(7 entries)**

- Investigate the possibility of an indoor swimming pool in Alresford. If Perins school moves to the potential Sun Hill site and has the money and room for a swimming pool, perhaps some negotiation with the school could allow local residents the use of the pool out of school hours? (R6)
- Community swimming pool in Alresford possibly a part of Perins/Sun Hill schools move to east of Sun Lane (R39)
- The need for a town swimming pool for children, families, athletes and fitness – channel youth energy! (R44)

Leave our town as it is please (R48, R156 & R176) **(7 entries)**

- No more new housing for 5 years – too much in centre and present boundaries of town should remain (R48)
- Maintain the character of this special town (R53)
- Fight hard not to allow the town to grow in size. If it does, it will lose its unique character. (R65)
- Leave it as it is please. (R156)
- Please don't change it. (R176)
- Stop building so many houses as there will be no countryside left. (R101)
- Not to attract too many more people to Alresford and to minimise building work – as parking has become almost impossible sometimes. (R200)

Establish a new business area (R13, 16, 23, 26, 45, 203) **(6 entries)**

- Build a new business area to encourage around 20 businesses. (R13)
- More facilities for small businesses i.e. industrial unit (R16)
- Investigate moving industry to outskirts of town with good road access, freeing centre for housing with enough parking. (R23)
- Development of an industrial area on the outskirts of the town (R26)
- Move industrial units from The Dean to east of Sun Lane and develop The Dean for future housing requirements. (R45)
- Re-site industrial units out of town to nearby farms and use the sites to build the minimum number of required housing under SEEDA. (R203)

Improve the skatepark (R207#, 222#, 234#, 235# & 236#) **(5 entries)**

- Improve Arlebury Park skatepark. (R207#)
- Improve skatepark. (R222#)

- bigger skate park (R234#, R235#)
- bigger skate park and mini ramp. (R236#)

Affordable housing (R41, R56, R111#, R145 & R257) **(5 entries)**

- On housing we probably need more rented housing in Alresford at the sort of rent level charged by the City Council or at least Housing Associations, and structured in such a way that it does not pass into owner-occupation. (the Right to Buy Council housing has taken a lot of housing out of the affordable rental market.) The cost to the public purse of subsidising Housing Benefit for low wage earners in private rental properties (rent levels around three times the level of City Council or Housing Associations) is horrendous (and not publicised). (R41)
- No more development except affordable housing (R56)
- Lower the rent and tax so people can afford it (R111#)
- Very important that Alresford is not over-developed. People want to live in Alresford because it is nice. Need some affordable housing. (R145)
- Making houses built affordable and appropriate to the community's needs. (R257#)

Improve the crossing at Pound Hill junction (R42, 141, 142, 143, 177) **(5 entries)**

- Traffic lights at Dean crossroads (R141, R142 & R143)
- Mini-roundabout at Dean crossroads. (R177)

Concerns about litter and/or dog fouling (R46, 202, 216# & 262#) **(4 entries)**

- Improve litter clearance. Litter really spoils our lovely town (R46)
- more dog mess bins along river trail (R202)
- cleaner (R216#)
- to make a cleaner and safer place. (R262#)

Parking regulations (R20, R34, R191 & R194) **(4 entries)**

- Parking charges must allow 30 minutes free (R20)
- Implement parking regulations (R34)
- Keep car parking free but enforce regulations (R191)
- NATC to employ a person to remind people of parking regulations. (R194)

Night club (R91#, R92, R95# & R98#) **(4 entries)**

- night clubs. (R92#)

Find other ways to liven up the place (R9#, 79#, 96#, 155# & 254#) **(4 entries)**

- Use the community centre cinema to show films that teenagers want to watch. (R9#)
- Build a fast-food joint and cinema. (R79#)
- Build theme park in place of school. (R96#)

- Be more like Basingstoke. (R155#)
- Hold more activities like festivals or things similar to 5th November. (R254#)

Concerns about gypsies (R82#, 92#, 199) **(3 entries)**

- Don't let the gypsies stay near Appledown Close and don't let them come to school. (R82#)
- Get rid of the gypsies. (R92#)
- Keep a closer watch on anti-social behaviour of all types, including monitoring the travellers' site at Appledown. (R199)

Restrict heavy goods traffic (R34, 179 & 181) **(3 entries)**

- restrict delivery times for large lorries (R34)
- restrict heavy goods traffic (R179)
- restrict heavy goods traffic through Alresford (R181)
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Local businesses need more support than local markets (R53, R55 & R166) **(3 entries)**

- Ensure local shops are not adversely affected by markets (R53)
- that the local markets do not take business away from the shops (R55)
- encouragement of local shops; less emphasis on markets. (R166)

More parking at the eastern end of the town (R42, R159 & R186) **(3 entries)**

- parking on East side of town, beyond East Street, to encourage people to visit (R42)
- more parking in East Street (R159)
- Re-introduce parking on East Street. (R186#)

More public access to Alresford Pond (R42, 153 & 182) **(3 entries)**

Change the Thursday market (R40 & 60) **(2 entries)**

- Improve the Thursday market or scrap it as it takes up too much space for too little benefit. (R40)
- Abolish all the tatty stalls on Thursdays. A real food market would be much better, but as it is, I avoid Alresford on Thursdays. (R60)

Make use of the old railway line to Winchester (R8 & 201) **(2 entries)**

- Re-open railway to Winchester – would take cars off the road, open up mid-Hants to building bonanza – would need to demolish 6 houses, build a bridge over the motorway and dig out cuttings. (R8)
- Requisition as much of the ex-railway line between Alresford and Winchester for use as bridleway/footpath/cycle track to Winchester. (R201)

Other miscellaneous suggestions (R11, 16, 18, 22, 27, 30 two responses, 32, 40, 42, 49, 61, 64, 97#, 122#, 134, 141, 153, 182 & 188) **(1 entry each)**

- Close off rear alleyways around Derwent Avenue Rec. to prevent vandalism. (R11)
- More housing requires more work placements. (R16)
- Re-establish realistic opening hours at the police station and a bobby on the beat. (R18)
- Fight any potential development at Arlebury Park. (R22)
- Look at the possibility of moving Perins School to the other side of Sun Lane opposite the other schools and use the freed up land available for the needed housing and parking facilities in the centre of Alresford. (R27)
- Find a way to stop dog owners leaving dog mess on paths. (R30)
- Put climbing frames in the park suitable for toddlers, like at Abbotts Gardens, Winchester. (R30)
- Make a full town plan. (R32)
- Refurbish and improve the community centre. (R40)
- Project 22 is a nice idea [use of paid staff on Watercress Line], but the railway has a 25 mph speed limit as part of the light Railway Order under which it operates. Changing this could raise complex issues. The Railway could probably only manage an hourly service. Any service would probably need generous subsidy, at least at the start. A better approach might be to try to get the 64/X64 bus service increased to half hourly at commuting times with a 'round the town' element as most people live out of the town centre. (R41)
- priority pavements (R49)
- more discipline from community police, not just chatting! (R61)
- Think of ways to save money – too many groups as it is and at what cost!! Town council increase (in rates) this year is dreadful. (R64)
- Provide free wireless internet all over Alresford for laptops. (R97#)
- Improve financial situation for Alresford Town Football Club. (R122#)
- doctors in the Dean (R134)
- more apprenticeships (R141)
- greater variety of fresh produce and greengrocers shops (R146)
- Pavements should be re-surfaced. (R180)
- Carriage ride from train station; tour of Drove Lane (R187)
- Promote community spirit (especially for young). (R188)
- Request subsidy to reduce commercial rates to encourage small shops into the town and keep it alive. (R203)