

2.3 What improvements could we make to ensure that Martock is a more attractive and interesting place in which to live and to visit?

Shops

Have a waitrose and a greengrocer.

Encourage more attractive shops

Better shopping facilities?

Better choice of shops. Do we need 5 hairdressers.

Need more individual and interesting shops ie Gift shop

Better but unique shops

A possibility of more small shops (not Charity shop) in the precinct

Encourage more individual shops like South petherton.

Try to get a larger range of shops and perhaps get permission to build a food hall on any spare land

More active retail outlets

More Shops

Attract more shops. Find a niche for Martock (Handicrafts, Antiques?)

Nice Deli/coffee shop/farmer's produce shop for all ages to use and meet.

Get empty business premises occupied.

Improve the shopping precinct esp the entrance and environs of Moorlands House.

Fewer 'closed' tatty premises - landlords need to be seen to invest , not over charge & put nothing back . The Pleasant Hamstone Ind unit on the corner of Coat Rd is empty - because its too expensive to rent . I use both tenants who have moved on . . .for better value 'No rent ' appears to be preferential to a reduction of rental income, by landlords /owners- They never learn - greedy uncommunity minded !!

So much has been done since we moved here 9 years ago. Incentive for attractive shops to open as in Somerton or Langport

Make sure that the colour and design of shop fronts and signs are compatible with surrounding buildings

Sort out closed shop in centre

We need more small businesses in the centre, less empty shops and fewer takeaway outlets

Try to avoid empty premises for long periods

Better shopping facilities, more community events to suit all ages.

Enlarge/extend chemist to cope with increasing population.

Shops, cafes, welcoming pubs all of which are hugely lacking

Small Supermarket at the Industrial end of Martock

Do up shop in North Street - an eyesore.

Attract new business

Appearance

More flower baskets ie on shop front and trees

Attractive hanging baskets.

More hanging baskets on shops

More flowerbeds and hanging baskets

More flower tubs and baskets in the summer

I love the flowers in the trough at the Pinnacle. More of the same elsewhere?

Shrubs, trees, plants, flowers in appropriate places including precinct. Use as a screen for unattractive places

Continue to improve the precinct village centre and sort out Great Western Road

Precinct needs more colour, flowers, trees

Shop frontages could be tidied up (ie old Spar shop). Restricted parking - North Street/Church Street/Water Street by Junction Stokes Road

Tidy up the precinct, it needs a good brush and scrub occasionally

A few more doggie doo doo bins. Bulb planting on the odd grass verges.

Keeping the streets tidy

Lots more flowers

Clear weeds from footpaths in Martock and surrounding hamlets

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Many more flowers, ie hanging baskets and 'sponsored flower areas'

More greenery, trees etc when entering Martock from Ash end.

Lots of Christmas lights.

Update to precinct shopping area

A proper museum, flowerbeds, (ie library) instead of shrubs. Bring back Martock Carnival.

A good start made with flower tubs etc. Need to be quicker to chase repairs. New initiatives - Moorlands wall; car park lights. Plant more bulbs; extend lights to North Street

Make precinct more attractive. Trees and plants, although this would cost too much money at the moment

Flower buckets in precinct and other appropriate places

Flower beds at start/end of Martock

A few more flower/shrub beds in suitable places eg The Green, Bower Hinton triangle, Main Pavilion, Wheller's Meadow

Christmas decorations Some flower areas?

Very little I think it is a beautiful village with a vibrant community.

Improve precinct shopping area

Set up a Martock in Bloom initiative and encourage 'kerb appeal' in front gardens etc

What about the new tree we were promised in the precinct?

Tidy up front gardens; cut hedges back off pavements; repair ?? down wall; Sweep frontage

Tidy up some of the ditches and verges on the periphery of the village

Kathy has done an excellent job keeping Martock tidy

Shopkeepers to make effort regarding floral displays. Encourage people to keep gardens tidy. Litter picking not just in North Street. Areas need weeding and tidying up.

Educate the young not to drop litter

Catch and penalise those who leave litter, half eaten food, gum and vomit on public paths.

A general clean up and keep it like that

Some kind of incentive to encourage folk to keep tidy gardens

Get rid of street furniture in the village; all unsightly

Clean up the industrial site area and environs

Shop Fascias should complement the colour of the building.

More Dog Poo Bins!

More action on fly tipping on estates;

Maintain tidiness, litter clearing etc

We need to encourage people not to throw litter down in the street. There are no bins about the village.

Education is key!! Take-away businesses should take some responsibility

Regular trimming of hedges on North Street that block pavements.

General tidy up of shop fronts/buildings.

More dog poo bins and rubbish bins

clean the road signs

Tidy up the trading estate

Floral displays

Move the ugly road signs away from new street lights Plant flowers near new hamstone signs

Eating places

Open the George Inn

Opening of a restaurant open after working hours.

Develop George Inn into an attractive and welcoming pub/restaurant

Cafe open more hours to serve the needs of visitors and residents at week-ends and later in the afternoons.

More attractive : Ensure smoking drinkers at the Bakers Arms have adequate space out of site - around the back . Interesting - well ???

Assist regeneration of George Inn as a village pub

Sort out George Inn and closed shop in centre

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Increase places to eat/drink. Coffee shop/Bistro. Too many pubs; need some restaurants
Would be good to try and introduce a cafe culture in the square.

The George being opened and welcoming to tourists

Ensure the George is an attractive, must visit. Stimulate retail, improve communication.

Explore the possibility of the George becoming a community run public house

Can we do anything Community wise to get the George up and running successfully?

Better/more places to eat and drink in the evening

Website

Better information on line

Reduce vandalism by encouraging more of a police presence and tidy up the precinct and encourage more attractive shops

Community & leisure facilities/activities

Swimming Pool

Leisure Centre?

Improved facilities at Bracey Road Rec. Development of a Sports Centre/Gym

Outdoor bowling green.

A sports hall, small amount of affordable housing for local people.

Better footpath and cycling facilities

More Youth provision - some great kids but not always fully occupied, which then appears to be a problem with 'hanging around'.

Improve leisure facilities, (gym, pool). Develop Community Centre - Cinema, clubs, social events

More things to do especially in the evening

Cycle track

Safe paths/cycle ways to local surrounding villages eg Ash

If visiting especially on a Sunday there is nothing to do!

Stimulate evening and late night social activities for adults.

Sort out the public footpaths;

More gym classes / craft activities

Find ways to provide facilities at the north end of the village.

Possible guided walks in the summer?

Speed up the plan for the mobile cinema

Need Recreation Ground in Bower Hinton - swings etc.

Improve Parish Hall

Market House open longer hours. No use at present if people are out at work.

A toilet on the rec.

Leisure Centre

Improve Bracey Road play area. families at top end of Martock would really benefit

The Library is a vital link particularly for elderly and very young residents and must be supported

Keep our library definitely - fight for it

More community initiatives, eg expanding Farmers' market to the rec. Craft markets on the street, women's groups, detailed walking maps of the area; pet shows on the rec; nature walks with guide

Community events

Introduce a Community cinema as in other villages.

Would like to see the formation of a Martock Arts and Crafts week taking in local craftsmen and shops. Using the historic buildings in the village as well. A collaboration between the History group, local craftsmen and shops.

Community BBQs, rounders matches, picnics.

More market days / stalls?

Neighbourhood watch scheme

Try to manage range of services offered, eg provision of services for the elderly/less mobile

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Have more community events/traditions

More community activities like Victorian Street party. Events like Harvest festival, Bonfire night on the rec etc

None. Any would cost money and we cannot afford it

Signage

Better signing to the Market House Info centre.

See if any road signage could be reduced/combined.

Signage on A303.

Attract tourists with Brown road signs of £)£. Church/Treasurers House etc.

Crime

Reduce vandalism.

Deal with crime effectively

Sort out the anti social behaviour

Youngsters

Getting children involved as Tom Clarke has with glovemaking project

Stop noisy teenagers after pubs close

make people look after there children so people feel able to go out

Police presence to stop youngsters causing trouble

More activities for the youth; maybe lights near the skate park

Planning

No more houses built

No further housing

Consider long term plan for rebuilding the area around the precinct. Promote initiatives to make use of derelict / unused buildings.

Make sure new development is in keeping with older parts of Martock

Ensure empty houses/buildings do not become derelict looking.

I like living here the way it is, although I think that building more houses brings on the problems of needing more of everything else e.g shops, doctors etc and more local traffic is created.

Wheelie bins are a photographers nightmare! We have Grade 1 listed buildings with these stuck outside!

None of these buildings can alter their structural appearance, yet they do by sticking bins outside!

Improve Moorland House or pull it down

Stop all the new build on the through fares which are out of keeping and generally an eye sore. We do not need to be a theme park as some would want.

Lower the density of new housing estates.

Severely limit further growth in size. Don't become the nightmare Yeovil has

Less housing association and more community projects

Turn the chicken shed field into a park area where the older residents can sit and relax (Water Street)

Traffic

Make sure speed limits are obeyed and ban trucks/lorries from the main streets

More double yellow lines

Reduce congestion

Take care of the above (previous question ie traffic)

More car parking facilities off road

Reduce heavy lorries going through Martock and villages. This protects listed buildings from damage.

Less traffic through the village

Where do people park when visiting Martock as car park gets full

Get the lights in the car park up and running soon.

Streets

Extend Victorian Street lights from Church to junction at Crewkerne Road.

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Resurfacing of all pavements and resurfacing of estates' roads. Most are full of large pot holes and dangerous for the elderly

Improve pavements and lighting in East Street especially nearer the top of the road

Flooding on road by old Cindy's hairdresser North Street/Coat Road

You have done a lot eg new street lights, removing unsightly electric wires.

Lighting in certain areas; recreation ground and youth club

Improve state of pavements

Access

Very little easily accessed by those who cannot walk far.

Communications

Advertising more of our historic places by putting it onto up to date maps. Also having opening days

Encourage social occasions on rec and in schools and churches by better advertising making grants available

A regular newsletter delivered monthly. Subscription by voluntary collections

More information on all the footpaths & great countryside

Compliments & general comments

Much has already been achieved in improving and enhancing the centre of the village. As it is a linear village there is little that can be done and considering the economic climate it would not be prudent.

A lot has been done recently - WELL DONE _ The new street lights are excellent and the Martock stone

You are getting there.....slowly!

Martock is a nice place to live. I don't think much can be done without spending a lot of money

A good start has already been made (eg lamp standards and Market House) Just maintain the impetus!

Our family think it is already attractive and an interesting place to live and visit. We arrived in 2010.

Stop spending the money on just one end of Martock and include the whole village

Leave well alone

None

We should accept that primarily Martock is a dormitory town for Yeovil and Yeovilton. It has good facilities.

Protecting the Post Office, Library, Chemist and Surgery important.

Decide if Martock is a village or a town