

### **3. 8 What else could we do to improve community links within Martock and the surrounding area?**

#### **Community events**

The Victorian Street Party, or any similar event, should not be held on a school night. Martock Online needs to be kept up to date with Parish Council minutes.

Events such as the street fair and producers' market are great at bringing surrounding areas in. More of the same!

The more community events like the street party the better

A winter event eg Carols round Christmas tree. A sports event?

Would like to see the re introduction of the carnival

More community events - ie Street party. Years ago we always had a carnival

More community parties and events maybe involving and incorporating the youngsters 11-17 year olds.

Make street party larger and more comprehensive!!

More public meetings; get to know you events; Karaoke; quiz nights; music and alternative health days

More community functions

More social events

Continue to grow existing initiatives. Street party was an excellent event. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it grew into something like Kingsbury

Not sure, maybe more community events

More social events eg Kingsbury Episcopi May Fair

Martock Quiz Night at the Parish Hall. A Quiz night open to the surrounding villages. Sport is always a good community link, perhaps a sports day involving football, rugby, cricket and tennis open to the surrounding villages. A village it's a knockout combined with the Church Fete (help from local businesses and a lot of organising)

A walking festival?

Street party or winter fayre type events outside shops and through street may be good for shops and community.

Invite them to our events

#### **Transport**

Sunday and evening buses

Transport links - Martock - Crewkerne; Martock - Taunton; Martock - Somerton. These would then provide links to other areas

Improve the bus services at week-ends. None on a Sunday and no late buses.

Bus services need to be improved to make them more accessible. Look at costs of bus fares

negotiate with Nippy Bus for an early Saturday timetable. At the moment there is no scope for young people to get in and out of Yeovil at convenient times if they have a Saturday job - they need to be able to get in for 8.45sh and out about 6sh. Website could become a vital link but it will need some work to gain peoples trust that it updated frequently rather than adhoc.

More bus links

Buses to and from Yeovil OK; very slow to and from Taunton; otherwise virtually nothing. A Langport, Somerton, Long Sutton, Long Load, Martock, Crewkerne service would help

A proper bus service to Yeovil and Taunton, at affordable prices - £6 return to Yeovil makes driving essential

Make more transport links with surrounding villages

More connecting buses

More buses

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Better bus links to other communities

For younger families cheaper bus fares needed.

Bus service to Stoke sub Hamdon

Nippy link buses excellent other companies' timetables and stopping points difficult to understand

Buses that run later, also to local areas on demand.

More buses running later. A good neighbourhood scheme to provide volunteers to transport old/sick/disadvantaged to Dr/hosp/ertc

Please a bus link from Martock Long Load to Langport so a day can be had in Taunton our County town

#### **Activities**

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Cycle routes  
Cycle path  
Some organised outings - day trips, suppers etc. Walking Group  
Better footpaths  
Twinning with a French? town and exchange visits  
Craft market monthly alternating with Farmer's Market  
Kind of social club to the North of the village  
Day classes offered by Adult Learning would be a good addition to Martock and create centres of interest. I go to a class in Long Sutton, so much smaller than Martock  
Inter village sports competition. ie darts, skittles, football, rugby, bowls etc

#### **Website**

Use Martock on Line more - have a comments link so that locals can express their opinions. Make sure Parish Council minutes are put on Website not later than a week after the parish meetings  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes should be displayed more quickly on the Martock website. Nothing has been added since Oct 2010. The agenda for forthcoming meetings should be displayed on time  
Develop the Martock Web Site Develop the Leveller  
Agendas for Parish Council Meetings should be on the website. Minutes of monthly meetings could be put on website sooner than at present  
Advise people to go on line for information

#### **Communication**

A few more banners in public areas advertising coming events. Open days held by some of the societies in Martock.  
Regular news update on Parish Council business  
Small cheaply produced letter like Church magazine instead of glossy Leveller  
Send out booklets or leaflets to surrounding areas. I know of people in surrounding areas that do not get anything to tell them what is going on.  
Monthly village newspaper  
Ensure the dissemination of information, As a point of fact I only discovered this survey by reading the Western Gazette. Not every household was given a copy of the survey!  
Also a weekly news sheet  
more information  
An e-mail tree for all local info-police health social  
Make sure everybody is informed and not just the posh people, of what is going on in the village  
Flier drops when important, exciting events are occurring as a reminder. Because sometimes people read the Leveller and forget to write down date of events  
In relation to Q13, we only have received about four copies since it was published (including to be fair, the most recent one - No 29), possibly because we live slightly out of the way.  
Greater information flow. Like the Leveller other local magazines should be readily available. This may pull the community together  
Greater promotion of the plays put on by Martock Players. They are a talented lot. More support is needed  
  
Maximise Martock Information centre facility/service to raise profile of Martock links to surrounding area  
Provide more advanced notice of events (Leveller is often published after events occur). Reach out to the diverse population (Gay & Lesbian, Polish, American, Military, Singles, etc)  
A village noticeboard with a diary of all events could be placed say outside the Parish Hall  
The information is there if people can be bothered to look for it and make time to read it, but most prefer to sit back and complain they don't know what is going on. The website badly needs more information on it, eg list of clubs, facilities, bus timetables, etc etc. Up to date information is imperative, websites are hungry beasts and need a paid worker to keep them up to date. The leveller should have more information on club timetables, events etc. The bus services in Martock are excellent, but can never hope to be as good as a private car. Make more use of the library staff for information, they are much better informed than individual volunteers in the community office can ever be.

#### **Library**

Fight any local government initiative to close our library  
Use of library as 'community link' Information in windows - perhaps central to general public near shops etc

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#### **Youngsters**

Provide things for youngsters to do  
Better facilities for young. Youth Club building too small and cold

#### **Older residents**

Invite older members of the community to talk to the young at schools to encourage communal responsibility etc  
Think about the clubs which could be run for older people. Film shows.  
Put in as much time and money for senior citizens facilities as has been put into youth facilities over the past few years!!

#### **Police activities**

Village neighbourhood watch meetings Events in the Parish hall  
Better neighbourhood watch and encourage more care of the vulnerable  
More police Everything fine

#### **Community centre**

A new Community Centre would act as an attractive 'draw' to surrounding villages and ?  
Community/social centre especially with pubs closing  
Build a multi use community centre on the rec. You all missed a fabulous opportunity here

#### **Shopping**

Improve the shopping facilities. Encourage choice - why not a Sainsburys etc?  
Martock Community partnership - keep trying  
Better shops to bring people into Martock instead of going elsewhere

#### **Radio station**

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#### **Community links**

Better links to farming community; historical link, walks, talks  
Improve community links - Do the above and involvement will follow. Too much of the village activity revolves around the Church, but this is a closed and rather ageing group  
The village has outgrown itself that unless you belong to a club or society, community links don't seem to exist  
Why? Every community wishes to stay within their territory. I'm afraid you 'newcomers' are intent on looking to change the village into something it really isn't. Or change for change sake.  
What community ? All are struggling to make ends meet - Parish rooms - enormous - unwelcoming space with poor furnishings & kitchen. Invest in improving appearances & the residents will feel better - Look at Langport for a good example of poor investment ruining a town - will Martock follow ?

#### **Roads**

GP surgery junction dangerous  
Road signs for Stapleton approaching from Martock and Ash

#### **Cleanliness**

Make it cleaner

#### **Others**

did not go to it  
I think we do all we can  
Treat the village as one, united together. What one gets all get.  
Don't know, do we need to?  
Don't know  
unsure  
Not sure  
Leave well alone  
Leave alone  
Cannot comment as yet as we do not know the area well enough