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Market House

We feel Market House should be available for meetings etc all day
Market House closed when I need access
Better use of the Market House
Upper room of the Market House, which was available in the past to a number of organisations should be made available again for such bookings and thus generating income

Ensure the upper room in the Market House is available for day time use in order to comply with the aims of the grants provided.

The Market House is a lovely venue, but unfortunately the heavy, almost unmoveable tables makes it impossible to use for many types of occasions

Community activities should be concentrated around the Parish Hall/Market House area in the middle

Why do we need computers in the Market House as well as the Library and Youth Centre. Surely this money could be better spent?

Money spent on upstairs of Market House was a waste. Most days there is one person sitting up there. How much does it cost to heat and light. Surely a smaller office would save money.

Why was the man employed to run the Market House when he isn't even from Martock. he has to look anything up in a book

Closures

Don't let library or Post Office close
Please keep supporting library
Do appreciate having the library Would be lost without it.
The library must not be allowed to close
Keep the library
Support and protect Martock library from closure

Toilets

Accessible public toilet on the rec
Toilet facilities on the rec - urgent
Toilets in the main rec ground and more car parking
No toilets on rec and poor pavilion facilities

Environment

Encourage re-cycling
Christmas lights competition. This is a shameful innovation when we are all being invited to save energy!!
More use of mechanical road sweeper at junction North Street and Beech Road and Ashfield Road. Give car owners notice to move vehicles prior to cleaning!
Rising seagull population near Martock trading estate.
Under Martock Parish news in Leveller suggest that the cleared chicken shed field in Water Street is purchased and incorporated into the Rec as a nature trail, woodland walk etc under the Community Wildlife Programme. Would create a great asset for Martock residents.

Clean out ditches to improve drains
Tidy up wheller meadow
Clear weeds and brambles from footpaths into Martock and through Coat

Antisocial behaviour

Anti-social behaviour - I think that some people will always be out to cause trouble no matter what facilities the Parish Council provide. Where are the parents of these children?
More could be done to deal with anti social neighbours, eg police support when valid complaints are made.
Anti-social behaviour is the main issue, which is predominantly down to parents to resolve

Something needs to be done about anti social behaviour. Our fence is smashed down regularly by youths

I do feel more should be done to give residents more comfort that vandalism and anti social behaviour are on the wane

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Local agreements in areas for curfews of children under certain ages
Fed up with drunk anti-social behaviour of youths, litter and vandalism
The precinct is unfriendly due to gangs of Youths and we live in Vincent Way, which is a nightmare
Dogs muck sometimes Horses on pavements usually in Paull Court area to car park
Their drivers also get out of the bus to smoke then throw their butts down in the road!
But action should be taken against the perpetrators of litter
We do have a problem from time to time with youngsters 11-17 around Pauuls Close
Dog fouling in streets and on rec is a problem
Please make large rec Dog free
Boy racers (bikes and cars) in Martock trading estate.
Cars on the playing fields. The gates were installed in 2007. Why are they not used? I would be prepared to close them manually at 10.30pm. Maybe a rota with the other clubs. Rec Users meeting!
keep children of the steert

Police issues

I do not feel safe in my home
Lack of police presence - foot patrol on regular basis
More police patrols would be nice
Police/CPSO presence needs immediate improvement
Better police presence. In Australia a town of 15,000 has a large Police Station and 4 policemen!

More police presence
Police presence is non existant and insulting to read that it is here in the village
Constant worrying about making sure doors are locked while in house. Worrying when I go to work. Had burglary, break in, lead theft, copper theft, damage to cars. Nothing gets better

A permanent police presence or failing this greater visibility of the PSCO
more police on the street
The Police and Council know who the hooligans are in Martock, but nothing gets done
It would be really good to have the Community Police Officer back in Martock

Community plan

The Community Plan is a very commendable initiative and it must be a challenge to balance priorities.
Clear priorities for Martock developments by Parish Council/M3CP Plan available for debate before set in concrete

Planning

Need much more visibility of proposed building developments eg Ringwell Hill
Community needs to be kept well appraised of the Core Strategy and implications for Martock
Linked to above - Public meetings needed
Developments around Martock
Employment Land at Ringwell Hill we need transparency of what is going on there
No more housing as the facilities cannot take more. Surgery, shops etc
There are no modern large houses
No more housing without expanding facilities
On housing any new housing should be limited and on the east closest to the A303.
If more houses are built then the infrastructure needs to be considered
Only more housing if infrastructure/drains are improved
Be very careful about more housing. Martock cannot sustain it
Martock Roads cannot sustain more housing
No more housing. Already overrun by traffic pollution and excessive noise. Already exceptionally built up area ie rather like small town than a village farming community
Only more houses if there is appropriate support - shops/schools/transport doctors etc
Only increase housing if supported by adequate road system and increased shopping, business
More houses would mean more cars, the road network could not cope, combined with heavy
No new industrial sites/business parks in Martock

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Martock has much improved in the last 10 years, but I am concerned by proposed developments in Green areas

Think of the non-mobile part of the community

Any new housing should have provision for 'off road' car parking to cut down traffic congestion

issue is population density and associated traffic problems

Have not ticked housing as do not believe we will get truly affordable housing for local

youngsters under the present situation where profit public or private is essential

Medical Services

There should be a post box on Moorlands Park. It is a long way for the elderly to have to walsk to Post Office to post a letter

No more houses please, the village cannot sustain more!

Empty houses should be taken over by the Parish Council, refurbished and rented out to local people. 2 in main road of Martock empty.

Empty buildings. Use laws available to proceed (a) former Methodist Church; (b) boarded house in North Street

Question on housing surely superceded by SSDC Core Strategy ref Martock's designation as a Rural centre; ie no more development.

Traffic

Traffic calming between Havers Oak junction and Coat Road in North Street

Traffic - HGVs

Lights on bikes

Speeding motorists through villages

Dangerous driving through villages

Cars/lorries mount the pavement and go far too fast

Traffic

Traffic calming needs to be main issue in Martock

Parking around Pair Trees

Lighting

The main car park is in complete darkness. It needs lighting

Street lighting in precinct car park

Street lights in precinct need to be turned on. It's November

Some sort of lighting in Moorlands car park? .

Poor lighting in precinct and car park

Fix lights in the car park.

Community

Feeling of no community teamwork

Re introduction of carnival

Related to Street party perhaps an Xmas Fayre in the eveing?

Saddened that in 14 years we have been in Martock it has lost a lot of its village feel

Victorian Street party should be occasionally

I think the community spirit could be enhanced with more village events

More interaction in the village. Seems to be divided into them and us

There is no Welcome Pack for new residents

Street Party - no chinese lanterns as frightens the cattle

More community integration

Victorian Street Party was an embarrassment. More community and sports involved. Live music; more stalls A larger committee to organise it. Let local people have stalls

I would like to see more support given to the Martock Players productions. It would be nice if more people were encouraged to attend

Garden share. Thinking of elderly with too large a garden

We have more than our share of retired people and while most of us are still physically middle aged, increasing numbers are frail and, depending on weather and accidents, house bound. Can we develop our existing home grown support networks?

More care for the elderly

Transport

Could use better evening transport

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Limited Sunday transport for young people
Nippy buses, which park dangerously on the junction of Marwion Close and leaking oil!
Would like to see Pelican crossing opposite chemist. Elderly often cross there
Provide a bus shelter at the bus stop
Not enough accessible buses

Praise

I like the fact that it is still a village with road amenities.
The positives, Church, galleries, Treasurer's House, the Rec, parish hall facilities, market house, farm shop, butchers, bakery, co-op.
No
No, except I am very proud of Martock and its community and Parish Council.
More recognition for the part Martock Fire station can play in Community safety and youth engagement
I thought the brochure was excellent
Rec facilities are very good
Thanks to the people of Martock who do a lot of work without pay
NB: The lady who I have seen in the precinct area etc does an excellent job picking up litter

Putting flowers in the horse trough has further enhanced the Market House area
Rec field and facilities are great, thank you!
An excellent rec with excellent facilities
We have lived in Martock for 6 years. We find it a happy and welcoming village - a lovely place to live. Thank you!!
Footpaths are generally well sign posted.
The litter pickers do a great job
The litter collectors are much appreciated
Great effort made to improve street furniture (street lamps)
Very happy with the Church and surrounding area, the recreation ground and sports field and the improved shopping centre
Baskets in precinct lovely, but they need watering
Some well done!
Sports/rec area is excellent and well sited at the green end of Martock.
I am very pleased to be a resident of Bower Hinton and Martock and a member of Martock
Yandles Crafts real asset to Martock
By and large we are very happy with Martock and all it offers
I think Martock is a good village that is well provided for

Roads

North Street. Since resurfaced rain water sits on surface and doesn't run into the drains
Parking
I would like to see barriers put along Stoke Road. Many accidents have occurred there over the
Stoke Road is one of the main arterial routes into the village and in the winter months is dangerous. Parish Council please take note!

Signs

Ground Church area more antique sign posts
New sign for Martock Recreational Ground
Stapleton signs approaching from Martock and Ash

Communications

Do not waste time and money on Leveller
Martock on Line is out of date
Leveller is a waste of money. Where does money come from to produce it?
Leveller delivery is spasmodic and it is out of date by the time it is printed
Did not know about Martock on Line until now
Didn't know about Martock on Line. Will use it! Will use the Market House Information Centre, didn't know about it.
Need to update the Web Site structure
Web site is out of date
Ensure street party doesn't clash with Kingsbury Episcopi Fayre

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Future Street party must not be on same day as Kingsbury Episcopi May Fayre
Martock Street Fete must not be at same time as the Kingsbury Fayre

Businesses

Why not mobile shops to visit surrounding areas

There are too many hairdressers in Martock. Could be more shops at the top end of Martock - North Street. A Draper's shop

Have open day for Martock businesses for people to see what's going on

Need to involve local businesses more.

Limited hours of petrol station.

Martock needs a NHS Dentist (or 3!)

I do feel that since the economic recession there has been a greater support for local shops and facilities. Must somehow tap in to whatever makes folk support local shops. Sorry not qualified to come up with any answers

Would very much like help for our local Bower Hinton store.

Facilities

Please can we have an outdoor pool like street

Most other shops and pubs are a mess. The Hollies such poor, poor service.

We are lacking a choice of eateries ie Italian restaurant, high quality pub food (more diversity and

All weather sports surface

Combined club house for all sports

More allotments

Allotments. Have we enough?

Youth football is developing and to keep going they need more pitches. Eventually it is hoped this

Martock Hall is a disgrace when compared to other halls with modern lighting, heating and clean facilities

Always room for improvement on the Rec. Sports clubs must strive to improve their existing facilities through fundraising etc

Parking difficult on the rec when many sports being held

Sports/play facilities are under utilised

New sports pavilion required

Could the old railway line be made into a walking cycling route?

Rec is used 24/7 by various outside bodies. Rec is for Martock community to use and this isn't so.

Vegetation on pathways and rights of way should be kept clear. Some walks unable to go along

Improve footpaths

Open up old railway line for cyclists

Youth Centre

Only the young can answer most of these questions

As for new Youth Centre in present climate funding would not be available and costs would fall on local rates.

Old methodist Church in North Street could be turned into a magnificent youth or community centre. It is a beautiful building and would surely attract a grant aid from several sources

New Youth centre needed desperately

Properly trained (2 years) youth leaders

Costs

Try to contain costs

A new Youth Club would be a big investment. Where would the money come from? Difficult times

Do not waste public money on surveys and outside agencies

Cost of producing the 'Summary of Progress' booklet is out of all proportion. Residents money should not be wasted in this way.

Waste of time talking about improving Martock as there is obviously no money due to cut backs.

I think the parish precept is too high compared to other similar communities,

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Given current budget cuts etc key focus to be maintained on Youth provision/cultural elements in Martock including caring for the elderly/less mobile people in our community
Stop. Any more issues would again effect the rates we pay for Martock. Martock has the highest rate in the whole of South Somerset area and has had for a few years. Do not make it higher

How much does it cost to have a full time Parish clerk? Is this justified for the amount of work done?

Pinnacle upstairs never used. Heating on all the time

Comments about the village & Parish Council

We must maintain the integrity of Martock as a village of architectural and historical significance

Once you are past the pinnacle there seems to be a divide between the village. Posh street lights says it all

Stop gypsies ruining the few facilities we have

Not been here long enough to comment in detail

As a large village/small town Martock has a lot to offer

Need to support local services like the library and buses and local businesses and shops

Please could projects started be completed

Make do with what we have which is fine.

Martock is a nice village. Just get the kids in order and it is a wonderful place to live

We have a village of which we all should be enormously proud

A youth club, many clubs for all ages, surgery, dentist, optician, various shops a library. We are well catered.

The road at Marwin Close been take over as it is private and nobody want to know

Martock tends to look at Martock and not much consideration is given to surrounding areas and their concerns

We moved here partly for the facilities, shops, library, post office, pubs, transport, tennis club, great recreation ground for the kids. It would be awful to lose any of these

What opportunities have the PC neglected. More like - never take up an opportunity, if you have to pay , or can avoid it !

take over marwin close which is a private road as we can not get any help with it

Make martock a better place to live

Too many incomers stamping their opinions on how Martock should become

Only moved to Martock in Nov 09

You have asked us what we want from you. How can we challenge the local community to ask

Proper elections for Parish Council. Tired of the cheating and fixing that goes on. Worse than MPs!

Yes, a proper election for Parish Council

Parish Council is useless. They do not listen to the Community, only push issues they want to smother themselves in 'glory'.

The Parish Council is not democratically elected as they 'elect' their friends into any vacancies avoiding a proper balloted election. Smacks of a dictatorship all thought a new chairman would change this but he hasn't!!