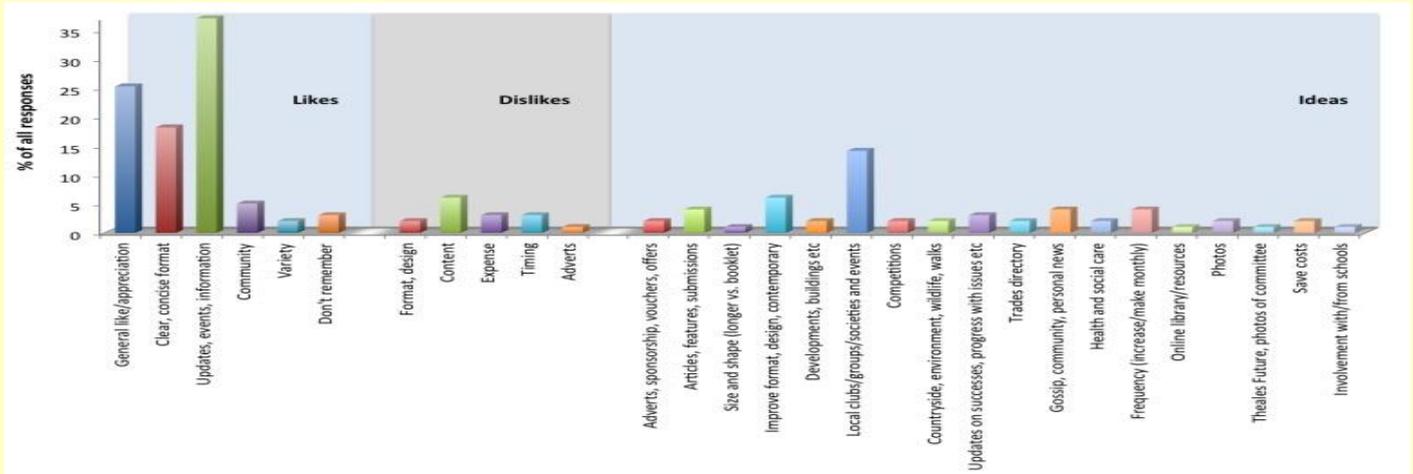


Theale's Future Newsletter Survey: Summary



Many thanks to those of you who completed the Theale's Future Newsletter Survey earlier this spring - we are always keen to hear feedback, but we were particularly interested in your views on the quarterly village newsletter that we distribute. We had a good response - 100 completed surveys between the pre-paid postcard and the online survey form - from across the broad Theale community.

We reviewed the results, and have identified key and common themes in the survey responses. It is clear that most of you are in favour of the newsletter - 87% of responses had something positive to say about it, and in particular you were keen on the summary of local events and activities that we collate for each issue - some of you even pointed out that the newsletter presented a feeling of community and togetherness, which is welcome. There was also general contentment with the clarity and organisation of the newsletter.

We received fewer responses regarding what you didn't like about the newsletter, although the majority of these referred to the content - primarily requesting more information about 'what's going on in Theale' and more opportunity to circulate this information. Remember, the website (<http://thealevillage.com>) always has up to date information about activities and groups in Theale, and you can let us know about any events or clubs by emailing us at tf@thealevillage.com.

The response to 'ideas' for the newsletter was very varied and helpful. Again, most people suggested they would like to see more information on the activities and events in the village - so please do continue to let us know if you are organising something. Some of you suggested we might think about redesigning the newsletter, and we are considering the options available. A few of you proposed that we could start to include features on specific topics, or invite articles from groups or residents. All in all, we have plenty to think about and are very grateful for the time you spent letting us know your thoughts. If you want to see a more detailed breakdown of the survey results, a short report can be obtained from the Theale's Future Steering Group.

We are interested in any feedback, and the forthcoming AGM is a great chance for you to get involved in Theale's Future, find out more about the activities and work undertaken, and let us know what you think.

WE NEED YOU.....

Theale's Future AGM

Once again it is the time of the year when we ask you to let us know what we should be doing for Theale. You are all invited to the Annual General Meeting to hear what we have achieved in the last year, what we are currently doing and what our plans are for the future. Most of all, it is for **you to tell us** what you would like us to do for the village. Our display boards around the room will have the facilities for you to leave your written comments and suggestions and the steering group will be available to listen to your views and answer questions.

The meeting will be held in the Red Lion skittle alley on **Tuesday 18th June at 7:30**. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and the Red Lion bar will be open for other refreshments.

Please come. We need your support and ideas and are in urgent need of people to assist us in bringing the Parish Plan up-to-date and to help with both present and future tasks.



The Steering Group



Roger York - Chairman



Jim Barron- Deputy Chairman



Pauline McKay - Secretary



Ricky Josey



Steve Hodder

Other members include David Wood, Gillian Smith, Helene Burningham, Jo Millington, Barbara Jones, Nick Flint.

News from Around the Village

Gas Works

West Berks Council has announced that this project has been cancelled. The gas company had an obligation to replace gas mains under OFGEM's Price Control Review formula. OFGEM has changed the formula, so this project has now been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

The gas mains replacement project had caused the postponement of West Berkshire Council's intention to resurface the part of Church Street between Englefield Road and Station Road. This was because the gas mains project would have involved digging up part of the Church Street/Station Road junction. This reason no longer exists, so hopefully the council will now start the resurfacing project as soon as possible.

Railway Station Upgrade



There was a meeting in May at which numerous members of the community were updated with the latest plans by National Rail and First Great Western. Detailed design is now underway. You can find out more details on the dedicated web page on thealevillage.com or hear an update at the Theale's Future AGM.

Theale Green

Whilst we encourage everyone in Theale to maximise their usage of the West Berks kerbside recycling facility there are options for recycling additional items above and beyond the norm. For example, used batteries can be taken to the library which has a collection point for them or Bridle Eyecare Ltd. where spectacles can be recycled.

If you are collecting items suitable for recycling to raise funds for a local group and would like the support from a wider audience then let us know the details of what you are collecting and who you are raising funds for.

We will then advertise it in future newsletters. The collection point needs to be publically accessible and we need to know of any "open" times if the collections are in businesses.

If you have suggestions for ways to increase recycling in Theale please let us know, either by email or via the Forum on the website.

Theale Friends



A well attended introductory meeting in April of this new Befriending service resulted in a gratifying number of volunteers coming forward. The aim of this project is to reduce the loneliness some elderly or disabled people suffer by providing informal contact with an appropriate volunteer from Theale Friends for an hour or so a week just for a chat, either face to face or on the telephone. All volunteers will have been appropriately vetted beforehand of course.

If you know of someone who would benefit from having a regular visitor, or if you would like a visitor yourself, then please contact Pauline McKay on 0118 930 3041 for further details.

How to Contact Us

If you would like to contact Theale's Future regarding any of the articles in this newsletter, or be involved with the group, we would love to hear from you:

Email: tf@thealevillage.com

Post: **Theale's Future**, c/o TPC, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale RG7 5AS

Did you know Theale has its own Twitter account? Follow [@Theale](https://twitter.com/Theale) to keep abreast of village affairs, or contact us there also.

NOTE: These newsletters are available online at www.thealevillage.com. You may also sign up on this website to receive our newsletters regularly by email.

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