

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- ✦ More youth facilities
- ✦ Skateboard park
- ✦ Adult education classes
- ✦ Local history society
- ✦ After school activities

CRIME AND SAFETY

- ✦ Improve street lighting.
- ✦ Stronger police presence.
- ✦ Lighting in car parks, play areas and along the Tarka Trail
- ✦ Sainsbury's underpass - graffiti and rubbish.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

- † Newsletter/magazine jointly produced with North Devon District Council.
- † Detailed reports of Fremington Parish Council meetings, including planning decisions.
- † Parish Councillor contact.
- † More information on how public money is spent.

HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING NEED

- ✦ Childcare provision now and in the future.
- ✦ Starter homes.
- ✦ Affordable housing for local young people.
- ✦ Sheltered housing for the elderly as the population grows older.



"We find Fremington and District a very pleasant and enjoyable place to live..."

"Thank you to all who work so hard to make the parish pleasant for everyone."

If you would like to get involved in achieving any of the improvements suggested in the parish plan, please do get in touch with us. (contact details below)



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for the communities of

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FREMINGTON PARISH PLAN

This leaflet outlines the main local issues highlighted in the recent Parish appraisal. The issues raised by local people will be addressed by Fremington Parish Council over the coming months and years, in partnership with the District and County Councils, the police and other agencies.

999 households responded to a survey questionnaire delivered to every house in the Parish in October 2004, a 24% response representing 1,918 individuals. The majority of households which responded consisted of one (24%) or two (57%) people. 45% of survey respondents were male and 55% female. 41% were aged 65+ and only 19% were under the age of 40. The largest number of responses came from Fremington village (37%), with 22% from Roundswell, 20% from Bickington, 14% from Yelland and 6% from Woodville. Most respondents had lived in the parish for many years, 42 respondents (4%) having lived here for over 51 years.

The following points summarise the main concerns raised by people in the parish through the parish appraisal survey. A full copy of the parish plan can be seen at the parish office, or is available to purchase for £3 (contact details on back page of this leaflet).

"We consider that generally the services we get are excellent."

"The only thing I feel is lacking is enough facilities for young people."

"There are families that need to feel they're part of the community."

TRANSPORT

- ✦ Pedestrian safety.
- ✦ Cars parking on pavements.
- ✦ Lack of provision for people with mobility problems.
- ✦ Lack of pavements in specific areas.
- ✦ Cedars roundabout.
- ✦ Pedestrian crossing in Bickington.
- ✦ Tarka Trail and Fremington Quay.
- ✦ Car parking provision/policing at the hospital and medical centre.
- ✦ Car parking around schools.
- ✦ Travel times.

Footpaths

- † More or better signing.
- † Cutting back overhanging branches.
- † Mobility problems, access to the countryside.
- † General maintenance.



Public Transport

- ✦ Bus schedules and personal services.
- ✦ Late arrival because of traffic volume.
- ✦ Improve service at Roundswell.
- ✦ Buses late and cancelled without warning.
- ✦ Buses not stopping at authorised stops.
- ✦ Rude and impatient drivers.
- ✦ Cleanliness and age of buses.
- ✦ Bus timetables at all bus stops/shelters.

School Transport

- ✦ Better bus service for school children.
- ✦ Free/subsidised/cheaper bus passes for schoolchildren.
- ✦ A car free zone around schools.
- ✦ Encouraging more children to walk to school.

Cycling

- ✦ Fill in the gaps in the existing cycle routes.
- ✦ Cycle path along Yelland Straight.
- ✦ A link between Bickington and Sticklepath.
- ✦ Secure parking facilities for bikes outside shops, pubs and offices.
- ✦ Inconsiderate use of the Tarka Trail.
- ✦ Cyclists using the pavement and causing danger to pedestrians.

Traffic Speed

- ✦ More speed restrictions.
- ✦ Better enforcement of existing speed limits.

Parking

- ✦ Inadequate parking near shops.
- ✦ Inconsiderate parking near home.
- ✦ Parking on main road in Bickington.
- ✦ Pedestrian crossing in Bickington.

Future Transport Needs

- ✦ A better bus service.
- ✦ Free or cheaper fares.
- ✦ Another park and ride facility, Roundswell being the main choice.
- ✦ Dropping car parking charges at Bickington and at the medical centre.
- ✦ Not building any more houses.
- ✦ Enforcing speed limits.
- ✦ Improving pavements and cycle paths.
- ✦ Improvements to the Cedars roundabout
- ✦ A car share scheme.
- ✦ Additional through roads to the A361.

SPECIFIC LOCAL ISSUES

Griggs Field

- † Improve directional signing.
- † Prevent dog fouling.
- † Define paths for pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- † Some picnic tables and shelters.
- † Install play equipment.

Tarka Trail

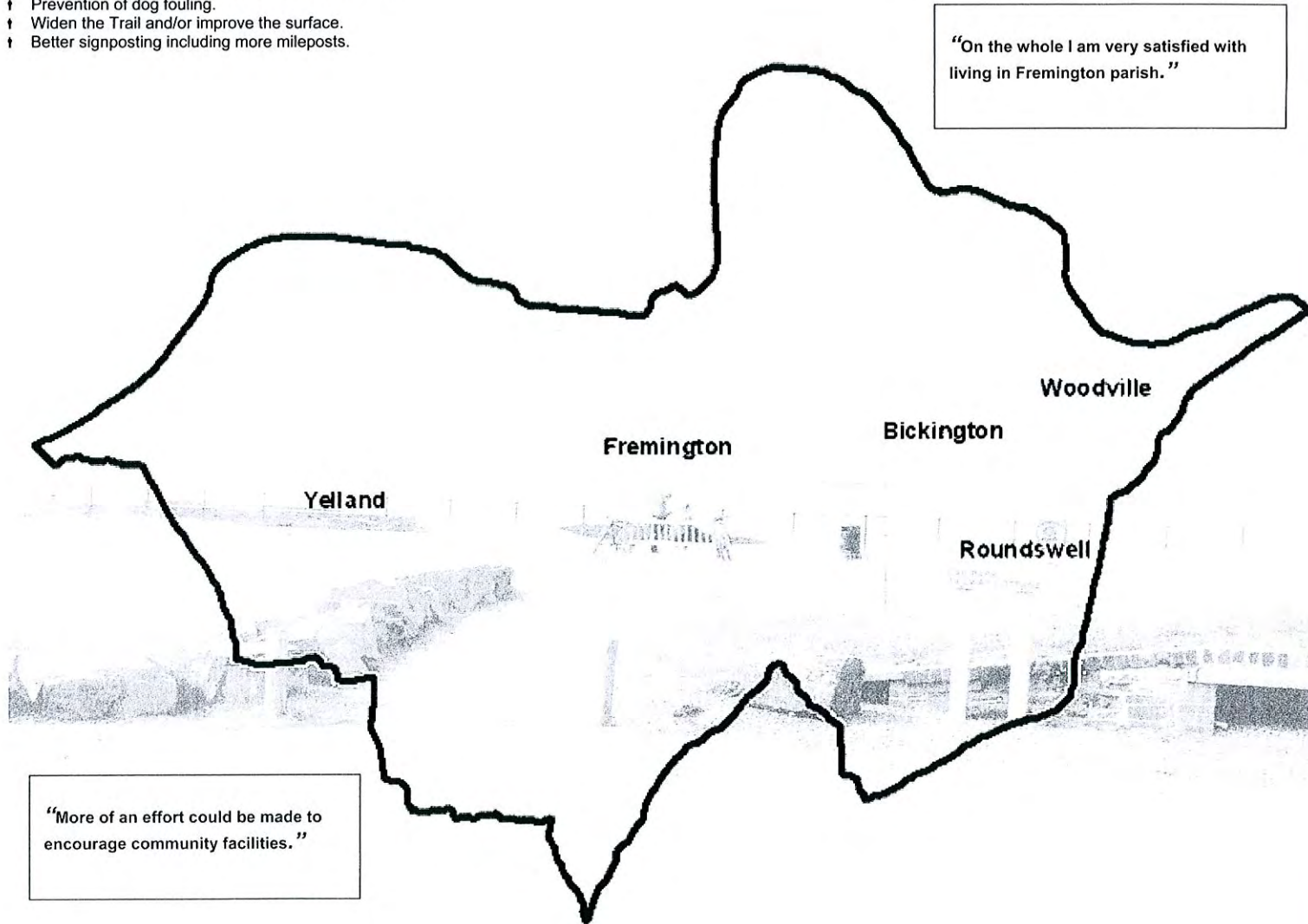
- † More seats, tables and shelters.
- † Separate cycle and pedestrian lanes.
- † More access points from Bickington, Roundswell, Fremington, Allenstyle, Mead Park and North Lane.
- † Prevention of dog fouling.
- † Widen the Trail and/or improve the surface.
- † Better signposting including more mileposts.

Fremington Quay

- † More seats, picnic tables and shelters.
- † Easier access for cars.
- † More parking.
- † Control of speeding cars.
- † Improve pedestrian safety on the access road.
- † More toilets and existing toilets open longer.

Tews Lane

- † Create sports centre with all-weather pitches and indoor facilities:
- † 'Skatepark' for skateboards, skating & BMX.
- † Gym, health club, and swimming pool.
- † Football pitch.
- † Cricket field.
- † Tennis courts.
- † Safe children's play area.



PUBLIC SERVICES

- 🗑️ Postal service and siting of post boxes.
- ♻️ Recycling collections.
- 👮 Lack of police presence and response issues.
- 🌿 Grass cutting, maintenance of hedges and verges.
- 🗑️ Street cleaning and litter.
- ☎️ Dirty and unpleasant payphones.
- 🛣️ Highways maintenance.
- 🏥 Access to medical services from Roundswell.



ENVIRONMENT

- ♻️ Recycling.
- 🏡 Buying local produce and using farm shops.
- 🌞 Greater use of sustainable energy sources.
- 🗑️ Better maintenance of the surroundings (e.g. litter, gullies, fly-tipping).
- 🐕 Reduce dog fouling.
- 🏗️ Control building development.
- 🚗 Control vehicle speeds.
- ⚡ Yelland Power Station site.
- 🔧 Specific maintenance and repairs reports.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 🐕 Dog fouling.
- 🚻 Public toilets.
- 💰 Reasonable prices at local businesses and longer opening hours.
- 🏠 Cleaner and better maintained public houses.
- 🅅 Better parking provision.
- 📖 A local directory of services.
- 🦷 Lack of NHS dentistry.
- 👨‍⚕️ Poor access to a doctor.
- 🚗 Car parking charges.
- 🚗 Poor links to the hospital and transport for the elderly.

