# Temple Ewell Parish Plan

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# Temple Ewell Historic Village and Vibrant Community



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#### **Foreword**

It is with great pride that I present to you the results of many hours of deliberation on the questionnaire you completed in May 2004.

We live in a village with a long history going back to the Domesday Book but we do not want to dwell only on the past. Ours is a lively, vibrant and forward looking community and, with the help of information received, we want to plan for a future acceptable to as many people as possible. So many of you say how much you enjoy living in Temple Ewell.

This report has been considered and approved by the Parish Council and an "Action Plan" drawn up, which will be reviewed regularly to allow the issues raised to be addressed in the coming years.

Thanks of course must be given to everyone who has worked on this report; firstly to all the families and individuals who took the time to fill in the questionnaire -74% of the whole village - a high return by any standard. Gratitude is due to our footslogging distributors and collectors, our very able data input team and especially the seven members of the Parish Plan committee for their effort and commitment over the two years spent on this project.

As in life some of the best things cost money and the production of this Parish Plan has been supported by grants from the Parish Council and Community Initiatives in Rural Kent. External advice was received and appreciated from Dover District Council and Action with Rural Communities in Kent.

I hope you will take the time to read and digest the information in this document and, most importantly, take an ongoing, lively interest in how Temple Ewell develops.

Looking to the future I trust that our village will continue to be a highly desirable place in which you and your family enjoy living.

Please remember that, should you wish to bring any matter to the attention of the Parish Council, you may contact the Parish Clerk by telephone or email. Contact details are available in the Newsletter or at <a href="https://www.templeewellpc.net">www.templeewellpc.net</a>.

Jenny Miles Chairman, Temple Ewell Parish Council

#### **Introduction and Acknowledgements**

In November 2000, the Government published a White Paper which stated that rural communities should have a greater say in decisions that might affect them. In view of this Temple Ewell Parish Council agreed to follow this recommendation by producing a Parish Plan.

Following a public meeting held in the Lower Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2003, Temple Ewell Parish Council established the Parish Plan steering group, made up of a small number of volunteers from the village. The group's brief was to determine the views and concerns of parishioners about their village and life within it. The steering group consulted with representatives of the village community groups, the larger employers, Mike Ebbs from Dover District Council, Kathy Bugden of Action with Rural Communities in Kent (previously known as the Kent Rural Community Council) and parishioners of all age groups, not forgetting the young people of Temple Ewell who designed and completed the Youth Questionnaire.

Following this consultation, much time and effort was spent designing the questionnaires with the aid of "Village Appraisals for Windows" software developed by The Countryside and Community Research Unit at the University of Gloucestershire.

By April 2004 the preparation was complete and a further team of volunteers was called upon to deliver to and collect, from each of the 679 households in the village, a copy of the 2004 Temple Ewell Parish Plan questionnaire. The superb effort by this team resulted in a massive 74% returning their completed forms.

The next stage was, of course, to collate the information received. The answers given were painstakingly entered into the computer programme and analysis began. The document you are reading today is the culmination of the hard work and commitment shown by all those who have given their time to this project so far. Temple Ewell Parish Council wishes to record its gratitude to everyone involved and also to thank the residents for their participation.

Thanks are due to Action with Rural Communities in Kent which jointly funded this project with the Parish Council.

Our thanks also to those who have kindly sponsored the photos in this document.

Note: As the returned questionnaires are from only 74% of households in the village, care must be taken in extrapolating the results of the survey to the population as a whole. On page 6 figures taken from the 2001 Census showing the total number of people living in Temple Ewell at that time have been included as a comparison with the results found by this survey.

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#### **Questionnaire Results**

Questionnaires were delivered to every household in Temple Ewell, a total of 679, and of these 501 were returned. Although not everyone responded to every question, overall this represented a fantastic 74% return.

#### **General**

#### How many people including children normally live in your household?

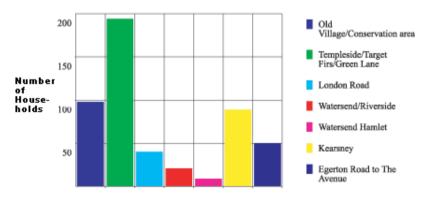
The total number of people was 1188 living in 501 households - an average of 2.37 people per household. (2001 Census showed total population of 1696, living in a total of 660 households.)

#### The number of people in each of the following age groups:

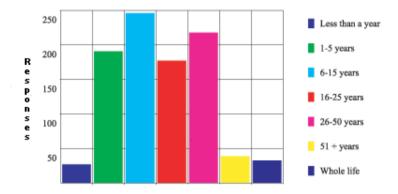
Ages	Male	Female
0 - 4	25	15
5 - 10	46	49
11 - 15	45	44
16 - 17	14	13
18 - 24	29	32
25 - 44	131	135
45 - 59	151	149
60 - 64	39	38
65 - 74	61	62
75 - 84	43	45
85+	7	15

These results overall are not a surprise; the largest majority of people in Temple Ewell are *middle aged* and there is a fairly even split in all age groups between the sexes with the exception of the over 85's. It is commonly accepted that women live longer than men!

#### Where does your household live?



#### How long have you lived in Temple Ewell?



This chart illustrates how the Temple Ewell "stay put" factor is helping to provide a stable population. Of the 931 respondents to this question in excess of 76% have lived here for more than six years and an impressive 28% for more than twenty six years. Temple Ewell residents do not seem in a hurry to leave!

#### What is important to you about life in Temple Ewell?

Unfortunately due to a system error the data for this question is unreliable. However the data input team noted a wide spread of responses especially for the community, environment and location. These three important factors make the village a desirable place in which to live.

#### Where is your main place of work?

In the Dover area	292
Outside the Dover area	248
Do not work outside the home	243
In Temple Ewell	42

Home working is becoming increasingly popular but it seems that the largest proportion of our working population has to travel to work. In our 1989 survey, over 75% of respondents reported that they worked in Dover. Today however this figure has dropped dramatically to only 35%. This is presumed to reflect the numerous jobs lost at the Port in recent years, together with the disappearance of employers such as Kent Coalfield, Dover Engineering Works, many Customs Clearance Offices and the closure of several large shops such as MFI and, more recently, Courts and the Co-op.

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#### Housing

## What type(s) of housing in Temple Ewell might you need during the next ten years?

	11 – 24 yrs	25 – 59 yrs	60 + yrs
None	44	319	117
Affordable Starter / Home	49	42	10
Bungalow	4	72	50
Flat	8	10	20
Rented Housing	9	8	0
Warden Assisted	0	14	84
Other	2	11	3

As in many parts of this country, young people growing up in our village and wishing to continue living in Temple Ewell, appear to be concerned with the provision of affordable starter homes. At the opposite end of the age range we see a real demand for warden assisted housing.

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 30

#### What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Temple Ewell?

Conversion of redundant buildings	434
None	280
Single dwellings in some locations	269
Small group(s) of less than 10	123
Expansion on the edge of the village	87
Carefully designed larger group(s)	22
Other	18

Many people noted their desire that redundant buildings should be reused and this has in fact already begun with the development of the George and Dragon.

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 30

#### **Education**

#### The number of students who attend the following?

Primary school	110
Secondary school	97
Full-time further education	23
Nursery school	11
Play group	8
School for those with special needs	1

Temple Ewell Primary School has an excellent reputation amongst parents within the village and the surrounding area. The school roll has increased in recent years and with the planned improvements we would all wish to see its continued success.

#### How important is Temple Ewell School to the local community?

Very important	700
Important	109
No opinion	70
Not very important	10

An overwhelming "thumbs up" for the importance of the village school. This view is obviously held by all groups within the village not just by those whose children are students at the school.

If any of your children under 16 are unable to take part in after school activities, please give the reasons why? Tick more than one box if appropriate:

Distance between home/school	9
Lack of transport home	8
Expense	5
Special needs not catered for	0

Whilst the number of children experiencing problems with transport for after school activities is low, the Parish Council is ever mindful of the need to allow the young people of our community every opportunity to access activities both educational and social. Suggestions to overcome this issue would be welcome - could shared transport be the answer?

#### In relation to educational facilities, does Temple Ewell need any of the following?

Holiday play scheme	343
After school clubs	341
Playgroup	282
Nursery school	216
More registered childminders	77
Other	25

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 30 & 32

Following the closure of the playgroup held in the Village Hall in 2003 the Parish Council has been aware that many parents miss this facility. To date the Council has not heard from anyone willing to restart a nursery or playgroup in Temple Ewell.

## If the following adult education classes were provided in Temple Ewell would you attend any of them?

The table shows responses for each age group.

	11 – 24 yrs	25 – 59 yrs	60 + yrs
Computing	16	160	77
Languages	25	169	51
Arts / Crafts	19	116	46
Local Studies	9	65	39
Other	6	32	9

What a fantastic desire there is amongst our community to continue learning new skills! Whilst there are opportunities for adult education in the towns surrounding Temple Ewell, the Parish Council would very much like to encourage the development of some of the classes within the village. It maybe that, instead of using qualified teachers, groups of like minded people could be brought together to assist each other in the chosen subjects.

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 30

#### **Transport**

#### How many roadworthy vehicles do you keep?

Cars	659
Vans	44
Motorbikes	33
Specially adapted vehicles	0
Lorries	1

Interestingly, the number of cars declared in the last Village Appraisal carried out in 1989 was 585, kept by 549 responding households. Today 659 cars are kept by only 501 responding households! This increase contributes to parking and pollution issues as far fewer of us rely on public transport.

## Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Temple Ewell to other places?

Never	546
Occasionally	285
Often	.59

In addition to train services from Kearsney railway station, Temple Ewell is served by buses to Dover, Canterbury and Folkestone. This, coupled with the high level of car ownership, is thought to explain why 61% of respondents report "never" experiencing transport difficulties. However could those of us in this category perhaps assist the 59 people who do regularly have problems?

#### If responsible for a vehicle, where do you usually park it?

	Number of Vehicles					
Area	In a garage on this plot	In a garage elsewhere	Off the road	On the road	Not applicable	
Old Village / Conservation Area	23	3	29	20	11	
Templeside / Target Firs / Green Lane	51	3	58	34	18	
London Road	9	1	18	3	4	
Watersend / Riverside	9	0	10	2	0	
Watersend Hamlet	5	0	4	0	0	
Kearsney	27	2	35	14	3	
Egerton Road to The Avenue	27	0	15	0	6	

#### Do you experience the following parking problems at your home?

Area	Double Yellow Lines	Cars Parked on Pavement	Nowhere to Park	Cars Blocking Your Entrance
Old Village / Conservation Area	6	5	30	34
Templeside / Target Firs / Green Lane	1	52	35	53
London Road	4	4	6	4
Watersend / Riverside	0	3	0	3
Watersend Hamlet	0	0	0	0
Kearsney	0	0	11	10
Egerton Road to The Avenue	2	2	2	8

Parking problems in many parts of Temple Ewell continue to be an issue. Residents of Templeside/Target Firs and the conservation area of the village regularly suffer parking problems but, as can be seen, those living at Kearsney, London Road, Egerton Road and The Avenue also suffer.

Whilst we are always happy to welcome visitors to our village, especially to the many successful events held in the Village Hall and Playing Field, their vehicles do compound this problem. During 2004 the Parish Council set up a committee to investigate solutions and, as a result, improvements made to both central village car parks should help alleviate the problems.

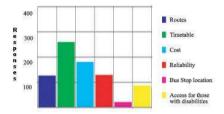
May we take this opportunity to remind you of these facilities and to encourage you and your visitors to use them whenever possible? Your council welcomes your input to discussions on this matter.

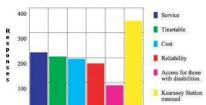
#### How often do you use the following services?

Service	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Bus	66	95	100	545
Train	28	63	178	477
Coach	0	3	37	655
Dart Bus Service	1	4	5	676

# Would you like to see any improvements to the bus service with regard to...?

# Would you like to see any improvements to the train service with regard to...?





Although a large proportion of respondents do not make use of public transport, there was a huge response from Temple Ewell residents in 2004 when the Strategic Rail Authority proposed that the number of trains stopping at Kearsney Station be reduced from the current number of 51 per day, to only six, three during the morning rush hour and three in the evening. Having completed this review, the SRA announced in January 2005 that off peak services at all stations between Dover and Faversham are to continue unchanged. However the actual services will, in future, run between Dover and Sheerness. This will mean that for onward travel to London, passengers will have to change at Faversham or Sittingbourne. It is expected that these changes would not commence before December 2009 and would cause few problems.

In addition the two bar charts above demonstrate that many people feel that there is room for improvement in the public transport service. Would more of us abandon our cars if these improvements were to be implemented?

#### Do you have any difficulty getting to the following?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Hospital	26	106	675
Doctor	15	71	698
Chemist	8	44	698
Chiropodist	4	30	648
Optician	7	38	691
Dentist	19	72	663
Other Medical Facility	6	29	613

Once again, the very largest majority report no transport problems. It is very likely that those indicating a problem getting to any of the above facilities are in fact the same people in each case. i.e. the 26 shown in the hospital column are possibly also in the doctor, chemist etc. columns. Could those of us fortunate to have the use of a car perhaps help the few others who find these journeys difficult?

## Would you support any of the following speed control measures in Temple Ewell?

Lowering the speed limit	445
Traffic calming	394
Children at play signs	333
More road warning signs	300
Extension of the speed limit	201
None of the above	86

Speeding in our village continues to be a problem and to help counter this you will be aware that an interactive speed control sign has been installed on London Road at Watersend. Many respondents noted that this is often obscured by vehicles parked on the verge. To rectify this problem the Parish Council requested that the sign be raised to the top of the pole.

The Highways Agency has advised that as part of the safety review of Alkham Valley Road they are considering altering the junction of London Road and Alkham Valley Road. This would mean that traffic on Alkham Valley Road would have priority and might have the effect of slowing the speed of vehicles on London Road as they would have to stop or give way at a new T junction.

For details of other comments made by respondents regarding Transport, please see page 30

#### **Environment**

#### How do you rate the roads and pavements in Temple Ewell?

Area	Good	Reasonable	Poor
Old Village / Conservation Area	61	384	223
Templeside / Target Firs / Green Lane	103	384	172
London Road	158	398	109
Watersend / Riverside	218	261	37
Watersend Hamlet	133	293	45
Kearsney	118	381	110
Egerton Road to The Avenue	48	252	203

Whilst the conservation area has received the largest number of "poor" responses it is of course true that there are very few footpaths within this part of Temple Ewell. A number of the roads here are in need of some attention and the Parish Council has made, and will continue to make, the Highways Department aware of these problems and others that arise throughout the village.

If you have a disability or serious health problem, or if you are a carer of such a person, do you consider the following local facilities for people with disabilities in Temple Ewell to be....?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	Do not use
Village Hall	31	39	5	24
Millennium Hall	18	12	6	50
School	8	14	7	52
Post Office /Shop	28	43	17	16
Pubs	31	32	9	23
Church / Chapel	15	32	5	38
Kearsney Station	12	24	23	41

The question of disabled access at the various locations yielded a mixed response from those affected, as shown in the table above. Since the Disability Discrimination Act came into force all bodies responsible for public buildings must ensure they are compliant.

#### Are there any places where litter is a problem in Temple Ewell?

<u>Area</u>	Number of responses
Bus stops	131
London Road	36
Playing field	24
Green Lane	22
Templeside / Target Firs	19
The River Dour	13
Kearsney including campsite	13
Railway/Station	11
Kearsney Abbey	8
Other areas	38
No problem	32

As can be seen above, many people felt that litter was a problem in Temple Ewell, particularly at the bus stops. The Parish Council employs a village handyman and each Monday he does an excellent job of clearing the litter around the village. However, it is as well to remember that the cleanliness of our village is the responsibility of us all.

#### Are there any places where dog mess is a problem in Temple Ewell?

<u>Area</u>	Number of responses
Green Lane	23
Target Firs	20
Templeside	32
Dragon Lane / Wood	42
Allotments	11
London Road	46
Templar Road	11
Lower Road	21
Railway / School Paths	22
High Street	3
Brookside	3
Mill Street	3
Church Hill	5
Playing Field	9
Kearsney Avenue / Campsite	17
Kearsney Abbey / Russell Gd	ns 6
Egerton Road / The Avenue	14
My front garden	11
Pavements	4
Everywhere	22
No	25

As one respondent commented "the problem of dog mess on our pavements is not really the fault of the dogs, it is down to inconsiderate owners who do not clear up after their pets" Five people commented that more dog mess bins are needed. The Parish Council is happy to consider the siting of additional "mess bins" if dog owners request them.

## What are your views on the standard of the following services in Temple Ewell?

Responses to this question have been grouped together as follows:

Refuse collection:	90.7% good or reasonable	2.7% poor
Street lighting:	63.0% good or reasonable	28.2% poor
Public toilets:	7.0% good or reasonable	34.4% poor
Snow clearing and gritting:	45.2% good or reasonable	32.2% poor
Verge and street cleaning:	53.9% good or reasonable	28.8% poor
T.V. reception:	64.1% good or reasonable	25.8% poor
Radio reception:	75.3% good or reasonable	10.5% poor
Mobile phone reception:	49.8% good or reasonable	29.1% poor

#### Note:

Many respondents commented that there are no Public Toilets in Temple Ewell. In fact the toilets situated at Russell Gardens are within the parish boundary. A number of people have suggested that a toilet at the Playing Field would be useful.

#### Would you / do you use the following if available in Temple Ewell?

Bottle bank	534
Paper bank	507
Skip for garden waste	499
Can bank	396
Public bulk rubbish tip	376
Clothing bank	354
Community internet facility	95

In the period between the Parish Plan questionnaire being sent out and the report being produced, Dover District Council has introduced the "Don't Bin it, Box it" recycling campaign providing doorstep collection of paper, cans and bottles and this is being extended to include garden waste.

## What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Temple Ewell?

Recycling	65.5%
Campaign against litter and rubbish	54.4%
Reduce traffic	40.6%
Improved public transport	36.1%
Energy saving	28.7%
Community composting	24.1%
Reduce light pollution	13.7%
Don't know	6.8%

## What do you think could be done to improve the environment of Temple Ewell?

	Very Important	Worth Doing	Not Necessary	Don't Know
Preserve single trees	346	268	47	53
Look after woodlands	509	240	12	17
Plant more hedges and trees	240	255	132	46
Care of hedges	307	340	23	30
Cut down some trees	98	107	305	84
Protect chalk downland	420	191	23	59
Care of ponds and streams	546	216	6	20

This table shows that most respondents want to see our local environment preserved. Surprisingly 98 people thought that some trees should be cut down. Could it be that these are people who have problems caused by high hedges, e.g. Leylandii, close to their properties? Since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005 anyone who has exhausted all other avenues for resolving a hedge dispute, can take their complaint about a neighbour's evergreen hedge to their local authority under Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003.

#### Would you be prepared to help with any of the following?

Protecting wildlife habitats 199
Clearing ponds and streams 192
Surveying trees 106

Thank you to the many people who have pledged their support to help in these areas. Those of you who kindly provided your names and addresses have been contacted, however a number of people indicated their willingness to help but unfortunately did not give their contact details. If you are able to pledge some time to assist please do contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, on 01304 826386 or by email clerk@templeewellpc.net.

#### Is the appearance of the following?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	No Opinion
Players Corner	340	176	4	140
Playing field	276	368	12	78
Nature reserve	377	208	11	106
Local woodlands	298	332	25	70
Allotments	145	236	22	253
Russell Gardens Bushy Ruff	483	278	32	26

Improvements carried out at Player's Corner in recent years have clearly been well received and the hard work carried out by volunteers at Dragon Wood appreciated.

Do you know where the local footpaths are? Do you consider that they are well signposted and would you be prepared to help maintain them?

It was encouraging to see that in excess of 61% of respondents do know where the local footpaths and bridleways are. However nearly 43% said they are not well signposted. In order to check the condition of our footpaths the Parish Council organises an annual Parish Walk. The ladies of Temple Ewell Women's Institute kindly lay on a buffet tea and hot drinks for the walkers on their return to the Village Hall. Why not look out for the next walk and come along!

For details of other comments made by respondents regarding the Environment, please see page 31

#### **Community**

## Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Temple Ewell?

Area	Theft	Mugging	Vandalism	Drunkenness	Drug Use	Unauthorised Motorcycle Scrambling	Other	Not Con- cerned
Old Village / Conservation Area	26	9	46	8	9	42	16	17
Templeside / Target Firs/ Green Lane	46	19	113	26	35	107	23	19
London Road	14	2	19	5	6	18	6	6
Watersend / Riverside	5	2	8	3	4	8	0	7
Watersend Hamlet	2	0	4	1	2	5	0	1
Kearsney	38	7	46	14	12	31	2	14
Egerton Road to The Avenue	25	4	24	2	6	32	4	6

Whilst the above table shows that respondents do have concerns about crime in our village a recently published Crime and Disorder Audit for 2001 to 2004 covering Temple Ewell and Lydden shows low levels of crime across the board. It also shows a steady reduction in crime levels over the three year audit period for this area. It is generally agreed that people's perception of crime in their neighbourhood may be considerably worse than the reality. However, the Parish Council would like to remind all residents of the importance of reporting any crime, however minor it may seem, to the police. This action ensures that all necessary resources will be deployed to help fight crime in our village.

Unauthorised motorcycle scrambling has become an increasing nuisance to many, under the Police Reform Act 2002, police and community support officers can seize cars and motorbikes driven carelessly, inconsiderately or 'off-road' in a manner that causes alarm, annoyance or distress. The owner of the vehicle will have to pay up to £357 to retrieve it.

The table below shows Police figures for Reported Crime for Lydden and Temple Ewell for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the Police Financial Year 2005 / 2006:

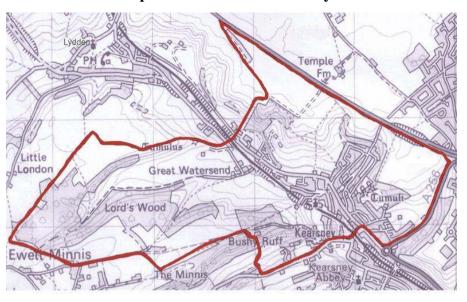
Type of Crime	Number Reported
Burglary Dwelling	1
<b>Burglary Other</b>	1
Criminal Damage Offences	2
Drug Offences	0
Fraud and Forgery	0
Robbery	0
Shoplifting	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2
Theft of Pedal Cycle	0
Theft Offences	3
Vehicle Interference	0
Violence against the Person	9
Other Offences	0

## If there are areas in Temple Ewell in which you feel unsafe, where are they and why?

The Parish Plan questionnaire gave respondents to this question the chance to write comments rather than ticking a box, this meant that a large proportion of people simply moved on to the next question. In view of this it is pleasing to note that 26 people took the trouble to write "none". However the concerns raised are all listed in the table below: (These concerns listed came from different respondents.)

Area	Concerns
Green Lane	Poor lighting. The alley at the bottom of Green Lane is secluded and dark. No footpath. Too many hedges. Lighting overgrown by trees. Narrow road with speeding traffic and a bus route. Motorcycles using it.
Wellington Road	Poor lighting. No footpath, pavements needed. Traffic hazards. Dark and isolated between Ivy Bank and the Nursing Home.
Templeside	Templeside is used as a rat race by cars and bikes and younger children after dark on skate boards who cannot be seen as you turn into the road. It is only a matter of time before an injury or fatality occurs. No lighting at garages at top of Templeside. Junction of Templeside and Downhill Close, hazardous when walking or driving because of Leylandii trees and parked cars obscuring the view. Motorbikes being driven too fast.
Target Firs	The lane from London Road to Target Firs can be dark and isolated if the lights are not working.
Lower Road	Poor lighting. No footpath and speeding traffic. Dangerous crossing point between Lower Road and entrance to Kearsney Abbey. Last part of Lower Road (before High Street) is very dark and needs extra lighting. Under railway viaduct and railway path, I was mugged there and had my bag stolen. Speeding traffic at the junction of Lower Road and High Street.
Kearsney Station	Station is lonely, as it is not always manned or supervised. Footpaths to station at night. Station approach badly lit. Youths congregating.
London Road	Speeding traffic. Speed cameras needed. Blind entrances. George and Dragon car park is unlit. Unlit path from Templar Road to Watersend bridge. Difficulty crossing at George and Dragon. Intimidating youths congregating at bus stops. Have seen drug dealing and car racing from bus stop to Templeside and football being played across London Road.
Church Hill	School entrance needs more lighting. Minors using motorbikes. Vandalising of cars. Poor lighting at car park. Poor lighting in Park Road and Brookside. Inconsiderate parking preventing access for emergency vehicles to Mill Street and Templar Road. Speeding vehicles and cycles.
Playing Field	Children threatened me for money. No lighting. Youths congregating.

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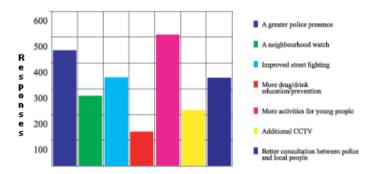
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## If there are areas in Temple Ewell in which you feel unsafe, where are they and why?

Area	Concerns
Miscellaneous	Some fields are used for off road driving. Fear of being knocked over by lads on motorcycles. Speeding motorbikes – children using roads. Speeding motorbikes on footpath towards Whitfield. Poor lighting at Kearsney Avenue leading to Redvers Cottages. Kearsney Abbey toilets. Narrow pavements. Dragon Lane, woodland to the rear of Downhill Close, conservation area/woods are deserted in the evenings.

#### Do you think any of the following measures are needed?



As can be seen a large number of people agree on the need to provide more activities for the young people of Temple Ewell. The Parish Council was pleased to initiate the Festival of Sport and Fun Run held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005 and will continue to promote activities for young people in the village.

#### How often do you use the following shops and services?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Frequently	Never
Post Office	41	263	171	223	142
Village Shop	98	301	166	196	94
Mobile Library	1	14	17	43	671
Hairdressers	1	9	85	96	580
Pubs	22	147	153	277	217
Plant Nursery	4	8	27	286	462

So many villages have lost their services in recent years and in order to maintain the viability of those we have in Temple Ewell, parishioners need to support them.

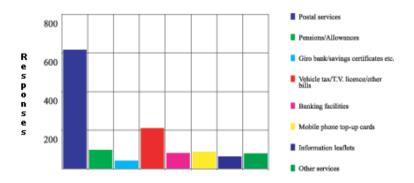
#### When you shop in Temple Ewell, is it because?

You need last minute items	557
You like to support local shops	492
It saves time	310
It saves transport costs	196
You like the social contact	171
You don't have transport to go elsewhere	76
Other	47

#### If you usually shop out of Temple Ewell, is it because?

You have more choice there	677
Goods are cheaper there	486
Easy to park	419
It is convenient to your place of work	150
Other	67
Nearer local school / nursery	23

#### If you use the local Post Office, please say what for?



#### Are the local church / chapel important to you?

As an historic building	74.0%
As a focal point for the community	55.2%
Weddings and funerals	52.0%
For Baptisms	30.7%
For Sunday worship	24.0%
Other	6.0%

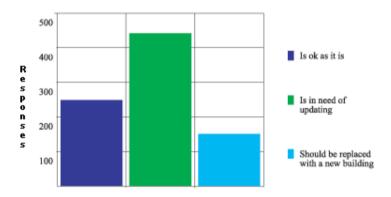
## Would you like to see the community role of the local church and chapel in Temple Ewell extended?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Local Church	117	128	476
Chapel	71	89	474

For details of other comments made by respondents regarding the Community, please see page 31

#### Leisure

Do you consider that the Village Hall .....?



Since the compilation of the Parish Plan questionnaire the Village Hall committee have started investigating the possibility of installing new windows. This would enhance the look of the building, improve insulation and, most importantly, cut down the level of noise pollution experienced by neighbouring properties. Further improvements to the toilets and general maintenance and refurbishment are planned for the future.

Would you like the facilities of the local school, church and chapel to be made more freely available to the local community?

Yes	208
No	84
No Opinion	554

Which new sports clubs / activities would you attend in Temple Ewell if they were provided, and would you be prepared to help organise and run any of them? (Offers of help shown in brackets.)

Keep fit	222	(13)
Tennis	85	(8)
Football	68	(10)
Table tennis	65	(5)
Short mat bowls	60	(10)
Martial arts	58	(5)
Cricket	56	(11)
Putting	45	(4)
Short tennis	33	(1)
Croquet	31	(7)
Skateboarding	23	(1)

Some of the above activities are available in Temple Ewell. For full details of all activities in the village please see the Newsletter and Website. The Parish Council is always keen to hear of suggestions to extend these.

Would you be prepared to help with the following leisure time activities for young people?

The summer play scheme	24
Youth club	22
Sports clubs	19
After-school club	13
Uniformed organisations	10

Once again, those of you who kindly provided your names and addresses have been contacted, however a number of people indicated their willingness to help but unfortunately did not give their contact details. If you are able to pledge some time to assist with either sports or leisure time activities for young people please do contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01304 826386 or by email clerk@templeewellpc.net .

For details of other comments made by respondents regarding Leisure, please see page 32

#### **Information**

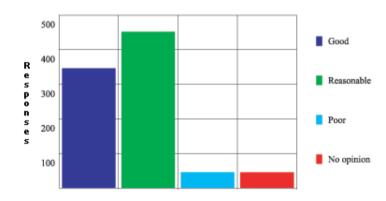
Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Temple Ewell?

Temple Ewell Newsletter	824
Notice Board	372
Local paper	304
Post Office / Shop	303
Free paper	148
Other	98
Temple Ewell Web Site	42
Library	8

It is disappointing to note that only 42 people usually use the Temple Ewell Web Site to obtain event information. The site is always kept up to date and includes a Village Diary, contact details and links to other village organisation sites. However the Newsletter is very well received and appreciated. In the period between delivery of the Parish Plan questionnaires and the production of this document, there has been a change of editor who has encouraged the submission of letters and articles of interest. This has resulted in a lively forum of discussion on many important village issues. It is assumed that "other" may well relate to "word of mouth" information.

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 32

## Do you think the amount of information available about what is going on in Temple Ewell is ......?

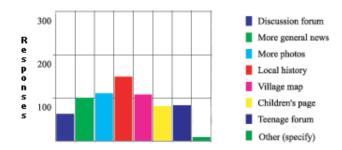


#### Do you think the Temple Ewell Newsletter should include more items on....?

Local events	359
Local history	351
Leisure	204
Sports	85
Arts	66
Other	22

Since circulation of the Parish Plan questionnaire the Newsletter has begun to include a wider range of articles. These have included village history and a greater number of letters from parishioners. Suggestions for additional material include births, marriages and deaths notices, natural history, Temple Ewell School achievements and a teenage forum. Copy is always appreciated so please do get writing and pass your articles to the editor or committee members.

#### How do you think the Temple Ewell website should develop?



There were 320 people who reported that they never use the website and 189 who do not have internet access. These have been removed from the above graph in order that we may concentrate on the actual suggestions.

#### **Parish Council**

What is your opinion of the way the planning system is implemented in Temple Ewell?

34
252
102
32
301

Should the Parish Council undertake any of the following to improve Temple Ewell?

Install a public toilet at the playing field	359
Have a spring clean day annually	355
Enter the village of the year competition	238
Mark out pitches in the playing field	185
Improve signposting	164
Improve the play equipment	161
No opinion	156
Other	23

For details of other suggestions made by respondents please see page 32

## Do you feel that the issues addressed by your Parish Council reflect local concerns?

Yes	340
No	62
No opinion	449

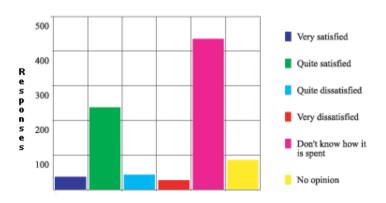
Temple Ewell Parish Council is always receptive to your views and would like to remind you that council meetings are open to the public. If you have a concern which you would like the Council to address please put it in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

#### How well does the Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities?

Very well	67
Reasonably well	337
No opinion	308
Badly	144

Since circulation of the Parish Plan questionnaire the Parish Council has been publishing minutes of its meetings on the village website and notice boards. There have also been articles included in the Temple Ewell Newsletter written by Parish Councillors, our District Councillor Roger Frayne and our County Councillor Brian Cope.

## The Parish Council is empowered to raise money through the Council Tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent?



This information is available on the village notice boards at the financial year end and is presented at the Annual Parish Meeting which is open to all parishioners. In addition it is planned that an overview of Parish Council spending will be included in the Newsletter at the end of each financial year.

## Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher Council Tax to meet some additional needs of Temple Ewell? For example:

A community police officer	356
Lighting/resurfacing at car park	87
Surfacing roadway to allotments	44

It was disappointing to see only a relatively small number of people responding to this question, 441 in total. It must be pointed out that there were many who did not tick any boxes but simply wrote NO!

You will have noticed that work to light and resurface the village car park has now been completed. This was achieved without the need to increase the village precept by working with the developer of the George and Dragon site. Following the sale of the George and Dragon, the Parish Council maintained ownership of a small strip of land adjacent to the old stable building. This has now been exchanged for the value of the new lighting scheme, resurfacing of the roadway and upper car park and construction of the new steps between London Road and the upper car park.

#### Note

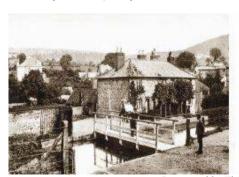
Names and contact details of the members of Temple Ewell Parish Council may be found on the Village website at www.templeewellpc.net.



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#### Additional Comments, Collated and Summarised:

#### **Housing**

#### Other suggestions for acceptable housing development were:

Four bedroom detached houses which are eco friendly.

Priority should be given to infill development.

Requests for the village to remain as a viable community with no speculative development allowed.

#### **Education**

#### Other suggestions for educational facilities were:

A new primary school could be built behind the George and Dragon, allowing the existing school to be used as a gym with a wider access path and parking facilities.

#### Other suggestions for educational activities were:

Marketing & business Studies, Creative Writing, Child Care, Music and Natural History.

#### **Transport**

#### Other comments relating to transport/traffic:

Weight restriction in Lower Road needed to prevent its use as a "rat-run."

Install a one way system in Kearsney Avenue.

Extra signposting needed for Kearsney camp site and double yellow lines on camp site corner.

Install a one way system around Green Lane, Target Firs and Templeside.

At Green Lane a pavement and pot-hole repairs are needed.

There are problems with inconsiderate parking in Templeside.

20mph speed restriction is needed throughout the village.

Clear road marking is needed for the entrance to Woodville Hall.

Small local buses, e.g. to River, should be introduced.

Install a "Slow" sign in Wellington Road.

Double yellow lines are needed at Lower Road, Church Hill and lower entry to Target Firs.

Something should be done to prevent the parking of commercial vehicles outside private residencies.

All parking restrictions should be enforced.

A small part of the Playing Field should be used for car parking.

Install a second interactive speed sign at the Dover end of London Road

A skeleton bus service for Temple Ewell on Sundays and Bank Holidays should be introduced.

There is too much traffic at the school entrance at the beginning and end of school day.

#### **Environment**

#### Other comments relating to the environment:

Narrowness of the pavement and roadway on London Road need to be sorted out.

Parking on grass verges should be stopped.

Rubbish in the river and playing field is a problem.

Kearsney Station Railway House is an eyesore.

A sign for the Church at the junction of High Street and Lower Road would be useful.

More floral displays in the village requested.

Road signs need regular cleaning.

More publicity about recycling and energy conservation needed.

More play equipment wanted at the playing field.

There should be more supervision at the Children's Homes in the village.

Trees in the churchyard affect TV reception.

All the railings along Lower Road should be replaced.

More rubbish bins are needed.

Increased action needed on dog fouling.

#### **Community**

#### Other comments relating to the community:

Disturbance from moped/motorcycles and antisocial driving is a problem.

Antisocial behaviour at bus stop needs to be dealt with.

A specified young people's meeting area is requested.

CCTV is needed near the bus stop at Players' Corner.

CCTV needed at Church Hill to combat vandalism and car theft.

A pelican pedestrian crossing is needed in the village centre.

More road sweeping is requested.

No more mobile phone masts wanted in the village.

More mobile phone masts are needed in the village.

Additional salt or grit bins needed.

Grit bin near village shop should be repositioned.

There is too much light pollution along London Road.

Southdown Stores has a good range of stock but needs more publicity.

Shop and Post Office hours should be extended.

Post Office services should be extended to include vehicle tax, passports and EU

documentation and they should accept credit cards.

More publicity is needed for the mobile library.

Church/chapel services and activities need to appeal more to young people.

Clergy should make more visits to the sick and lonely.

More ramps are needed for wheelchairs.

Intrusion from private security lights is a problem.

Noise from the Village Hall and The Fox are a concern.

#### Leisure

#### Other suggestions for leisure activities were:

Slimming Club, Pilates, Reflexology, Family History, Feng Shui, Salsa and Latin American Dancing, Line Lancing, Film Making and Photography, DIY Skills, Curtain Making, Model Engineering, Pre Retirement Courses, Uniformed Organisation e.g. Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cadets, St Johns, Red Cross, Bridge.

#### Other suggestions for sporting activities were:

Rugby, Squash, Snooker / Billiards, Badminton, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Tai Chi, Boules, Ten Pin Bowling, Netball, Basket Ball, Base Ball, Diablo, Swimming, Weight Training Room, Running, Cycling/Mountain Biking.

#### Other comments

More sound proofing at Village Hall, especially a sound proofed band practice room. Concern was expressed about cleanliness of the Village Hall facilities. Play facilities are needed in the Target Firs/Templeside area.

#### **Information**

#### Other suggestions for better village information:

Requests for more information about Temple Ewell activities in the local press. Additional suggestions for Newsletter articles as follows: voluntary services, health promotions, Nature Reserve activities, school activities and local politics.

#### **Parish Council**

#### Other suggestions for issues that could be addressed by the Parish Council:

Set up a walking school bus.

Extend and increase the use of Neighbourhood Watch.

Organise a family fun day.

In addition, there was concern expressed about the anonymity of Parish Councillors and the co-option process.

Many comments indicated respondent's wishes to maintain the village environment and sense of community found in Temple Ewell.

#### **Youth Questionnaire Results**

46 Young People between the ages of 11 and 18 completed the questionnaire and all comments and requests are presented in their own words.

Age Group	Male	Female
11- 15	17	21
16 -17	1	6
18	0	1

#### **BEHAVIOUR**

What do you think about the teenage behaviour around Temple Ewell?

OK	18
Excellent	4
Fair	12
Poor	10
Very Poor	2

#### **FACILITIES**

Do you think there are enough facilities for the young people in the village?

74% answered 'no' to this question. Interestingly the adults of the village would seem to agree with this (see bar chart on page 22). The following activities were suggested:

Somewhere they can go without younger children and older teenagers

Somewhere to sit and talk with your friends

Footie goals, skate park

More after school clubs

Free transport to sports centre or cinema on a regular basis as there isn't much for them here

Maybe an acting group or dancing group for teenagers to "mingle" and have fun

Swimming facilities, Children's Ball Park, Lazer Planet Games

Goals / sports facilities

Clubs 4 all ages (not youth clubs) such as football, and stuff for years 11 to 13

Stay at home instead of going to the bus stop

Under 18's disco

Somewhere to "hang out" as sitting at the bus stop is not very safe

Somewhere where we can get together because the bus stop isn't fun or safe

That there's another youth club for younger kids

Local disco

Park for BMX/Skateboards

A place where teenagers can hang out apart from the bus stop

Public toilet, more benches, stuff for teenagers

Skate park (nothing fancy just enough for young skaters to try things near their houses)

Theme park, bowling alley, cinema, ice rink

**Toilets** 

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Tennis courts / crazy golf

Skate park

Mountain bike jumps

BMX and skateboarding park

An everyday youth centre, with more variety of things to do

Better youth club, football team

Youth schemes

#### YOUTH CLUB

## Only 3 of the respondents said that they attend the village Youth Club, with the following reasons given for not attending:

Bus stop people go

Time

I've never heard of it

Doesn't appeal to me

Because I attend the Air Training Corps and I am studying in my other spare time

Because I go to the Air Training Corps and Tae Kwon Do

Not my background

I really can't be bothered

Not interested

I've never been given information about it

Because very busy with school work, and other social activities

At a boarding school and don't get home in time

I'm too busy with other activities and homework

Didn't know there was one but find it difficult to attend clubs as we / mum is so busy

Didn't know there was a youth club

Because it's rubbish and I never have time

Because I don't have time

Nice enough people, just not open minded with my interests / opinions visa versa

Because I don't play in Temple Ewell

I did not know about it

I didn't know there was one

Don't know anyone there

Because I was told to leave, due to a misunderstanding re a broken window / door, which I did not do

Not interested in youth clubs

I do not think it is very good

Because it is not very good

Not aware we had one

#### Question - What age group would you prefer the Youth Club to be?

Age group	Responses
9+	9
11+	10
13+	18
16+	7

52% said they would like a separate building for the Youth Club.

Only 3 said that they knew of young people whose parents/carers do not allow them to attend Youth Club, with the reasons being given:

Outsiders cause trouble and local children get blamed Don't get the time Not suitable

#### **OPINIONS AND VIEWS**

85%	Think that young people's views are not listened to enough.

80% Think that CCTV cameras help prevent vandalism and improve personal

safety.

76% Believe that a Young Person's Council would be useful.

54% Think that the Men's Club should let women in.

Specific Youth issues are addressed in the Action Plan see page 40.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the young people who participated in the design and completion of this part of the Parish Plan.





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#### **Action Plan**

Recommendation/ Aims	The Way Ahead	When?	By Whom?	Funding Possibilities	
Housing / Planning					
To promote the provision of affordable and warden assisted housing.  To oppose large scale development at village fringes.	Investigate possible sites including the use of any disused property, but avoiding large scale development at the village fringes. Discuss with DDC the inclusion of this need within the Local Development Framework currently being devised by them.	LDF to commence 2006	Parish and District Councils		
To encourage redevelopment of any disused property.					
Increase satisfaction and knowledge of the way in which the planning system is implemented.	Explain PC and DDC roles with regard to planning applications via website, Newsletter and notice boards. Encourage public involvement.	As soon as possible and ongoing	Parish Council		
Ref: Pages 8 & 27.					
Education					
To fully support the continued success of Temple Ewell School.	Liaise with KCC and support future development of Temple Ewell School, its high standards and community involvement.	Ongoing	Parish Council		
To encourage provision of a Holiday Play Scheme.	Lobby District Playscheme organisers to include Temple Ewell in their summer programme. Continue to support transport for children to other local sites.	For summer 2006	Parish Council	Precept* and or investigate grant funding	
To facilitate the establishment of Adult Education classes/meetings.  Ref: Pages 8,9 & 10.	Enlist a co-ordinator to work via the Newsletter/website to gather information on interested people and form like-minded groups.	Early 2006	Parish Council and Newsletter	Investigate grant funding	

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Recommendation/ Aims	The Way Ahead	When?	By Whom?	Funding Possibilities
Transport / Parking				
The continued provision and improvement of public transport to and from Temple Ewell.	Continue monitoring of local public transport and lobbying for the maintenance of at least the current level of services.	Ongoing	Parish Council	
To promote the renovation of the station house at Kearsney and maintenance of the station.	Instigate a "Friends of Kearsney Station" lobby group.	Early 2006	Parish Council	
To address transport difficulties/lack of transport.	Raise awareness of the needs of some parishioners and enlist a co-ordinator to arrange car sharing wherever possible.	Early 2006	Parish Council and Newsletter	
To set up a walking school bus.	Liaise with school and Friends of T.E. to investigate the setting up of a walking school bus.	Early 2006	Parish Council/ Parents	
To improve road safety.	Liaise with Kent Police to establish "Speedwatch" in Temple Ewell to investigate the effectiveness of existing speed limits. To ensure correct operation of the interactive speed sign on the London Road.	2006	Parish Council	Precept* for Speedwatch equipment. (Investigate sharing with neighbouring Parish/s)
	Support KCC proposals to install a "village gateway" at Watersend and the change of priorities at junction of Alkham Valley and London Roads.	Ongoing	Parish Council	
To improve village parking.	Continue Parking Strategy Committee's investigation into increasing parking provision.	Ongoing	PC Parking Strategy Committe	
Ref: Pages 10 - 13.				

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Recommendation/ Aims	The Way Ahead	When?	By Whom?	Funding Possibilities
Environment				
To reduce the timescale between defects being reported and action taken regarding maintenance and improvement of roads / pavements.	Appoint a "County Lengthsman Co-ordinator" for Temple Ewell, whose duty will be to notify defects to KCC Highways Dept.	Ongoing	Parish Council and Highways Dept	KCC
To reduce the problem of dog mess.	Provide additional dog mess bins as required. Encourage, via the Newsletter, website and notice boards, all dog owners to be responsible.	Immediately	Parish Council, Newsletter, village website	Precept*
To reduce the problem of litter.	Continue regular litter collection by village handyman.	Ongoing	Parish Council, Newsletter,	Precept*/ DDC
	Organise annual "Spring Clean Day."  Provide additional litter bins as required. Encourage, via the Newsletter, website and notice boards the public's individual responsibility for litter control.	Spring 2006	village website. All Parishioners	
To increase the level of recycling.	Encourage the use and extension of all recycling schemes.	Ongoing	Parish Council, Newsletter, village website	
To maximise volunteer resources.	Enlist a co-ordinator to compile and maintain a database of willing village helpers.	2006	Parish Council via Newsletter and village website	
To promote Parish Public Rights of Way.	Ensure that all footpaths remain accessible and well maintained. Publicise their whereabouts with a village map and village walk cards.	2006/2007	Parish Council	Investigate grant funding

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The Way Ahead	When?	By Whom?	Funding Possibilities
Explore the feasibility of the installing toilet facilities at the King George V Playing Field.	2006	Parish Council	Precept*/ Grants
Continue liaising with local police and parishioners regarding unauthorised motorcycle scrambling nuisance.	Ongoing	Parish Council	
Promote and support activities for young people in Temple Ewell in conjunction with the school and the youth club.	Ongoing	Parish Council	Precept*/ Grants
Lobby Village Hall Management Committee to act on views expressed by respondents.	2006	Parish Council	Village Hall and Grants
Enlist a co-ordinator to gather information on interested people and form like-minded groups. Offer support to these groups.	2006/ 2007	Parish Council, Newsletter, website	
Continue grant assistance towards Newsletter costs and promote development of the Temple Ewell website.	Ongoing	Parish Council	Precept*
Advertise the competitions with the hope of enlisting committees and volunteers.	Yearly	Parish Council	
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Recommendation/ Aims	The Way Ahead	When?	By Whom?	Funding Possibilities
Youth Matters				
To give young people a voice.	Instigate a young person's Parish Council.	2006	Parish Council, Youth Club, Newsletter	Investigate Grant Funding
To provide a meeting place.	Explore all possibilities.	2006/ 2007	Parish Council/ KCC	Precept* and Grant Funding
To give wider publicity to Youth Club.	Ensure that all young people of the village know what is on offer.	Early 2006	Newsletter, Website	
Ref: Pages 32-35.				

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Crabble Surgery	865704 or 865714
River Surgery Dr Wright	823039
Dover Health Centre	865500
Buckland Hospital	201624
Kent & Canterbury Hospital	01227 766877
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital	01843 22 55 44
Dover District Council	821199
Citizens Advice Bureau	202567
Dover Library	204241
Dover Leisure Centre	201145
Stagecoach Dover	0870 2433711
Tourist Information	205108
Late Night Chemist Tesco Whitfield (open till 8pm)	867547
Scoot Telephone Information Line	0800 192192
Dover Anti-Social Behaviour Unit	872220
Police Fire Ambulance - Emergencies	999
Police - to report a suspicious event	01303 850055
Police Control Room - to report a crime in progress	01304 240055
Police - to report a crime where the offenders have le	eft 01303 289135
Crimestoppers	0800 555 1111
Neighbourhood Watch Office	01304 218130
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Electricity Emergency and Power Failure	0800 7838866
Water Supply Emergency	0800 7311933
Waste Water Enquiries	0845 2720845
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	0845 7909090
Post Office Customer Services	0845 7223344

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