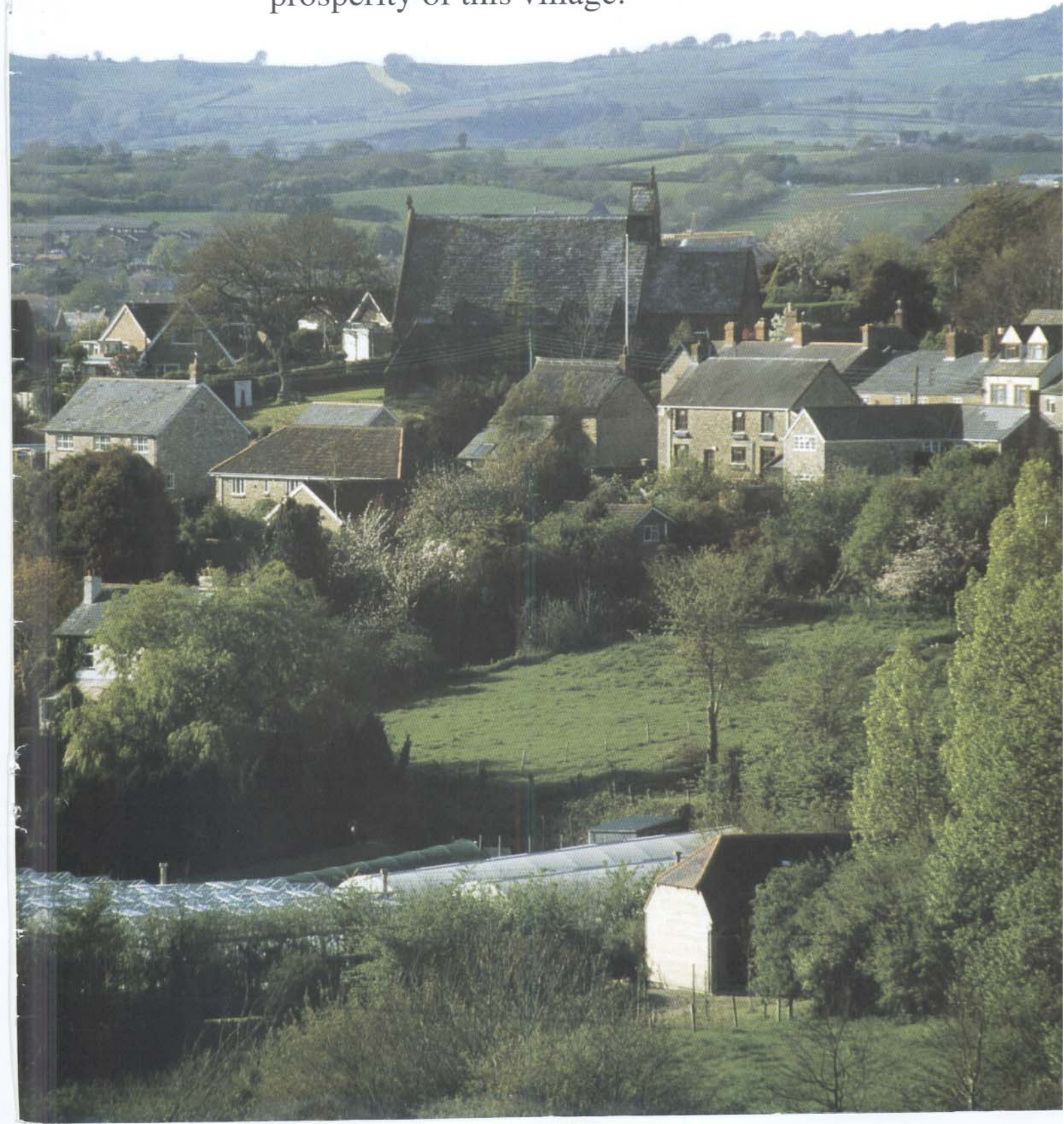


# BOTHENHAMPTON

A statement provided by the views, ideas and local knowledge and put together to describe the benefits most likely to help the development and prosperity of this village.







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# Bothenhampton Village Design Statement

## Introduction

The West Dorset village of Bothenhampton lies to the east of the market town of Bridport. One mile to the north is the village of Walditch; to the south are West Bay and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

Bothenhampton and Walditch villages, though separate settlements are politically joined in an eponymous parish. Within Bothenhampton there are about 800 households. The Old Village was registered as a conservation area in 1990.



*Ab Antiqua Main Street*

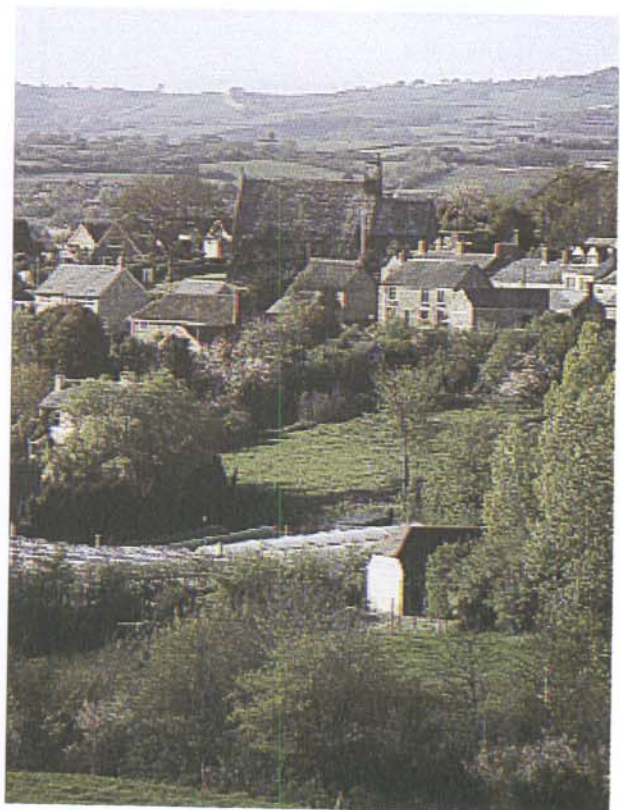
## Setting

The hills are mainly grassland with some small mixed woods and areas of furze, bracken and scrub. The grassland is grazed by sheep and cattle; some land is given over to crops of maize and wheat. An area to the south of Long Lane is a redundant landfill site currently undergoing reclamation. Extensive development has taken place over the post war period most of which has been unsympathetic

but, in spite of this, the old village still retains its charm and character which in large measure is due to the retention of areas of open space and long rear gardens that surround it. Within these areas, mature hedgerows and copses act as a buffer against new development and ensure a largely satisfactory relationship between the village and its setting.

## History of the settlement

Bothenhampton was first known as Baunton though the reason for this remains unknown. At the time of the Norman Conquest the settlement was included in the Liberty of Loders but is not mentioned as a separate entity in the Domesday Book. It is thought that following the Conquest the land was held by the wife of Hugh son of Grip who owned upwards of thirty manors. Baunton was taken from the Abbey of Bontbrugh and ceded to the Nunnery of Syon during the suppression of the Alien houses in the reign of Henry V where it remained until the dissolution. It then passed to the elder branch of the Mohuns of Fleet in about 1570.



*Village Viewed from Nature Reserve*



## **History of the settlement (contd.)**

In 1653 the people of Baunton asked for permission to bury the dead in their own churchyard. Bishop Bradshaw told them to dig for human remains and, if they found them, they would be granted a licence. Following the finding of the required evidence the licence was approved.

There is evidence of field systems characterised by huge boundary stones and there used to be strip lynchets to the north of Long Lane but these have since been ploughed out. In more recent times there were stone quarries at Wanderwell and the 'potteries' at the end of Long Lane where bricks and tiles were made, Long Lane was sometimes referred to as Pottery Lane. The brick and tile works fell into disuse before the Second World War and the site was later used for landfill.

## **Rural character of the village**

The western boundary of the parish is separated from the market town of Bridport by Sea Road South formerly the route of the old railway line to West Bay. The route into the village is via Hollow Way with its raised pavement said to date from medieval times. Dry stone walls are a feature of the village. In the 1940's there were ten farms, including one

poultry farm, recorded within the village boundary. Only three are still working farms. There is a plant nursery with its associated glasshouses and an organic grower producing vegetables maintaining the rural traditions of the village, which we hope will be continued.

In addition to agricultural work, quarrying, and brick and tile manufacture, the village used to be home to out-workers in the netting industry.

The village is served by numerous footpaths, some enclosed by deep hedge banks, and bridleways which connect all parts of the settlement to the countryside. West Bay, Bridport, Burton Bradstock and Shipton Gorge can all be reached by footpaths without having to cross a major road.

The track known as Green Lane, which leaves the meadows of the River Asker and leads more or less to the old church, is medieval.

Appendix 3: List of footpaths within the village boundary.





## Principal buildings and general architecture

Bothenhampton old village is a linear settlement running east west off Sea Road South. Main Street has some delightful cottages in a variety of styles. Home Cot, Laurel Farmhouse, Royal Oak Cottage, Ab Antiqua with its bread oven, Manor Farm, Cosy Cot and May Cottage are all significant domestic buildings dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> century.



*Main Street*

The almost continuous run of cottages on the north side of the street is a mixture of stone, render and brick which sit on a dramatically raised pavement. There are several cottages of note in Duck Street; Spring Farm Cottage is early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The Village Hall on the south side of Main Street was raised by public subscription in 1914 and is owned by the village.

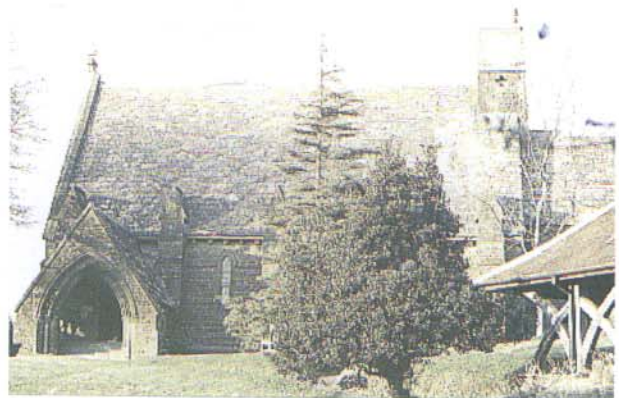
The Bothenhampton Men's Club was formerly an old cider press. Old Church Road has a mixture of old and modern cottages the occupants of which have a magnificent view of Bothen Hill.



*Old Church*

The Old Rectory lies in extensive grounds between Marrowbone and Quarry Lanes and is the largest building in the village.

The remainder of the village is modern development with the exceptions of Wych Farm, Wanderwell Farm, Little Wych and some additional stone cottages. There are some significant Edwardian houses in Crock Lane and 1930's bungalows in Bowhayes.



*Holy Trinity Church*



## **Distinctive features and landmarks**

The redundant church of The Holy Trinity dates from 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> centuries though the font is earlier. The new church, also dedicated to The Holy Trinity, was built by the architect E.S. Prior in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in the Arts & Crafts style. It is a building of national importance. Prior used Forest Marble, the locally quarried stone in the construction of Holy Trinity Church.

The old quarries at Wanderwell are celebrated in the reconstruction of a lime kiln which converted limestone into 'quick lime' used for lime mortar in the construction of many of the cottages in this area of West Dorset.

There is a triangulation pillar on North Hill at 124 metres but the Bothen Hill spot height is at 128 metres. Both hills command stunning views over Lyme Bay and the surrounding countryside.



*View to West Bay from Nature Reserve*

## **Geology & Natural History**

Bothenhampton Nature Reserve, the only one in West Dorset, is designated both as a Regionally Important Geological Site and a Site of Nature Conservation Interest. A thin layer of soil covers the underlying geology that is of Forest Marble, a form of hard limestone.

The Nature Reserve is designated for its species-rich calcareous flora. Bothenhampton and its surrounding countryside support a rich diversity of mammals, birds, insects and wildflowers.

The high banks and hedgerows together with the dry stone walls are havens for wildlife.



*Dragonfly*



*Pyramid Orchid*

Plants and animals which have been observed in the village are listed in Appendix 1.



## The present day village

Bothenhampton has changed markedly in the last twenty years. Agriculture has declined and few within the village are supported by it. Quarrying and brick and tile manufacture are gone and there are no out-workers supporting the dwindling netting industry of Bridport.

Tourism has increased in the area and a number of cottages have been acquired as holiday accommodation. The area generally has attracted people in retirement. Bothenhampton has a high proportion of older people.

In the last five years there have been a few minor housing developments of up to five dwellings and the groundswell of opinion is that there should be no more development other than infill or on brown field sites. Sea Road South is our western boundary and the village is 'protected' on either side of the settlement area by countryside of breathtaking beauty. These gaps must be maintained in order to preserve the identity of the village.



*Main Street*

Traffic adversely impacts on village life particularly related to parking, heavy lorry access and egress and speeding. Main Street experiences occasional problems with parking on the single width roadway.

Considerable pride is taken by villagers in the presentation of their property and gardens. Older properties have been upgraded but many are too costly, and in some cases too small, to meet the needs of young families and are therefore more likely to attract second home owners or retired persons.

Formerly the village had a store, a post office and two public houses. The community post office, which served the community two days a week, has recently been closed much to the disappointment of local residents.



*Frome Valley Morris in Main Street*



*Golden Jubilee Celebrations*



## **Open Spaces**

The people of the village have immediate access to open countryside which is our natural 'open space'. The Nature Reserve is extensively used by villagers and visitors alike and is very popular with dog walkers.

John Holt play area is the village recreation space and has some fixed play apparatus set on a child safe base. There is a grassed area with a pair of small portable football nets. The area is also used for occasional village activities such as children's sports events.

The church fete with its stalls and sports events is held in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church.

The Crock Lane and Valley View areas have no suitable play area or functional open space.

## **Community life**

The village hall is the main focus for activities within the village a list of which is provided as Appendix 2.

Meetings of the Parish Council and the Bothenhampton Residents Association both take place in the hall. The 'Bothenhampton Helpers', in existence before the Second World War, are at the heart of fundraising activities for the village hall. There have been a number of successful evenings that have been organised by this group from within the village.

The village hall is in need of significant refurbishment and to this end a Village Hall Committee has been formed to organise the upgrading for this, our only secular community building. With the help of Dorset Community Action it is hoped that, in the near future, the village hall will be managed by a charitable trust.

The Bothenhampton Men's Club has a subscribing membership who play snooker and billiards in what was an old cider press. This building stands back from the junction of

Quarry Lane and Old Church Road and is owned by the membership. It is a two-storied building the upper floor of which is unused.

In addition to acts of worship, Holy Trinity Church provides the community with a venue for a number of musical events during the year. These are well attended and the setting of this magnificent small Dorset church greatly enhances the experience.

There are great organising skills within the village as was demonstrated during the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. There were over one hundred people sitting down to refreshments at the street party.

During the year there are village walks usually organised by the Residents Association.



## Village style and structure

To the north and south of the old village are new estates which have either been developed in a haphazard way or are part of larger consistent but unsympathetic developments of the last four decades. There is a concern expressed by many residents that the village maybe subsumed by Bridport and that the gaps between the settlement and its market town will eventually disappear.

## Building materials

The older buildings of the old village and some cottages and farmhouses in Wanderwell are of local Forest Marble from the local quarries at Wanderwell and Burton Bradstock. Cottages are constructed in random or coursed rubble with worked quoins and window and door voussoirs. Forest Marble has also been used in the village for stone boundary walls. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century brick tends to be bright orange in colour, the local brick has a reputation for poor quality and some cottages have had to be re-faced with stone due to crumbling Bothenhampton brick.

There is quite a variation in roof material with some old and new thatched houses, a preponderance of slate. Slate hanging is used on the south wall of Manor Farmhouse. Double Roman Pantiles appear on several buildings. Modern housing is constructed of brick, artificial stone, render and successful re-introductions of stone with stone- with-brick on buildings from the 1990's until the present time. Roofs include concrete tiles and pantiles, slate, or visually similar modern substitutes, and thatch.

## Guidelines & Recommendations

- The physical identity of the village of Bothenhampton must be maintained as a settlement distinct from Bridport.
- Due regard must be paid to the Conservation Area, Land of Local Landscape Importance (LLLI), Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Defined Development Boundary when considering planning matters. Only infill building and brown field site development should be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Style and materials of new build should, where possible, be in sympathy with existing buildings and the linear nature of the streetscape within the Conservation Area, should be maintained.
- Gaps between settlements, as shown in the Local Plan, should be maintained, together with the dry stone boundaries, high banks and hedgerows. The long rear gardens, especially those to the north of Main Street should be preserved.
- Our wealth of footpaths are greatly appreciated by residents and visitors alike and it is recommended that they are preserved and well managed.
- All effort should be made to sustain and encourage our wide diversity of flora and fauna.





# Bothenhampton

## Village Plan

### Introduction

The villages of Bothenhampton & Walditch are combined as a single parish but are distinctly different in their origins and character. It was decided that the two villages should produce separate design statements and plans which took account of these differences.

The community consultation process was identical in that we organised start-up meetings in each village where the proposed consultation process was explained and where Vital Villages literature was available. Each of the meetings was attended by Simon Thompson of Dorset Community Action. A joint committee from the two villages was formed and a joint questionnaire was designed, tested and refined; it was sent to Dorset Community Action for appraisal and comment. A final draft was prepared and delivered to each household within the parish. Overall we had a return rate of approximately 36%.

Information was collated from the survey forms; it was at this point that we decided to separate the information into Bothenhampton and Walditch. Comments from each section of the survey were abstracted and listed and the raw data was presented at consultation meetings in each of the two villages with the object of gleaning any additional comments from the inhabitants.

Creating this document is the final stage of the process during which we engaged in additional consultation with a selected group of local people together with agencies who we thought would add value and make constructive criticism of the draft document. The final document will be a separate Village Design Statement and Parish Plan for each of the two villages.

### The Survey

The Survey was sent out in November 2002 to all households within the Bothenhampton Village. At the same time surveys were sent to all households in Walditch. Not all sections of the survey were completed by each household. In some cases there is some discrepancy between the answers to the first and subsequent questions.

257 surveys were returned from Bothenhampton which represents more than 35% of households, an excellent return. Unless otherwise stated the numbers reported in the survey analysis are based on a response from single households and not from individuals.

**The issue of the Bothenhampton VDS & Plan provides a final opportunity for public consultation. Anyone who wishes to comment on this document should do so in writing to the chairman of Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council within six weeks of issue. It will be for the Parish Council to decide what further actions may be necessary as a result of any comments received.**



## Response breakdown by area

- 49 Bothenhampton Old Village
- 85 Valley View, Wanderwell,  
Wytch Road Area
- 78 Crock Lane
- 45 Pasture Way Area

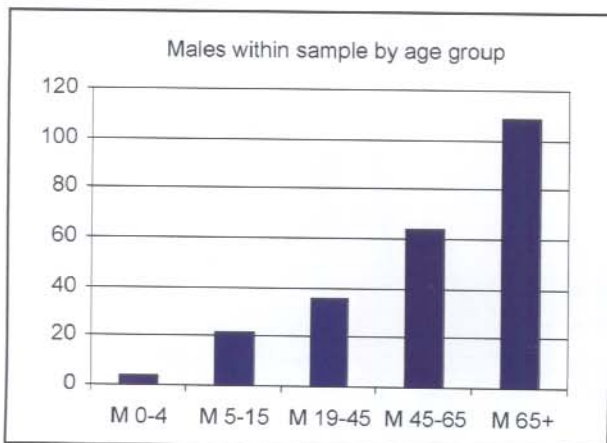
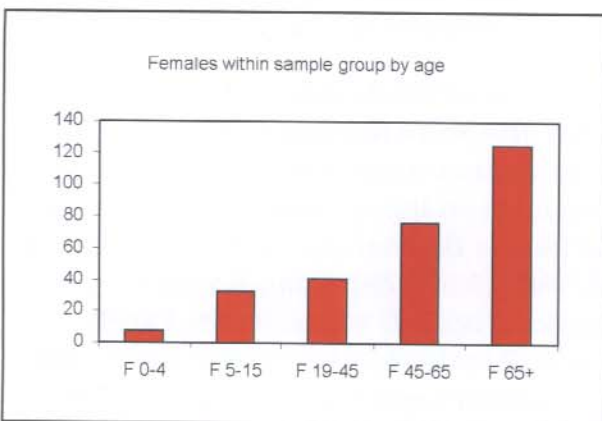
## Section B: Type of household

- 141 Married Couples or Partners
- 34 Couples with Children
- 9 Single Parent Families
- 73 Single Person Households

## Type of tenancy

- 204 Owner Occupier
- 4 Tenant
- 2 Other

## Age / Sex Distribution



## Section C: Employment

- 146 Employed
- 5 Seeking work

## Section D: Housing

### Description of housing

- 6 Inadequate
- 35 Satisfactory
- 215 Good

Question	Yes	No
Support further building in village	96	136
Support building on green field sites	32	88
Support social housing	98	136
Support shared ownership	145	84

28 households have a registered disabled occupant

## Section E: Services

Description	Yes	No
Are Dorset County Council services value for money?	147	95
Are West Dorset District Council services are value for money?	146	99
Do you prefer reduced Council Tax to further expenditure on council activities?	114	111
Are the Fire Service value for money?	225	10



## Comments on Services

- Poor road and pavement maintenance including high pavement (disgrace to the village)
- Poor street lighting particularly Pasture Way & Crock Lane.
- Better refuse collection needed especially items for recycling.
- Segregated rubbish bins in small terraced properties would be unmanageable.
- Dustmen to collect bins from nearer the houses of disabled residents.
- Regular cleaning of drains and maintenance of hedges and banks needed.
- Mobile library visit would be welcome.
- Poor drainage in old village.
- Have movement sensitive street lighting after midnight. (light pollution)
- Too many staff at County Hall!
- Footpaths poorly maintained. Poor disabled / pram access.
- The elderly need more help.

## Section F: Health

**199** agreed that the NHS is a large complicated organisation but in spite of this the population is well served, **45** do not agree.

### Comments on Health

- Better communications required between health professionals and patients (doctors, health visitors).
- We need a medical centre this side of Bridport. Present health centre is not very accessible.
- The NHS is very good.
- Poor services for the elderly i.e. Chiropody & Physiotherapy.
- No Well Woman / Well Man Clinics in Bridport
- Better parking required at the health centre.
- Improved diagnosis of life threatening diseases.
- Poor or non-existent NHS dental provision
- Appointment system is poor.



## Section G: Law & Order

Question	Yes	No
Do you feel safe walking in the village during the day?	249	3
Do you feel safe walking in the village at night?	160	79
Have you seen a regular police patrol in the village?	25	228
Have you been a victim of crime?	28	224
Do you consider the village a secure place in which to live?	233	14
Do you know if you live in a Neighbourhood Watch Area?	172	65
Do you know your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator?	98	126
Do you know what the police priorities are?	65	180
In your opinion do the police give value for money?	128	75



## Comments on Law & Order

- More police patrols on foot and at night.
- 'We never see a police presence in the village except in cars or helicopter'.
- Need for better crime / fire prevention with village seminars.
- Extend Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to cover Valley View and Crock Lane.
- 'We fear burglary and antisocial behaviour'.
- Better crime prevention and resolution.
- 'Police are hard to contact out of normal duty hours'.
- More emphasis on control of drugs and drug related crime.
- People with social problems are frightening neighbours.
- 'I have never seen a foot patrol in Bothenhampton'.
- Nuisance from noisy young people especially during the summer months.
- 'Helicopter is a waste of money'.
- 'Police response time is slow'.



## Section H: Environment

Question	Yes	No
Would you favour expenditure to improve facilities for walkers & cyclists?	167	80
Are signs for walkers adequate?	191	70
Would you favour parking permits for residents?	137	85
Would you favour parking limitations?	108	116
Would you favour limitations on road use (speed restrictions etc.)	63	152
Do you think the village suffers from any form of pollution (smells, light, noise etc.)?	62	181
Do you think we make good use of public space?	174	41
Would you favour more expenditure on litter bins?	164	81
Would you favour bins for dog waste?	208	41
Would you support efforts to recycle waste with separate bins?	233	18
Would you support energy saving features in your home?	215	28
Do you find overhead wires offensive?	148	98
Would you favour a community compost site?	122	117

The total number of cars based at the **245** households is **316**.

**211** households have off-street parking, **36** did not.

**211** households who have off-street parking could park a total of **491** cars.

### Comments on the Environment

- Need to control parking at dangerous junctions and on yellow lines.
- Restrict parking to one side of Main Street.
- Limit use of chain saws to the weekend and during daylight hours. Garden waste should be composted or taken to the tip.
- 20 mph speed limits in old village and Crock Lane.
- Deter access to large vehicles.
- Reduce light pollution by using downlights for new installations.
- Firework display should have to be licensed except on 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Too many large displays.
- Improve play areas, have more seats in public open spaces.
- Generally tidy up the village areas. Dog mess is still a problem on the footpaths.
- Where householders have any form of off-street parking their vehicles should not be parked on the street.



## Section I: Planning for future change

The first question in this section related to the application of planning controls.

15 respondents felt they should be relaxed,

122 felt they should be strengthened and

106 felt there should be no change.

Question	Yes	No
Do you think we have room for further development?	47	197
Would you support small commercial developments (crafts, agricultural diversity etc.)?	63	150
Do you favour rigorous application of specifications for building materials and architectural detail to maintain village character?	216	24
Would you support the development of a village shop / post office?	148	70
Would you support a community owned shop?	132	96
Do you live in a listed building? Comment : Some respondents were unsure.	5	242



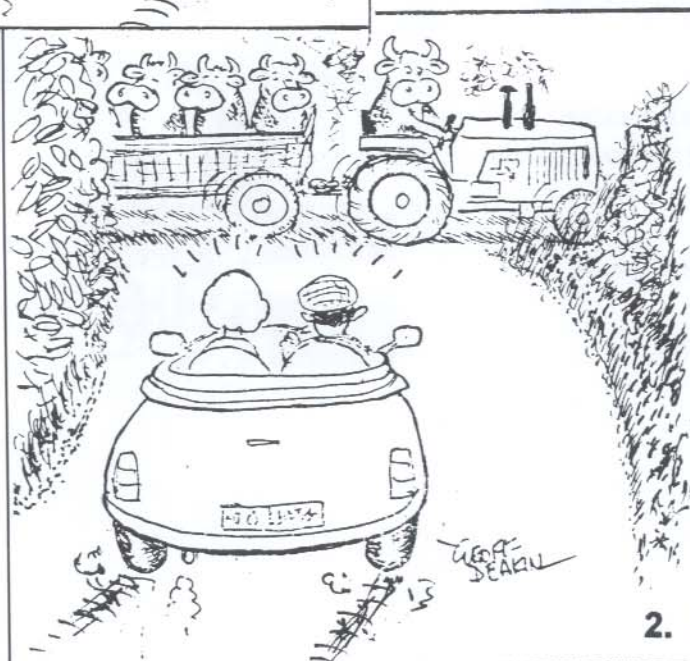
## Comments on Planning

- Site post office in Main Street near village hall.
- A village car park is needed and car parking should be free during the winter months.
- Development should be restricted to in-fill, the fields and hills should not be built on.
- Affordable houses for local young people. Encourage part ownership schemes and enforce social housing regulations.
- Discourage second homes and retirement into the area by legislation. Holiday lets should pay full Council Tax!
- Enforce planning controls and make the decision making process more transparent. Retrospective planning approvals should be reduced.
- Bothenhampton should not have any more development until the drainage and sewage systems are improved.
- Install a pelican crossing at the bottom of Hollow Way to cross Sea Road South.
- New community building needed in Bothenhampton.



## Section J: Transport

Question	Yes	No
Are you a car owner?	226	24
Do you use public transport?	61	183
Would you support a shared car scheme?	68	158
Would you support paying higher taxes to improve the bus service?	83	145



## Comments on Transport

- Need a 20 minute bus / minibus service to Bridport.
- Hospital car service for all who need it.
- More frequent and cleaner buses. Let drivers pick up and set down at more places. Bus to go to far end of village.
- Wheel chair friendly taxi and buses needed.
- A train from Bridport connecting with main line trains would be nice.
- Bus timetable not convenient.
- Improved cycle track needed and secure parking for cycles.
- Free bus passes for the elderly.
- Buses do not tie in with train times.
- No public transport to medical centre or leisure centre.

## Section K: Leisure & Arts

158 would support activities in the village hall, 79 would not.

170 thought the village hall met the needs of the community whilst 44 did not.

### Activities / Clubs which would be supported in the village hall



- Music society
- Garden club
- Films / Slide shows / Camera club
- Drama
- Book group / Literature group
- Philosophy / discussion groups
- Whist / Bridge
- Village barbecues in summer



- Keep fit / Yoga
- Coffee mornings / Charity events
- Need to develop more activities for the young and the elderly
- Afternoon craft group
- Guides / Brownies
- W.I.



## Comments on Leisure & Arts

### Village hall comments

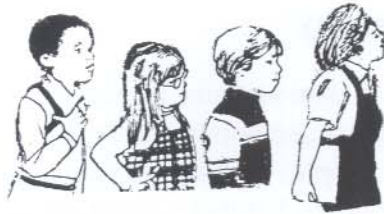
- The village hall is not big enough.
- Hall needs a car park to improve use.
- Improvement to décor, lighting and seating.
- Hall needs complete refurbishment with grant aid.
- Vocational training / education.
- Too small for today's needs (badminton, drama etc.)
- Poor toilet and kitchen facilities.

### Non-village hall comments:

- Restoration of a village pub would improve socialising.
- Bridport needs a cinema.







## Comments on Youth

- Not enough after-school clubs. Youth clubs needed for various ages
- More activities to keep young people off the streets
- Need to establish a sense of community by improving village activities.
- Arrange activities in the John Holt play area during the summer.
- There is no Bothenhampton pub / coffee bar / internet café
- Have house groups in the village for young people.
- Table tennis & badminton in village hall.
- Play area needed in the Valley View Estate
- No camera club, no discussion or philosophy group
- Need a cinema and bowling in Bridport
- More street parties, summer activities and games
- More play areas and swings for young children
- More recreational space for older children

## Section L: Youth

Question	Yes	No
Do you have difficulty in travelling to school or college?	7	34
Do you think there is an adequate range of training and education for post-16 year olds?	34	27
Have you ever been approached to join a club in Bridport?	38	10
Do you think that additional clubs could be encouraged in the village?	38	18
Do you think that the village is a good place for young people?	30	22
Do you think that public transport provides adequate access to local facilities?	15	36



## **Summary**

The steering committee consider that the response to the survey was both encouraging and significant. Aside from the statistical analysis, the comments of the respondents were extremely valuable and gave an indication of the major concerns and aspirations of the community.

## **Sense of identity**

There is a strong indication of a 'village identity' from the majority of those who completed the survey coupled with a desire to 'defend' the separate identity of the settlement citing its location within an area of outstanding natural beauty as the main benefit of living here. Within the community there is a considerable interest and knowledge of the natural history of the settlement, this is borne out by the listing of animal and plant species in Appendix 1 which was compiled as part of the consultation process.

## **Services**

Concerns were expressed over the quality and frequency of services delivered to the village. The condition of the roads and pavements, the care of hedgerows and verges and the absence of a Police presence in the village were all prominent features in the responses. It is hoped that following this exercise there will be a better understanding on the part of the local authorities and the Police of the needs of the community and that this will result in improvements to services.

## **Demography**

This survey demonstrated the demography of the settlement and pointed to the high number of retired people. It was evident from some of the respondents that they cannot partake of activities within the village, nor indeed make use of the limited transport because they are virtually housebound as a result of age or infirmity. Better communications with the elderly and the identification of less able people together with an improvement in transport could improve their quality of life. At the other end of the age spectrum it is evident that more could be done to encourage young people within the village to identify with, and feel a part of, village life.

## **Traffic & Parking**

Concerns have been expressed about parking, particularly in Main Street and Crock Lane where the roads are narrow and not constructed to accommodate large numbers of parked cars. Obstruction and the movement of large delivery vehicles cause frequent problems. Crock Lane is sometimes used as a 'rat run' to access the A35 and vehicle speeds are on occasions excessive given the road configuration. Parking on junctions and on blind corners occasionally obstructs traffic movement and is likely to cause accidents. Difficulty in parking is exacerbated during holiday periods.



## Amenities

Bothenhampton used to boast two public houses, a village shop and a post office. The village is reduced to having a post office which operates two days a week. The prospect of the current arrangement not surviving is of concern to many of the inhabitants.

On a more positive note the Village Hall has recently become a trust under the guidance of Dorset Community Action. A very active committee is currently fund raising and applying for grants to improve the hall and this will hopefully encourage a greater use which will benefit the community as a whole. A community market has been established as a result of the initiative of a local grower and this has been very well supported.

Holy Trinity Church provides both a spiritual and secular focus for the village. In addition to the regular acts of worship there are concerts and other activities which take place during the year in this beautiful building.

Though the Bothenhampton Men's Club has a restricted gender-selected membership it must be considered a village amenity. Some feel that the building could be upgraded and deliver additional benefits to the village but this could only be achieved with the consent of the present club members.

Bothenhampton has its own website, created by Ray Gibbs, the existence of which should be made more widely known and used to inform people of forthcoming events and items of village news.

Log on to:  
**[www.bothenhampton.org](http://www.bothenhampton.org)**

Contact Ray Gibbs via e-mail with items of news.



## **The Way Ahead: Action Plan**

Drawing on the information from the survey and the process of public consultation through village meetings a number of projects could be embarked on which would provide greater social benefit and a sense of belonging.

### **Project 1:**

The village hall project is already underway but requires a major fundraising effort in order to deliver improvement to the structure and décor. Architects plans have been drawn up and work has started on the refurbishment.

### **Action 1:**

Increase local support for the village hall committee by fundraising. Committee to access grants and secure matched funding.

### **Project 2:**

Provide a parish office and internet / computer facility linked to a training programme.

### **Action 2:**

Accommodation has been identified in the village hall plan for a parish office and internet / computer facility. Identify equipment and seek funding to provide this facility.

### **Project 3:**

A youth based project to provide a series of activities for younger people especially during the holiday period.

### **Action 3:**

Investigate the possibility of the funding of a part time youth worker to run activities during the holidays.

### **Project 4:**

Provide a village newsletter linked to the website which will ensure a wider distribution of information.

### **Action 4:**

Identify the ways and means of providing a village newsheet linked to the greater use of the website.

### **Project 5:**

Encourage activities for the elderly based on the village hall.

### **Action 5:**

Identify local groups who work with the elderly and a source of funding to support activities. The provision of transport to and from events should also be investigated.

## **Additional Objectives**

- Parish Council has applied for a mobile library service for the village.
- The aspiration to have a village shop, pub and post office should still be nurtured.
- The Residents' Association together with the Parish Council should promote better awareness on matters concerning planning.



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## Appendix 1

### Bothenhampton Flora & Fauna

This list is a compilation of animals, plants and insects which have been observed in Bothenhampton.

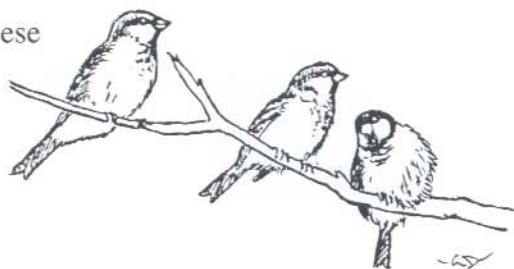
#### Mammals

Badger  
Fox  
Grey Squirrel  
Bats (Various)  
Stoat  
Field Mice, Shrews, Bank Voles.  
Roe Deer  
Rabbit



#### Birds

Robin  
Blackbird  
Little Owl  
Sparrow (House & Hedge)  
Wren  
Kingfisher  
Blue Tit, Coal Tit & Long Tail Tit.  
Swallow, Swift & House Martin  
Spotted Fly Catcher  
Jay  
Magpie  
Nightingale  
Blackcap  
Starling  
Jackdaw  
Herring Gull  
Greenfinch, Goldfinch & Chaffinch  
Crow  
Thrush  
Buzzard, Sparrow Hawk & Kestrel  
Bullfinch  
Canada Geese



Woodpecker (Green & Spotted)  
Gold crest  
Siskin  
Cuckoo  
Chiff Chaff  
Wagtails (Yellow & Pied)  
Moorhens  
Heron  
Warblers



#### Amphibians, Lizards etc.

Slow worm  
Toad  
Frog  
Newt

#### Butterflies & Moths

Red Admiral  
Tortoiseshell (Large & Small)  
Painted Lady  
Brimstone  
Orange tip  
Peacock  
Large white  
Spotted Wood  
Meadow Brown  
Comma  
Fritillaries  
Garden Tiger moth  
Jersey Tiger moth  
Hummingbird Hawk Moth



#### Insects

Glow Worms

#### Wild Flowers

Ivy Leaf Toadflax  
Cowslips  
Pyramid Orchid  
Ferns (Various)  
Primrose (Pin-eyed & Thrum-eyed)  
Red Campion  
Birdsfoot Trefoil  
Various vetches





## Appendix 2:

### List of Regular Hall Users

Bride Valley Choir  
Bothenhampton Brownies (packs 1&2)  
Bothenhampton Guides  
Bothenhampton Afternoon WI  
Bothenhampton Evening WI  
Bothenhampton WI Drama Group  
Conservative Association  
Bothenhampton Residents Association  
Bothenhampton Helpers  
Mothers' Union  
Bothenhampton Village Market  
Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council  
Bothenhampton & Walditch Vital Village Action Group  
Yoga Classes  
Village Hall Committee Fundraising Events

### Occasional Events

Children's Parties  
Funeral Gatherings  
Ladies Guild Functions  
West Dorset Elections  
Church Coffee Mornings  
Church DCC Meetings  
Housing Association AGM's  
Children Society Fundraising  
John Holt Play Area Fund Raising  
Learning Action Computer 'Tasters'  
Frome Valley Morris (Dancing & Mummings Play)  
Bride Valley ladies Choir  
Miscellaneous Private Parties



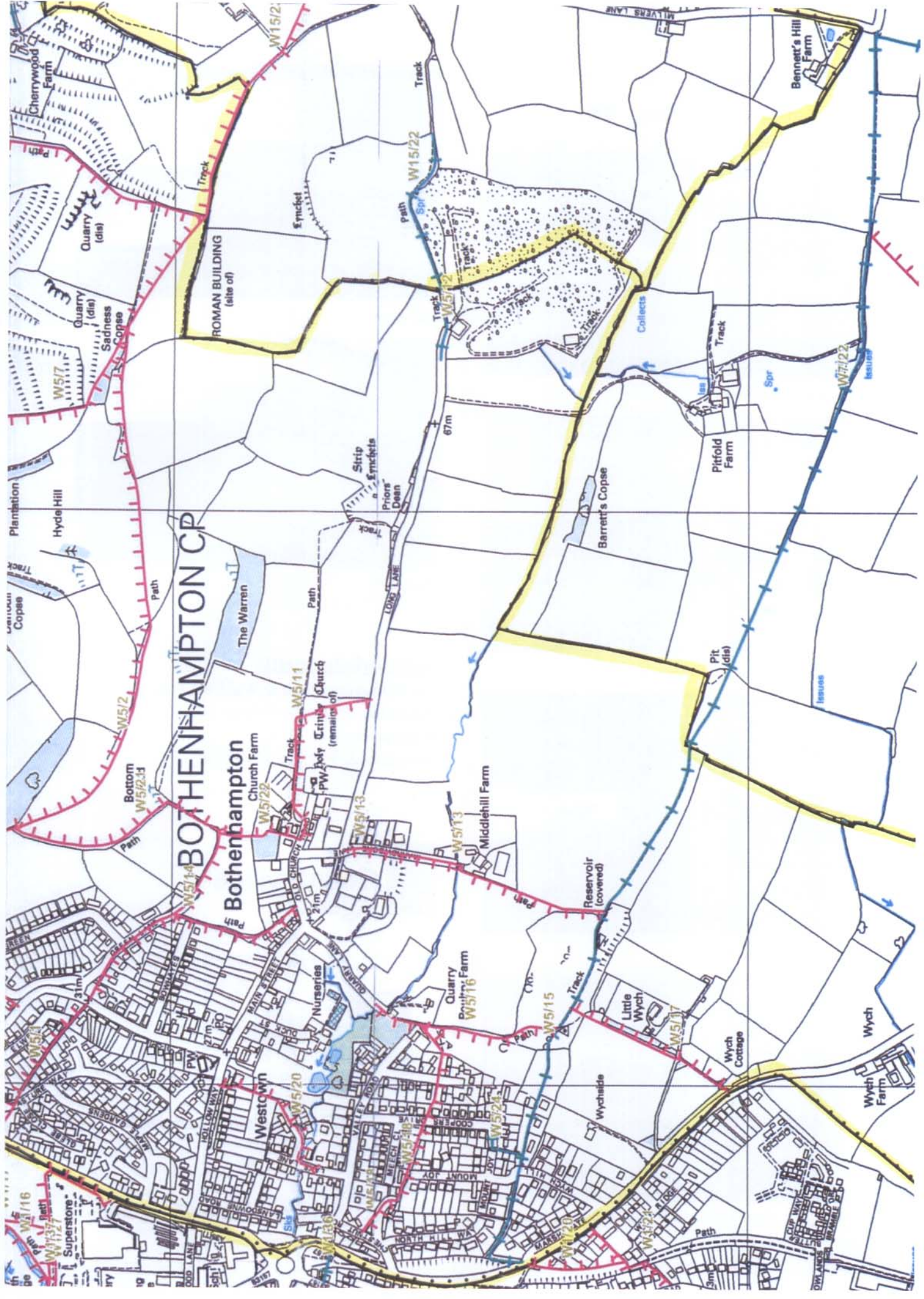
### Appendix 3: Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Footpaths & Bridleways

Path No.	GR1	GR2	Description
1FP	471921	469923	Council houses Crock Lane to Sea Road
2FP	471922	485919	Nordons Cottage Crock Lane to join Path No. 8 at Shipton Gorge parish boundary
3FP	469923	469923	Pasture Way estate road to join Path No. 1 near railway
4FP	471925	472924	Crock Lane south side of 'Hillsborough' to join Path No.2
5FP	470925	470926	Crock Lane north westwards to Bridport boundary at Sea Road South
6FP	480930	480932	Lower Walditch Lane to 'Lynchetts' Bridport / Dorchester road
7FP	481925	483920	Road opposite Hyde Cottages Walditch southwards to join Path No. 2 near Sadness Copse
8FP	484927	485919	Spinners Lane Walditch southwards to join Path No. 2 at Shipton Gorge parish boundary
9BR	488924	489923	Lane leading to Bonscombe to join Path No. 10 at Shipton Gorge parish boundary
10BR	488922	489923	End of lane eastwards to join Path No. 9 at Shipton Gorge parish boundary
11FP	474917	476916	Old School House to Long Lane
12BR	482915	484915	Continuation of Pottery Lane to Shipton Gorge
13FP	474917	473912	Long Lane via Marrowbone Farm to join Path No. 15
14BR	471921	472492	Crock Lane opposite Path No.1 in south easterly direction along Green Lane to junction with Path No. 25
15BR	467913	476911	Burton Road opposite footpath to West Bay to Burton Bradstock parish boundary via Mount Joy
16FP	471916	471913	Southern end of Quarry Lane to join Path No. 15 on Quarry Hill
17FP	470910	471913	Burton Road west of 'Wych Cottage' to join Path No. 15 on Quarry Hill
18FP	471915	467916	Path No. 16 (Quarry Lane) to Bridport boundary at Wanderwell
20FP	470919	468917	Road near Holy Trinity Church south westwards to join Lake Lane
21FP	473919	474922	Path No. 25 east of Bowhayes to join Path No. 2 near Bottom Wood
22FP	474917	474919	Path No.11 near 'Old School House' northwards to join Path No. 21
23FP	487931	484927	A35 road to road through Walditch opposite Spinners Lane Path No. 8
24BR	469914	469914	Bridleway 15 to new estate road approximately 30 yards north
25BR	472492	473091	From Path No.14 in Green Lane south for 355 metres along sunken lane to Old Church Road

Abbreviations :- FP Footpath : BR Bridleway : BY Byway

 Rights of Way on Map Opposite







## Village Views

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*John Holt Play Area*



*Pasture Way*



*Sheep in Quarry Lane*



*View from Nature Reserve to Bothen Hill*



*Lake Lane*



*Wych Hill*

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