**Sway Parish**

**Council Survey**

**Part 3 results:**

 **Your Parish Council**

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| **What further services or provision would you like to see** **Provided by Sway Parish Council?** | **Respondents** |
| Support in clearing ditches and trimming hedges | 195 |
| More road safety measures | 176 |
| More support for older people | 134 |
| Parish Council annual report on how your money is being spent | 132 |
| Support for more musical and cultural events in Sway | 115 |
| Improved quality and provision of green spaces in Sway | 101 |
| A Parish Council newssheet | 93 |
| More allotments | 56 |
| An internet café  | 47 |
| Extending the summer playscheme | 43 |
| A planning clinic  | 41 |
| Cheaper allotments  | 14 |
| ***Other*** |   |
| Car parking | 11 |
| Sort out potholes | 10 |
| More things for young people to do | 7 |
| Improved lighting | 6 |
| Better bus service | 5 |
| Pay attention to appearance and tidiness of village centre | 3 |
| Local help with internet | 2 |
| Support the Can Go service | 2 |
| Notices of Sway events on one large designated notice board under glass | 2 |
| Get the website up to date | 1 |
| Less road signage | 1 |
| More activities for pre-schoolers | 1 |
| leave Sway as a village, stop trying to modernise it | 1 |
| More pubs | 1 |
| Skate ramps in Jubilee Field | 1 |
| Planting to replace older trees | 1 |
| Prevent further light pollution | 1 |
| Re-open Brockenhurst/Ringwood rail | 1 |
| An enclosed area where you can exercise dogs | 1 |
| Pavement down Station Approach  | 1 |
| 20 mph on lanes | 1 |
| A space to hold functions | 1 |
| Clean and repair footpath around school field | 1 |
| Additional sports pitches | 1 |
| Bus shelter should be more enclosed | 1 |
| Eco housing | 1 |
| Faster broadband | 1 |
| Council library | 1 |
| Email newssheet and annual report | 1 |
| Safer verges for pedestrians | 1 |
| Becoming more environmentally friendly | 1 |
| A fully functioning website | 1 |
| Keep roads open during floods | 1 |
| Consideration for childcare for 0-2 year olds | 1 |
| Hairsway premises for local shop | 1 |
| Sway Deli | 1 |
| More female councillors | 1 |
| Road sweeping needed on rural lanes | 1 |
| One way system on Church Lane | 1 |
| Pavements in church are lethal | 1 |
| Animal road safety | 1 |
| Remove litter | 1 |
| A plan for community/youth buildings | 1 |
| Parking restrictions in centre of village | 1 |
| More efficient use of existing space | 1 |
| Community café | 1 |
| Greater support for community buildings i.e. village hall | 1 |
| Stronger identity of Sway | 1 |
| More support for local businesses | 1 |
| Encouraging tourism | 1 |
| Something to be done about run off water into Brighton Road | 1 |
| More active involvement in 'selling' Sway as place for light industry development | 1 |
| Not allowing parking on pavements | 1 |
| Not answered question | 88 |
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* **Further comments**
* Car parking is urgent and restrictions on parking - one side only outside Sway Manor
* Help with leaf clearage where preservation orders exist
* Support the Can Go service
* Why does the railway station keep their lights on all night? isn't there a newsheet already in the parish magazine? - this should be published but surely it is. Where road safety is compromised, local authority should just do it (clearing and trimming hedges)
* Get the website up to date
* If waiting list for allotment grows then more should be provided. Allotments provide cheap food at a time of rising food prices and people shouldn't have to wait more than a year ideally
* Somewhere for teenagers to be active e.g. outside skate ramp/climbing wall
* Fill potholes in roads before this winter!
* Parish Council newssheet - Sway News covers this. Happy with present situation
* build council flats, improve transport, reopen Brockenhurst Ringwood rail
* Happy with matters as they are, but understand others may wish for additional resources
* I think the services in Sway are outstanding
* Pavement down Station approach (to go with new street lighting)
* 20 mph on lanes
* Get older people involved in internet, charge if necessary
* Try and provide more car parking in/off Station Road
* Bus shelter should be more enclosed, similar to existing one opposite butchers
* Eco housing please! more encouraging to get houses insulated to save energy
* Roadside verges left uncut until wild flowers have seeded
* More help for teenagers/advice/something to do.
* Newssheet and annual report - yes, but why not email?, safer verges for pedestrians, with cleared central - like they have in Cumbria
* Becoming more environmentally friendly e.g. wild meadow in part of green space in Middle Road
* A tidier Sway with no fly-posting. If that is not possible, only notices of future Sway events to be on one large designated notice board - under glass!
* Why not use the 'HairSway' premises to run a charity shop?
* Why not Sway Deli?, use Sway News which is very good, trimming hedges and clearing ditches perhaps for those unable to do it themselves, 20 mph speed limit on all roads without footpaths
* More female councillors!
* Careful avoidance of supporting or facilitating commercial or profit driven initiatives that benefit individuals such as landowners etc - whose interests should be represented and what majority?
* More efficient use of existing space, sleeping policement used throughout Scandanavia
* Community cafe or without internet access could have wifi
* The centre of the village opposite the doctors needs tidying up and the traffic speed and chaos sorted
* More support for youth ventures
* Somewhere more for teenages that's not connected to the church!
* More support for local businesses - e.g. sorting out parking, encouraging tourism
* Resident in Brighton Rd - like something done about The Close's run off of water into Brighton Rd. This has been a problem for years. The ditches cannot cope in heavy rain, especially as so many not maintained.
* Am satisfied generally
* Village centre, provide off-road parking, notice board that is easier to use
* More active involvement in 'selling' Sway as a suitable place for light industry development
* Did not know what planning clinic is, not allowing parking on pavements please

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| **First priority**  | **Respondents** |
| More road safety measures | 77 |
| Support in clearing ditches and trimming hedges | 45 |
| More support for older people | 44 |
| Parish Council annual report on how your money is being spent | 15 |
| Improved quality and provision of green spaces in Sway | 15 |
| Support for more musical and cultural events in Sway | 14 |
| Extending the summer playscheme | 9 |
| A Parish Council Newssheet | 8 |
| More allotments | 6 |
| Cheaper allotments | 2 |
| Anything else within our remit | 2 |
| An internet café | 3 |
| A planning clinic | 1 |
| ***Other*** |  |
| Clean and clear walkways  | 1 |
| More things to do for young people | 4 |
| More lighting | 4 |
| Improve/more pavements | 5 |
| Skate ramps in Jubilee Field | 1 |
| Appearance and tidyness of village centre | 1 |
| Ca parking | 5 |
| Light pollution | 1 |
| Better bus service | 3 |
| Dog friendly green spaces | 1 |
| Fix potholes | 9 |
| Road repairs | 1 |
| Sway must remain a village | 1 |
| An enclosed area to exercise dogs | 1 |
| Lavetories in village centre | 1 |
| Clearing pavement surface water on roads | 1 |
| Review of meeting room availability requirements | 1 |
| Less spending on Jubilee Field | 1 |
| Bus shelter | 1 |
| Adopt sustainable ecological plan for villages | 1 |
| More signage  | 1 |
| Childcare for 0-2 year olds | 1 |
| Disignated glass notice board | 1 |
| Better paths around Sway | 1 |
| One way system in Church Lane | 1 |
| Better road maintenance | 1 |
| Improved drainage | 1 |
| Prevent road flooding | 1 |
| Road safety for animals | 2 |
| Pedestrian crossing | 1 |
| Cycle lanes | 1 |
| Modernise the village hall | 1 |
| Parking restrictions in centre of village | 1 |
| Cleaning up the grocery store  | 1 |
| Support for village hall | 1 |
| More support for local businesses to increase footfall | 1 |
| Support for apprenticeships for local people | 1 |
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* **Further comments**
* Help with leaf clearage in gardens where tree preservation orders exist
* Support for the elderly within their home
* There are too many speeding and on mobile phones especially mothers around school pick up times
* More road safety measures especially middle road and Manchester road
* More support for older people e.g. transport to village centre from peripheries
* Improve pavement in Church Lane
* Trimming hedges so that you can walk on pavement
* Pay attention to appearance and tidiness of village centre
* Clearing ditches and trimming hedges (sometimes visibility on road is affected)
* Road safety measures, no pavements in most villages - inability to walk to Brockenhurst or Lymington as roads too dangerous
* Better lighting on station approach
* To adopt a sustainable holistic Ecological Plan for 2 villages
* Roadside verges left uncut until wild flowers have seeded
* Slower speed across forest to reduce animal casualty and more signage
* Improvement of all year childcare available and provision for 0-2 year olds
* Large designated glass notice board
* Better paths around Sway
* A few speed bumps on Church Lane by the school
* Priority consideration to be given to car parking which presently is becoming dangerous
* Prevent road flooding
* More road safety measures - cycle lanes
* Modernise the village hall
* A plan/provision for community/youth buildings
* Parking restrictions in centre of village
* Definitely on Westbeams Rd at school drop off/pick up and safer road on Church Lane
* Community cafe - can have wifi if no internet
* Also with road safety measures, more road and pavement provision and safety
* More support for local businesses to increase footfall
* Brighton Rd speed restriction measures
* Green spaces - field beside village hall
* Support for apprenticeships for local people
* Need full knowlege of budget before comment - how about independent audit by 2 parishioners?

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| **Second priority** | **Respondents**  |
| Support in clearing ditches and trimming hedges | 38 |
| More road safety measures | 28 |
| Parish Council annual report on how your money is being spent | 24 |
| More support for older people  | 23 |
| Support for more musical and cultural events in Sway | 20 |
| Improved quality and provision of green spaces in Sway | 18 |
| An internet café  | 15 |
| A Parish Council newsseet  | 13 |
| More allotments | 12 |
| A planning clinic  | 10 |
| Extending the summer playscheme | 8 |
| Cheaper allotments | 1 |
| More support for young people | 1 |
| ***Other***  |   |
| Road improvements | 1 |
| Speed monitor | 1 |
| Skate ramps in Jubilee Field | 1 |
| Shops | 1 |
| Dog friendly green spaces for night time and early morning | 1 |
| Improve parking in centre | 1 |
| Safety at Station Road | 1 |
| Prevent surface water on roads | 1 |
| Fix potholes | 4 |
| Less spending on Jubilee Field | 1 |
| Additional sports pitches | 1 |
| Sway parish becoming more energy efficient | 1 |
| More consideration for wildlife | 1 |
| Printing facilities | 1 |
| Urge landowners to clip hedges | 1 |
| Play schemes | 1 |
| Street lighting | 1 |
| Pedestrian crossing | 1 |
| Removal of litter to include alleyways | 1 |
| Cleaning up the grocery store | 1 |
| More buses | 1 |
| Street lighting increased in station road and church lane | 1 |
| Stronger identity for Sway | 1 |
| More road safety measures | 1 |
| Car park | 1 |
| Signage - telling people not to feed the horses | 1 |

* **Further comments**
* Road improvements - signage telling people not to feed the horses
* Speed monitor, one was erected but quickly removed
* Clearing ditches and trimming hedges contribute to road safety
* Green spaces for everyone, not only clubs
* Safer pavements (existing in poor repair)
* Skate ramps in Jubilee Field
* Shops and internet café
* Better dog friendly green spaces for night time and early morning
* More cultural events like Brockenhurst with Choir and music society
* Safety at Station Road
* Clearing ditches and prevent surface water on roads
* Less spending on Jubilee Field
* Additional sports pitches
* More consideration for wildlife
* An internet cafe and printing facilities
* Urge landowners to clip hedges, especially through footpaths
* Hampshire roads and surfaces are the worst in Britain
* Removal of litter to include alleyways
* Cleaning up the grocery store

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| **Third priority** | **Respondents** |
| Support in clearing ditches and trimming hedges | 24 |
| Support for more musical and cultural events in Sway | 22 |
| Parish Council report on how your money is being spent | 20 |
| More road safety measures | 19 |
| Improved quality and provision of green spaces in Sway | 19 |
| A Parish Council newssheet  | 19 |
| More support for older people | 13 |
| Extending the summer playscheme  | 11 |
| More allotments  | 10 |
| An internet café | 10 |
| A planning clinic | 8 |
| Cheaper allotments  | 1 |
| ***Other***  |   |
| More things for young people to do | 1 |
| Fix potholes | 2 |
| Slow traffic down with large flower beds like in France | 1 |
| Planting to replace older trees | 1 |
| Consider provision of village car park | 1 |
| Review of meeting room availability requirements | 1 |
| Earth house in the field next to the village hall with communal orchard for cultural events | 1 |
| Improved bus service | 1 |
| Help for teenagers | 1 |
| Street parking in centre | 1 |
| One way system on church lane | 1 |
| CCTV for speeding traffic through centre of village and for the protection of children crossing on to Station Road | 1 |
| Flower bed next to surgery car park | 1 |

* **Further comments**
* Potholes, pressurising council
* Slow traffic down with large flower beds like in France
* Playscheme is a good idea for parents who need to work in holidays to cover living costs
* Planting to replace older trees
* Consider provision of village car park
* To create an earth house for the whole village in the field next to the village hall with communal orchard for cultural events
* Village pond
* Help for teenagers
* One way system on Church Lane
* CCTV for speeding traffic through centre of village and for the protection of children crossing on to Station Road
* Flower bed next to surgery car park
* 4th priority – annual report

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| **What would you prefer to see?** | **Respondents**  | **%** |
| Sway's precept go down and services go down/or prices for these services go up | 23 | 6 |
| Sway's precept, services and prices stay at the same level | 276 | 74 |
| Sway's precept go up and services extend/or prices for these services go down | 76 | 20 |

* **Further comments**
* Why does the majority of precept go towards the Jubilee Field? What percentage of villagers use this facility?
* But less on Jubilee Field, make the clubs who use it pay more, then spend money on other things
* It is important to have the Jubilee Field for casual or arranged activities
* Sway's precept go down and services extend
* But smaller proportion for Jubilee Field who has a disproportionate share
* Prices for services go up
* Spend less on Jubilee field
* But no more for Jubilee Field
* Services extend not prices go down
* The Jubilee Field - how many people really benefit from this? happy for cost to go up and benefit is felt by whole village
* Services should be what is needed and what it costs and should be economically fair - OAP income taken into account
* Don't care as long as council tax doesn't go up
* Within reason
* Jubilee Field - far too much
* Want prices to go up and not services to go down
* Want to see money spent elsewhere
* Services extend not prices go down
* Precept go up and services extend - not prices for services go down
* A small increase - they would like services to extend and not prices for the services go down
* highlighted 'prices for these services go up'
* Why does most of Sway's precept go towards the Jubilee Field?

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| **Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?** | **Respondents** | **%** |
| Yes | 259 | 60 |
| No | 172 | 40 |

* **Further comments**
* 21 respondents have said that they know some
* 1 respondent has said that he/she does not really care
* 1 respondent has said 50%
* 1 respondent has said most of them
* 1 respondent knows one councillor
* Could more councillors put their bios on website please?

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| **Do you consider yourself well informed about current activities in the village?** | **Respondents** | **%** |
| Yes | 273 | 64 |
| No | 157 | 37 |

* **Further comments**
* Through Sway News
* 7 respondents have said that they are fairly or reasonably informed
* With newsletter and church notice board
* Via Sway News
* But my fault
* Nothing on website about Scouts, Guides, Youth Club, Bowmen etc. etc.

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| **Are you aware that there is a new Parish Council website serving the village?**  | Respondents | % |
| Yes | 148 | 34 |
| No | 282 | 66 |

* **Further comments**
* Not on internet
* Link not working on website
* Photos of the councillors and a bio for those that have not bothered to do it yet - keep the website up to date
* Don't use internet
* Updated news, easier navigation and amalgamation to other Sway sites
* Local news and events
* I don't go on it but know it exists, I have no reason to look at it, sorry
* Would like to see photo/career history of councillors and to add more Sway clubs (only 5 shown with detailed information)
* More support for village businesses
* I do not have access to website - no computer - it would be useful to have an alternative e.g. phone numbers
* Annual report, newsheet, progress reports on special studies
* But do not use computer
* It is not up to date, not updated regularly, no profiles for councillors, minutes of meeting and quicker circulation, Sway news is a better source of info
* Many of us do not have computers - do not want one
* Better info on allotments - it is very minimal at the moment
* Maps, financial info, up to date news (e.g. roadworks)
* Had a look now - general content needs to be moved from 'Sway PC' to 'Local Info', no times mentioned for meetings, a community pg, Facebook page for live and current info sharing i.e. car sharing, garage sales, 2nd hand items for sale - ideas for the village - Activities, Help Wanted, Help Offered
* Not sure - anything that affects the village
* I don't know what is on it
* Sorry but I have no computer
* Nil, until website is fully functioning i.e. at this time, minutes of various meetings are not opening and are not current
* Not up to date - agenda for Nov meeting? Minutes for Sep? link to Parish Village Design Statement
* Meeting dates, agendas, minutes, local news and events, local clubs and retailers
* We will check it out
* Not computer literate
* Details of planning applications, upcoming events as per in Sway News
* More timely uploading of council meeting minutes (currently there seems to be a 5 month lag!)
* Up to date minutes of Parish Council meetings rather than nothing newer than 6 months ago
* First get it updated weekly and then link to other local websites
* Annual report on how money to be spent should be available on website
* Note of train times to London, Bournemouth and Southampton as no one believes it is possible to commute except from Brockenhurst. Link to Bournemouth Grammar schools
* Highest priority is to reorganise the website. Use other parish websites as model. Ours is almost impossible to navigate efficiently
* Events, reports on events, news, contacts, services etc
* Sway News is very informative especially for those without internet access
* Local industrial estates - vacant properties and sites, employment opportunities, further education (Labour pool), link to Brock college, please look at your website as an outsider if he/she could find it!