

Amenities

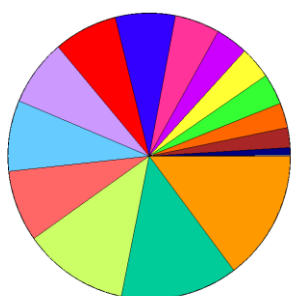
THE GREAT WAKERING
PARISH PLAN 2015

This section will explore Great Waking residents' views of local facilities. 186 responses were received on this topic and the percentage votes are taken from those valid submissions.

Overview: More than 80% of respondents use local shops and the medical centre while 5% use the fishing lakes. 24% of respondents believe that footpaths could be improved and 92% would like to see salt-grit boxes introduced during winter months.

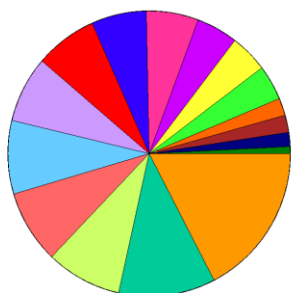
There has been no shortage of suggestions for further facilities to be introduced – almost half of Great Waking residents think more local facilities are needed. Ideas include evening classes, an NHS dentist, a leisure centre, a bank, a swimming pool, a youth club and public conveniences.

What facilities do you use in the village?



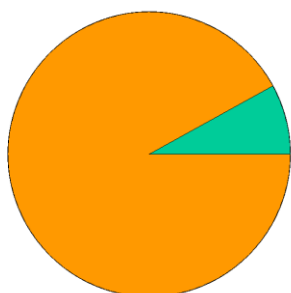
- 166 - Local shops
- 151 - Medical Centre
- 136 - Footpaths
- 91 - Common ground/greenbelt
- 90 - Community Centre
- 85 - Library
- 82 - Recycling facilities/waste disposal
- 77 - Pubs
- 58 - Village Memorial Hall
- 42 - Nature reserves
- 41 - Sports fields
- 39 - Places of worship
- 32 - Social Clubs
- 25 - Public toilets
- 10 - Fishing Lakes
- 1 - Other

Could any of the following facilities be improved?



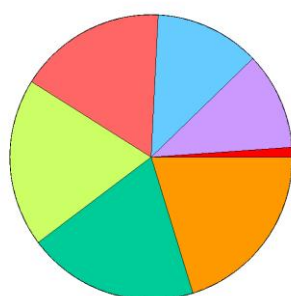
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- 12 - Medical Centre
- 11 - Public toilets
- 10 - Social Clubs
- 5 - Fishing Lakes
- 5 - Places of worship
- 4 - Village Memorial Hall
- 2 - Other

Would you like to see salt boxes reintroduced to the village for winter months?



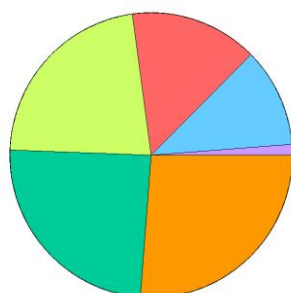
- 92.03% 127 - Yes
- 7.97% 11 - No

What other facilities would you like to see in the village?



- 91 - NHS Dentist
- 88 - More facilities for youngsters
- 86 - Leisure centre
- 76 - Adult education/evening classes
- 54 - Restaurant
- 50 - Petrol Station
- 5 - Other

How should the facilities for children and teenagers be improved?



- 86 - Youth club
- 80 - Clubs
- 73 - Outdoor activities
- 48 - Skate board park
- 37 - Evening classes
- 4 - Other



Community Views and Comments

Q: What facilities do you use in the village?

St. Nicholas Church Hall where we meet once a month for Messy Church. ***This is a children's club which is excellent!*** Pubs, Local shops, Footpaths. There are no public toilets!

Q: Please comment on specific areas of improvements you'd like to see to local facilities

Medical Centre - more facilities. Library more computers. **We need a sports centre.** I would like to see some Dog Poo bins put on the Common. As dog poo can be seen all over the place on the Common on the ground. Another dog Poo bin would be useful on Little Wakering Hall Lane, near the houses at the end of the Lane. **Cleaning up of fishing lakes, dog poo bins, general rubbish bins and maintenance of footpaths.** Outside of pubs cleared of weeds, made to look more welcoming. **Toilets available at the recreation ground for play area and footballers.** Skate Park at rec. Library needs to stay open longer. The Community Centre could do with being spruced up a bit! I would like to see the verges better maintained. **Church to have its grass cut regularly and clock mended.** Cycle paths. **Better footpath signage and more footpaths.** Footpaths uneven and overgrown. **There are currently no waste disposal facilities in Great Wakering.** Sports field. Medical Centre - increase parking. Library - Opening hours revert to Tues pm. **Medical surgery is too busy and appointments are too difficult to get when you need them booked in advance! Medical Centre in**

“Toilets (to be) available at the recreation ground...”

“no waste disposal facilities in Great Wakering”

“Medical surgery ...busy appointments are too difficult to get!...”

“Medical Centre in need of more car parking.”

“...paths and side roads can be very dangerous”



“Access inside and outside for disabled in St. Nicholas Church Hall... bad.”

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need of more car parking. The council need to open the recreation sports centre - this would provide access to all year round sports facilities for children, as well as providing basic essentials like toilets for those playing.

Q: Would you like to see salt boxes reintroduced to the village for winter months?

I have been asking for these for some time. The foot paths become impassable. **High street is salted but paths and side roads can be very dangerous**, especially for elderly. Side roads are extremely dangerous.

Q: What other facilities would you like to see in the village?

Wakering is sadly short of trees. More/bigger non-kerbside recycling bins. **We need a bank.** Re-opening of the closed leisure centre. **More for toddlers/pre-schoolers and mums.** Swimming pool. **Access inside and outside for disabled in St. Nicholas Church Hall exceptionally bad.**

Q: How should the facilities for children and teenagers be improved?

The teen café project supports most of these. I know Wakering School does a lot for kids in the area, however I think there should be other places added. However these places should not be allowed to become a hangout for anti-social behaviour. Unfortunately, the facilities of shelters provided for the youngsters at the Sports Centre have been vandalised so why should the Council provide more money to see it wasted. A skate park would end up being vandalised which is a shame as I'm sure other children would use it. **Ask the kids and their parents.**

