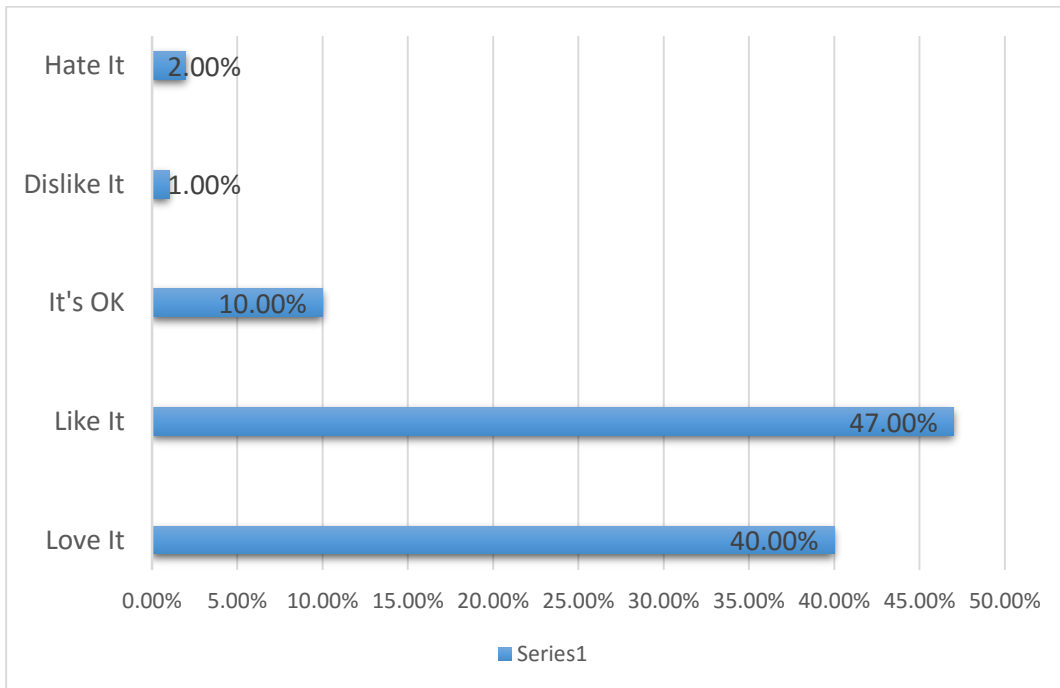
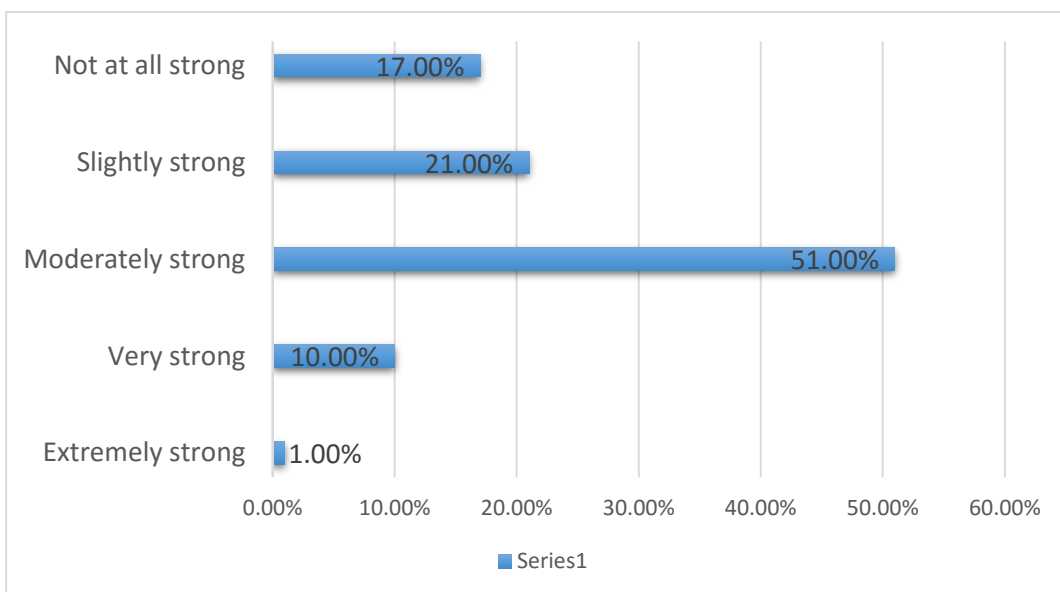


Woodthorpe York Community Group Survey Results

Q1. How do you rate living in Woodthorpe?



Q2. How strong is the sense of community in Woodthorpe?



Q3. What changes would most improve Woodthorpe?

(Comments direct from the survey)

- Less dog fouling left by irresponsible owners. Events at the Dick Turpin. Better play area for children. More exercise classes for adults at St James the Deacon. Children's out of schools clubs/exercise clubs.
- General smartening up of roads, pavements, cycle paths
- What or who is going to be responsible for running the community events?
- Quite happy as it is, have friends but with common interests. No interest in "manufactured" community. Have an active life beyond Woodthorpe
- A clean up of the play area and volunteer gardeners to tidy up shop area with plant boxes etc.
- Reduce the volume of junk mail shoved through my letterbox every damned day, including your pamphlet!
- A stronger community spirit that all age groups can become involved in
- Area around the shops to be improved and a revamp of Dick Turpin outside
- We need to take measures to improve the safety to live in Woodthorpe.
- More community activities - local community centre. I have a 2-year-old and would like to do forest school in the woods - preferably on a weekend as I work full time
- Put something else in woodlands park as a slide is not enough
- More flowers in the garden by the shops
- Another pub - The Dick Turpin isn't our cup of tea
- Football cleaning especially in alleys
- Urgent attention to the appalling state of the area between the pub and shops - The direct responsibility of the COOP
- Re-tarmac the footpaths, ours in Deveron Way is very bad
- More social events at school, local church halls in Sheringham Drive, Westhorpe or community events on Woodthorpe Green in summer
- Make the Dick Turpin more family friendly or build a new more modern facility Improve the reputation of Woodthorpe primary school (we think it's great and very happy with it) so that all local children attend so Woodthorpe is better represented than Foxwood
- Litter picks
- A litter bin in the children's playground.
- Notice boards with local info / groups/ community info Some local groups such as mum and baby/baby yoga Also maybe local exercise classes such as Pilates A community gala or fun day in the summer Community Christmas lights maybe on the green on moor lane Do we have a village hall type place? I don't even know and I have lived here 6 years Brighten up the area round by telco express and Quaker wood the shop area always looks drab and the chippy place is always to let.
- Keeping the green spaces clean and safe from any developments. Ensuring any trees that are felled in these public green spaces are replaced appropriately. It would be nice to have more fruiting trees e.g.: community orchards in the area.

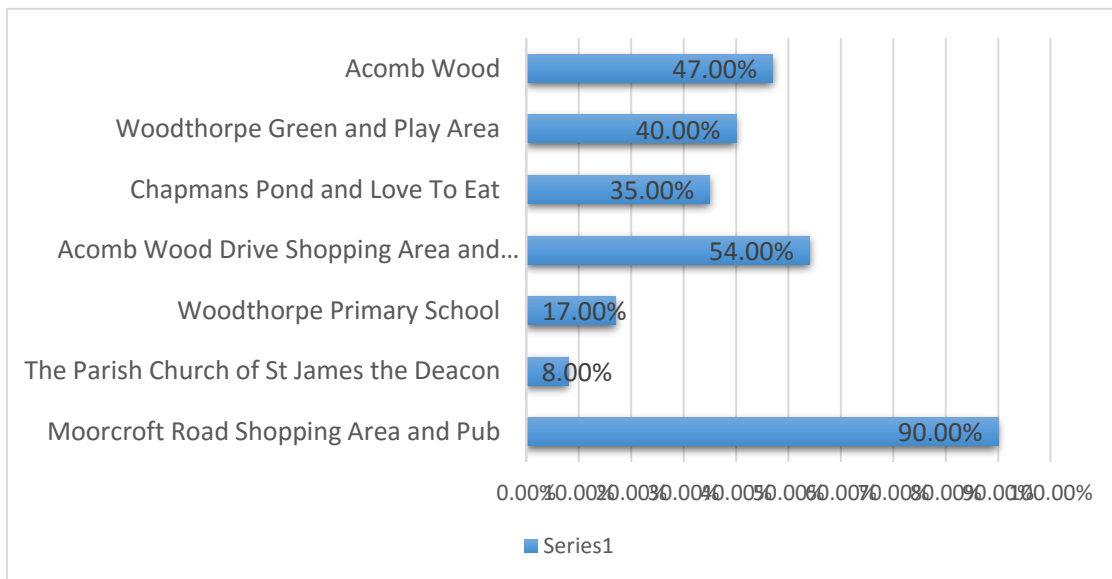
- An improved children's play area, this hasn't changed for 20+ years, so we have to go outside our area to have lovely family time e.g. Wheldrake and Dunnington have great children's areas. A community event would be great, summer fair.
- Better road surfaces. Clearer signs to show where one road starts and ends and another road starts
- Getting to know more people
- A more reliable bus service
- Groups to attend to bring the community together more.
- Better shops, maybe.
- Family friendly pub Dick Turpin is dated and a dump precinct outside of shops is dated more activities at the community centre better bus service to town which is reliable
- Local branch of womens institute
- Local womens institute or similar
- For people to meet up and get to know each other regularly. Maybe unite a volunteer group with skills to offer services to people who need help. IE: help do gardening /shopping/ outings/decorating etc. If people have some spare time we are sure this could bring the community together
- The play area and the water logged area if it rains heavy where the shops are.
- I have only lived here three months so cannot comment yet
- Make the pub more family friendly, serve food etc. Playground isn't great.
- More kiddie groups/better play equipment
- Sports club and facilities. Upgrade the children's playground and keep the equipment clean. A much better school. We travel to Copmanthorpe each day to take our children to school and playgroup as the provision there is far superior to anything in Woodthorpe.
- Cleaning up outside the shops and around the pub. Also keeping the drains clear outside the shops so that it doesn't flood
- A community centre where functions could be held
- Perhaps more a sense of community; hence this group being very welcome!
- More active policing and closing the Quaker Wood and Dick Turpin public houses.
- I think it's already pretty good compared to the rest of the city. A minor moan might be inconsiderate parking on corners around the surgery near the shops.
- Parking on pavements by the Dentist /Pub and Moorcroft shops. Quite often you have to step into the road to get by which is dangerous for the majority of elder residents and young mothers with children/prams. The noise from the Dick Turpin pub especially at weekends and on theme nights
- An indoor community space, like a community centre
- More opportunities for us to get together.
- A better community spirit. More opportunities for residents to get together.
- Bring all generations together I feel it's divided at the moment
- More community events
- Community events Less litter in the play park
- The area / gardens outside shops in Woodthorpe is a disgrace for most of the time & is maintained by volunteers, perhaps it's time to give these volunteers some support. There is also

evidence of have fly tipping to the rear of the Dick Turpin public house in the form of tree cuttings waste.

- Perhaps locking the gates on the woods at night, to many people 'camping' in it and lighting fires. I wouldn't mind so much if they kept the noise down, but living close to the wood we have had many sleepless nights from them screeching and messing around, it's meant to be a nature reserve. Also more signs to make cyclists aware to look both ways before crossing the roads along the cycle path, or perhaps speed gates enforcing they have to slow down before they cross. Many a time I've had bikes fly in front of me when they have crossed without looking. But also there are a lot of young children biking to school and too see friends, I feel as a community we should be teaching them how to bike safely and signs might make them aware of risks.
- More community notice boards / central community cafe/ drop in facility
- General tidy up and better/more play areas for children.
- Better parking in my street
- More community events
- The play area for the children it has been the same since my children were young and they are now in their 30's. I now have to take my grandchildren to Wheldrake or Dunnington to enjoy a really good play experience
- More local community events with good advertising to bring everyone together
- Street lighting, currently the new lights are poor at best at their primary job of keeping the streets safe with adequate light Woodthorpe Greens shop flower beds need tending to more often with education, I have previously done this myself with Westhorpe Scouts (+ the help of the old flower shop) and were told the Community group and local school would maintain this thereafter
- Burn down the Dick Turpin!
- Less thefts
- Better lighting and more bins across the green.
- By making known the Group to estate residents
- Cars parking
- The council coming down streets with weed killer.
- Personally I would like another Pub where I and my Friends can have a Friendly Drink, even though The Quaker and the Dick Turpin are ok they don't have right atmosphere...something like the Slip Inn or the Swan at Bishy Road. Just a thought.
- Update the pub
- I think a community fair / fun day with music and acts and tombola. Also a good renovation of the green and park area
- Local residents getting involved and coming together more
- Community gatherings fundraising etc. also to look a bit more appealing
- Pub refurbished
- Greater public concern for environment and enhancing this 2) Focal meeting places/ ambience of these 3) Local newsletter to disseminate what is going on in the area 4) identification of issues and needs in Woodthorpe that local community can address/ do something about i.e. begin to act as a community
- Groups, clubs, activities

- Double yellow lines repainted outside the shops and a traffic warden present to stop all those lazy sods who can't be bothered to walk an extra 10 yards to park at the rear of the shops or garage so they park on the yellow lines blocking traffic and delivery lorries from getting in and out!
- Play area!!!
- A decent pub which serves food
- Cleanliness
- Open Community Notice Boards Public Seating areas
- Parents and babies' groups tidy up Woodthorpe shops
- Better Ofsted at the school. People who own gardens taking better care of them. More 'cosy' pub
- Less dog muck Better kids play areas More trees in the wood A more local local pub
- More security patrols
- More action on dog-fouling. (b) Action on broken glass on cycle paths. (c) Increase evening bus services to half-hourly. (d) Add more housing (not too expensive and sensibly laid out with good open space) to make it possible for younger people to live here (e) Annual community events - e.g. a village fair
- Community activities

Q4. Which of the following do you currently use?



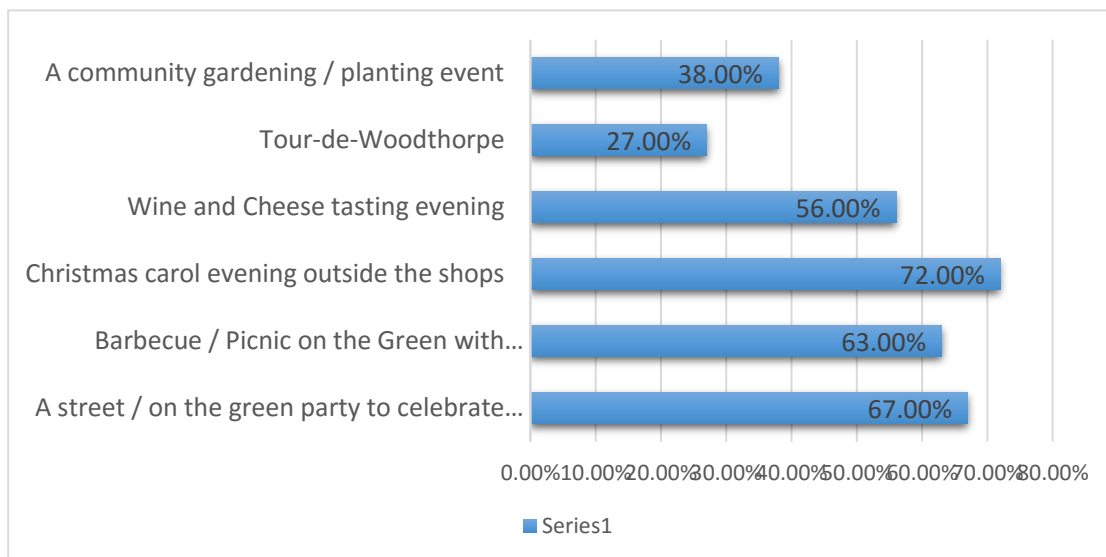
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- Crossed out pub Vintage rose cafe - fantastic old age and disabilities prevent me
- Crossed out both pubs and Chapmans pond. Used Chapmans pond in the past before it was manicured
- Crossed out pub

- Crossed out Chapmans pond and Love to eat cafe. Wrote Vintage cafe is great
- Crossed out pub
- Play area untidy.
- More activities and groups for toddlers
- We believe all of the above facilities are very useful, but we only using the marked facilities only.
- Better knowledge of the shops.
- Have no need to use the church and not a lot at Woodthorpe green and play area it needs a refurb
- Crossed pub out on paper copy
- Crossed out pub and play area on paper copy
- We would use the butchers and veg shop but work full time - late night opening once a week would be brilliant
- 50 years off our age
- School- more community events Acomb Wood drive - more attractive surroundings Woodthorpe Green - as Q3 Chapmans pond open activities
- Not required to use those we don't currently
- Minus children so not likely to use
- Tidy up of areas
- Our church is Dringhouses Parish Church. We do not go to pubs.
- The only reason I don't use the school and play area is that I do not have any children
- Nothing. As pensioners we have no children at home, so have no need of the other services.
- I am committed to St Edward the Confessor Church for its form of worship and community. It would be hard to change to James the Deacon.
- Have a summer fete on the green organise and advertise events do craft fairs or monthly events i.e. model railway exhibitions locally grown or made products sold locally local history events fitness activities during day and evenings i.e. plates yoga bingo etc. to bring the community together
- If a Liverpool player was doing a book signing.
- Not had time yet to explore some of these
- Keep the equipment at the playground cleaner.
- Updating the Dick Turpin
- If the Chapmans pond area was more inviting and people hanging around
- Have used all in the past
- I have only been into the Dick Turpin pub twice in 25 years; it just doesn't look very appealing; I would like to be proved wrong.
- Only use the Tesco at Quaker Wood as a last resort, stopped using Moorcroft Rd PO when it changed hands recently. Close the pubs at each and they might be better areas.
- Better lighting and repairing of the area by Moorcroft shops and Dick Turpin Pub. Don't like going up there in the dark or late at night as I find it quite unsettling especially at weekends hence I keep away. Perhaps it's my age
- I do go to church, but another one, so nothing would really encourage me to go!
- Could the school be open at night for groups? The church hall would also be a good place to hold groups

- Could the school be used at night for resident events? If the pub served coffee through the day when there was a social event. Keep fit for over 50s in the church hall?
- Nothing would make us use the ones not ticked above
- Rats were at Chapmans pond when last went. So that would need addressing.
- The other community areas are nearer
- It is just about proximity. If I lived closer, I would use them.
- we have benefited from all of these over the years (48) but age tends to direct use.
- I have no faith even though I was christened COE.
- Could have a treasure trail in the Woodthorpe Woods and pond area. You could design an app on a phone to log on to and follow round the woods and pond
- The school is not very highly rated and that is disappointing
- I could be encouraged to attend church
- More activities. Fitness classes for adults. Street dance for children?
- Only occasional use of some of these e.g. Woodthorpe shops for PO and Acomb for cashpoint or items at Tesco I have forgotten to, get elsewhere. NB involved with Acomb Wood as FOAW membership secretary.
- Slightly less formal church atmosphere. Chances of having more children very slim. Maybe Maybe Maybe
- More awareness of regular community events/clubs being held at St James and Woodthorpe Green & Chapmans Pond
- More child friendly paths and less litter at Chapmans pond
- Social activities such as craft fairs

Q5. What events would you attend if they were held in Woodthorpe?

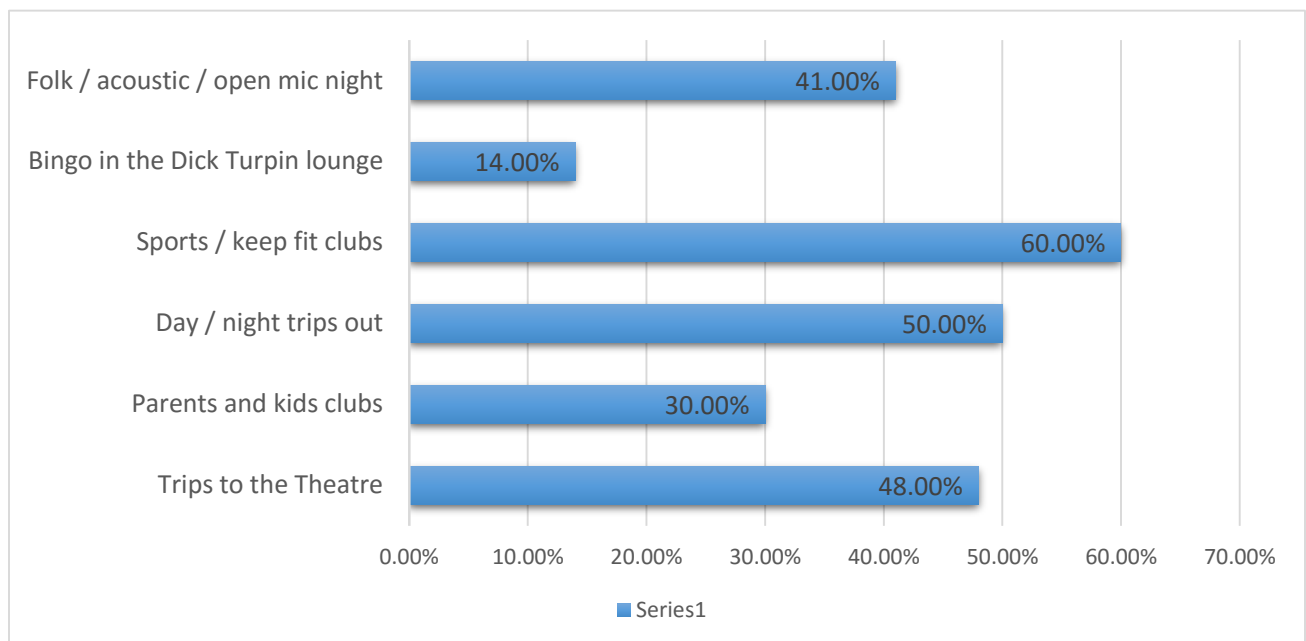


(Comments direct from the survey)

- A social meeting place for the elderly / disabled
- Definitely not any celebration of the Monarchy except for their abolition.
- Anything for toddlers
- More events for children i.e. Halloween party Xmas party things going on in the school holidays
- None are suitable for me because of my age and disabilities, except the church, but i already go to the one on Tadcaster Road
- Tea dance scarecrow festival bunny trail at Easter Halloween pumpkin trail Dringhouses did a Halloween pumpkin train combined with garage sale - worked well
- Would you leaflet drop to advertise these events? or email 2 ticks on paper copy for Tour de Woodthorpe
- A regular newsletter, say monthly or quarterly
- Christmas lights we could all donate £5
- I think I would try to support anything the community group organised
- Similar to the community feel of Bishopthorpe Road events
- Regretfully, nothing
- See previous comments
- Woodthorpe ladies group used to successfully have guest speakers and regular outings. perhaps something similar for all.
- Woodthorpe ladies group used to have monthly guest speakers and craft groups etc. these were very popular
- A five a side match on the grass. Post need putting straight though and dog poop needs clearing if there is any and sometimes there is.
- There used to be a fete/garden party on the field by the shops. not sure who/what it was run by but was always well attended
- All the above sound great ideas to get a community spirit going. Maybe something like a book club would be good; things in the evening would appeal due to working full-time.
- You are wasting your time, hopefully not taxpayer's money, you will attract a self-serving minority for these events, most of us would prefer to be left in peace.
- I don't think we need to use Queen's birthday for a Green/Street party, plenty of other reasons. Such as National Play Day in August or a joining up with ADAM festival or such?
- The Christmas Carol evening outside the shops sounds great. If events were put on regularly then this would encourage Woodthorpe to be a great community.
- It would be nice to have a social area where the older residents could meet to save them being lonely
- I have been part of the volunteer group who keep the flower beds outside the shops tidy, none of the others are in my interests, but all good ideas
- Not great at attending. Would contribute to prize draws and raffles though.
- Possibly the return of a coach party to a popular destination or theatre performance.
- Tombola
- BBQ/Picnic on green without the cricket

- Music festivals on the green, family fun days/fairs?
- Maybe some of the following activities: Local walking group - these might be targeted at different groups Reading group
- Woodthorpe open gardens scheme local market - farmers/craft/Christmas at various times and varied locations.
- If you are looking for a wine event, I may be able to help as an AWE qualified wine educator. Some of my events are purely for trade, but in terms of community wine tasting events I have done some events at Foxwood Community Centre and at Dringhouses Church but not yet in Woodthorpe. gareth@oinou.co.uk

Q6. What activities would you participate in if they were available in Woodthorpe?



Comments direct from the survey

- Possibly theatre if e.g. to Leeds..... not York Listed other possible activities in response to previous question
- Something for the elderly - social meeting place during the afternoons
- Maybe a group for newly retired / younger OAPs

- Crossed out night on the paper copy
- A choir a proper music concert in the school
- Crossed out folk on paper copy
- Would welcome a public meeting to meet people who organised this leaflet to discuss things, suggest school as a central location
- Scavenger hunt or local orienteering/geocaching activity. Green activities in the woods e.g.: scything, clearance, coppicing and forest schools type activities for all ages.
- Concerts. We had the leaflet put through our letter box yesterday. It is headed 'Introducing Woodthorpe Community Group'. Was this previously Woodthorpe Residents Association. Is Acomb Park part of Woodthorpe.
- Reading group
- Cycling club gardening club
- Comedy nights at the pub.
- I would like to join an art class
- Some local walking or cycling club
- None, as previous comment, money would be better spent on law and order in Woodthorpe and the rest of York.
- I run the kendo (Japanese sword fencing) club based at Moor Lane Youth Centre.
- Not happy about an acoustic/ open mic night as on a number of occasions the noise from pub clients can be an issue. Day time events in the area would be good
- Guest speakers perhaps, I am sure amongst the residents we have a wealth of skills and knowledge.
- None of the above
- Tasting nights for food and drink at the local takeaways and pub.
- Live Music events
- Possibly theatre if e.g. to Leeds..... not York Listed other possible activities in response to previous question.
- Pub quiz night

Q7. If you would like to get involved in the Woodthorpe Community Group how can we contact, you?

Thank you to all that supplied their contact details.

Q8. Do you have particular skills or interests that you could bring to the group?

Comments direct from the survey

- Administrative help Background in education Research skills

- Extremely time poor so would prefer to see how it pans out, wife definitely interested in volunteering re: gardening but shy and would also prefer to see what occurs first!
- Sorry, I'm not really well enough to participate
- Could help with some software subject to time constraints! web and android
- Well done to the volunteers for organising this
- No- they have all been evaporated
- Ideas, a spare pairs of hands, creativity, practical skills, edible food growing/gardening, nature/environment
- I have been on a Committee. I was chairman of The Ebor Probus Club in York.
- Sport
- Not really apart from age!
- It training gardening, bonsai
- Fund raising. Entertainment evenings Free function room
- I'm a cycling training instructor.
- I am quite good on my iPad!
- Office skills
- No particular skills or interests but prepared to be involved in any group initiative
- Secretarial skills PR Photography, Organisational skills
- Yes, I am CYC community leisure officer for children and young people, based at Moor Lane Youth Centre. Also resident in Woodthorpe.
- I am a retired Mental Health Nurse with a strong interest in health promotion.
- I am a retired Mental Health Nurse.
- Mum of 13 and 10-year-old girls one at Woodthorpe primary school at the moment was on playgroup committee and on PTA at school very organised and I work as a secretary so good computer skills etc.
- Organisation skills catering function / meeting room music
- theatre club
- I care for the area I live in.
- Great leadership skills
- Happy to help with distribution of information about Woodthorpe group
- I have just started up hamper business which I would like to advertise on the site?
- Love gardening.

Q8. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns?

Comments direct from the survey

- Pavement parking!
- Just a refection... Think there is a need to distinguish between 'clubs' ' events' etc. and ' community', thought the former may partly contribute towards the latter. Community for me points to people who are concerned for the wellbeing of each other, and the kind of society and environment which fosters this. I have always thought that Woodthorpe is a bit of a dormitory

area without a sense of community. So... it's great that you have begun to encourage thought about Woodthorpe as a community. Look forward to hearing more.....the response rate to your survey will be a good indicator about whether people care about all this!

- Need to remove the potential for flooding around the post box by the post office and improve the parking areas at the back of the shops by better lighting and removal of rubbish that takes up parking places.
- The only thing missing round here is a social gathering place for the elderly / infirmed / disabled
- Try not use council tax for the entertainments
- We have lived in Woodthorpe over 50 years and are happy to spend our retired years quietly in Woodthorpe - We don't 'do' joint activities - enjoy our walks around Woodthorpe
- The next time you deliver something to my property and leave the side gate flapping in the wind like you did today I will be the first to report you for trespassing on my property, make sure your leaflet droppers take note.
- It's be great to have more of a community spirit
- At present i am still working as a health professional would like to ??? more community and maybe able to offer more help to promote it when retire. Thank you for what you are doing
- Thanks for asking! well done
- Well done somebody for producing this questionnaire you deserve support
- good luck and keep on maintaining green spaces
- I congratulate you all. Who are involved in the group and hope it goes from strength to strength
- I think it is a great idea to improve the area but is Acomb Park part of Woodthorpe. Call it Woodthorpe/Acomb Park Community Group
- Only that my email address is kept confidential please
- How do you define Woodthorpe now that it has become so big? Acomb Park residents prefer to have Woodthorpe as an address and is this estate included?
- Being a public house we understand there are issues for the community living close by. We would greatly appreciate if we can hold a meeting for people to voice their opinions and concerns so we can liaise and improve our services. We would welcome any feedback so we can become more of an asset to the community.
- Just would like drivers to observe the speed limit of 20 mph and hope the housing proposed for land at the south side of moor lane does not happen
- There used to be a Ladies Group which was run in the school hall but the hall got too expensive to continue so it closed. It was regularly attended by 30/35 ladies on a Wednesday evening monthly. I now go to one in West Thorpe Church and we are always looking for new members...maybe we could join and form a Woodthorpe/Westthorpe club
- The best of luck with this group and I would welcome being involved if my help was required.
- Moved here in March this year and I think it's great!
- More street lights in the wood that runs from the houses on Alness Drive through to the main road on Alness Drive.
- There is a lot already going on through the school and local clubs - I hope the community group is trying to coordinate with them
- Well done this is something I have felt sadly lacking over the 29 years I have lived here!

- Well done, I feel this is something that will enhance the lives of residents especially those who are retired, isolated or new to the area.
- I have e-mailed Julian Sturdy MP asking if there are any plans to repair the road surface at the junction of Moor Lane as you approach the roundabout on the A1237 (A64 / Askham lane / Acomb / Rufforth) junction. As you leave Moor Lane onto the roundabout both lanes of this road are riddled with pot holes as the surface has broken up & no amount of repairs seems to do a reasonable fix. Have exchanged several e-mails with him, it would appear that there are no plans to repair this piece of road.
- Please improve the play area on the green
- I will share this web site with my Friends
- Great questionnaire let's get some people on here
- Brilliant idea. Look forward to updates and helping in some small way to make the community stronger and more informed about local events, services and information available.
- Good that the group is being formed - keep up the good work!