

# Corton Village Review



**15<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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*(Facilitated by Suffolk ACRE)*

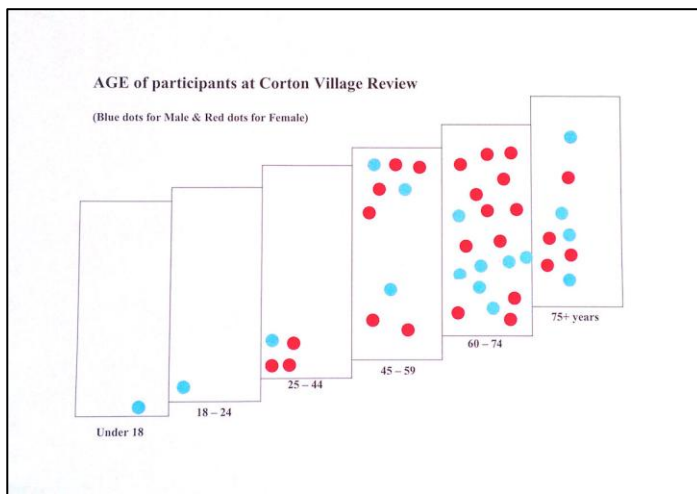
**General statistics:**

Approximate population of village: approx 950 (Corton website). 2001 census records Corton and Gunton as one, although locally parishioners feel Gunton is part of Lowestoft.

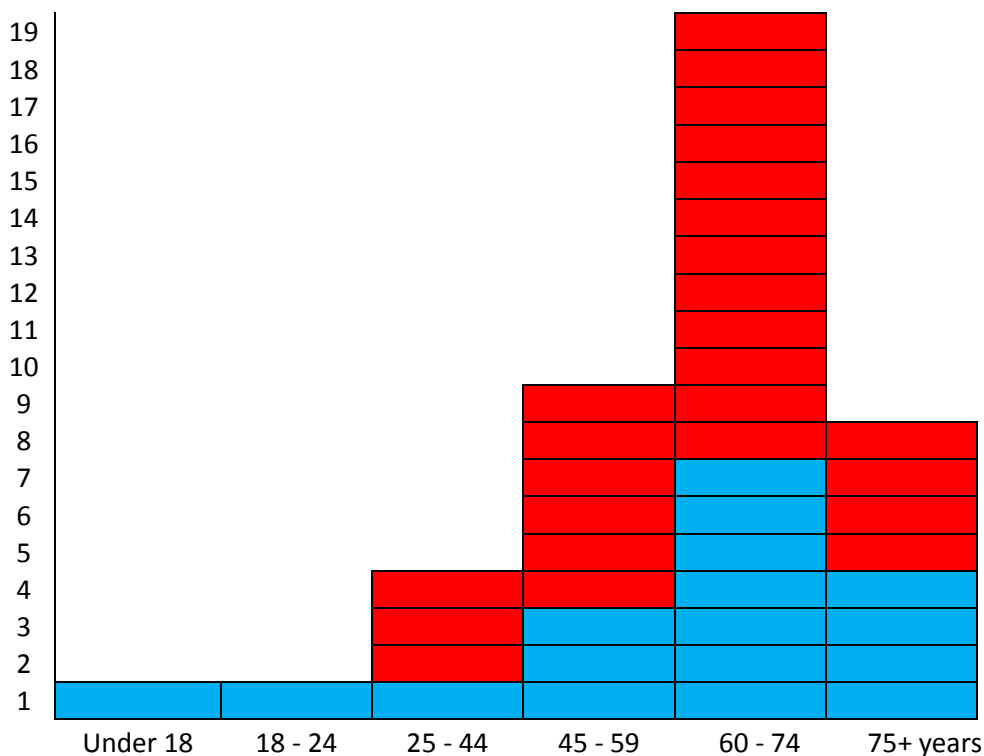
**Record of attendance activities:**

Attendance at the Village Review consultation: 42 (4.42%) although a few parishioners completed the attendance activities and then left to go on to a Bowls match.

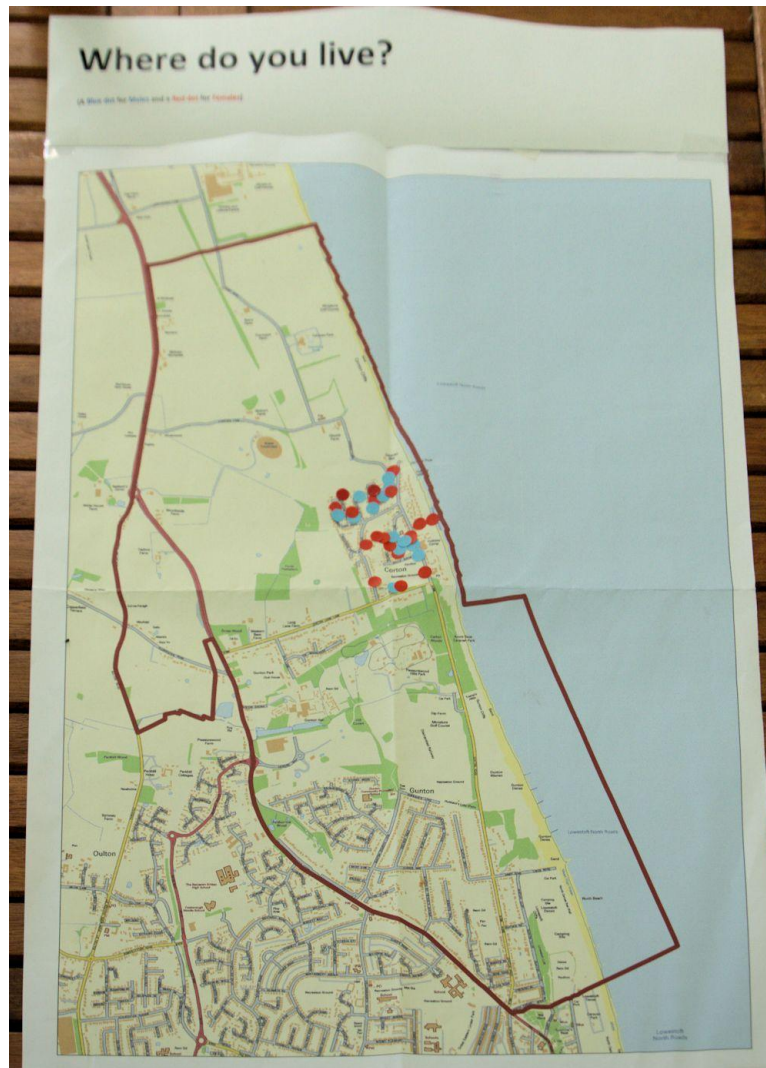
**Which age bracket do you belong?**



**Age of participants at Corton village Review**

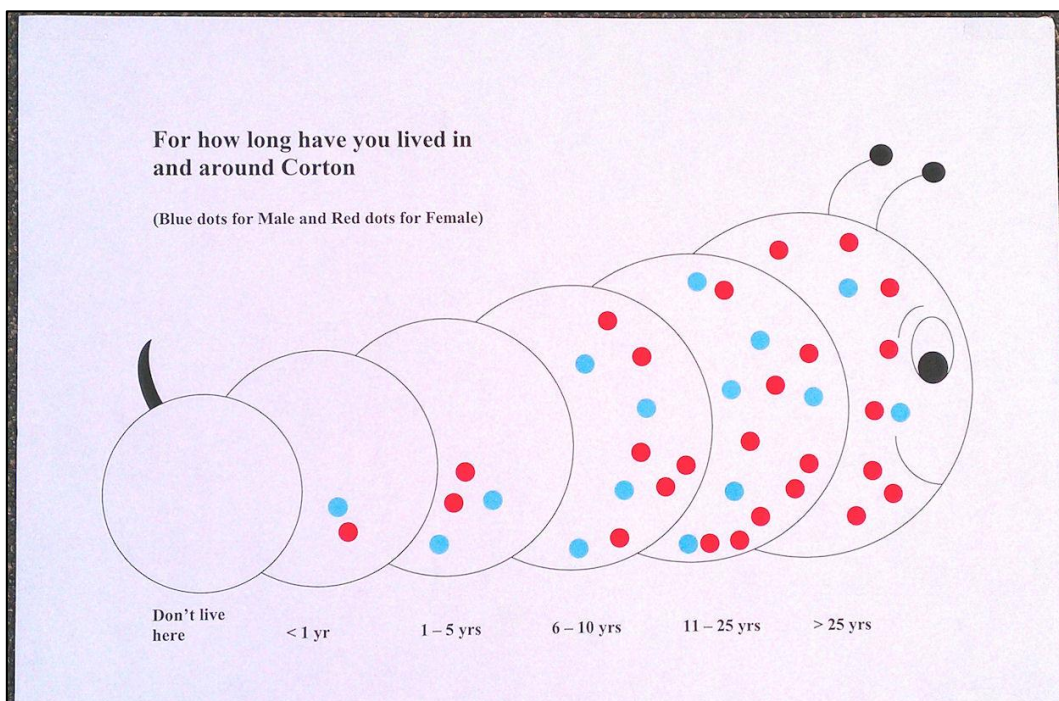
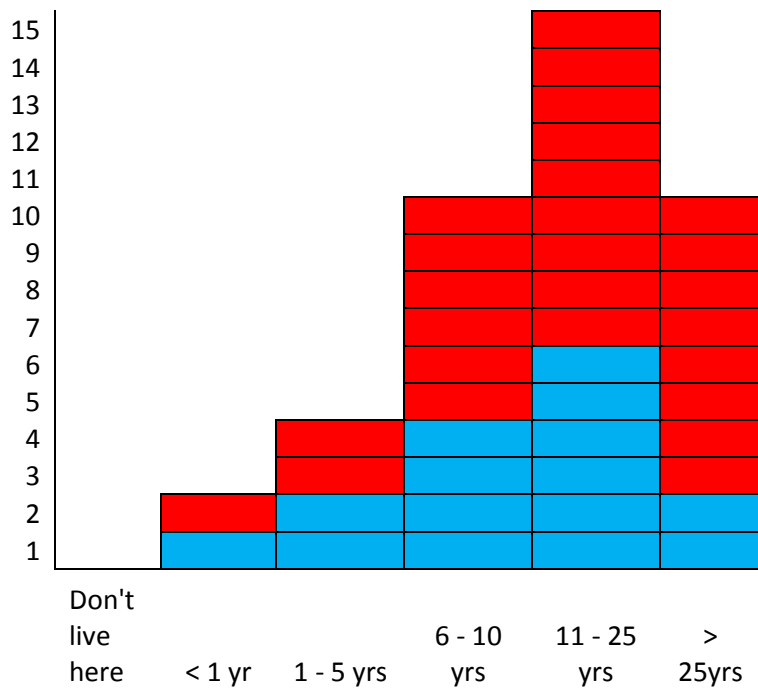


## Map showing geographical spread of participants



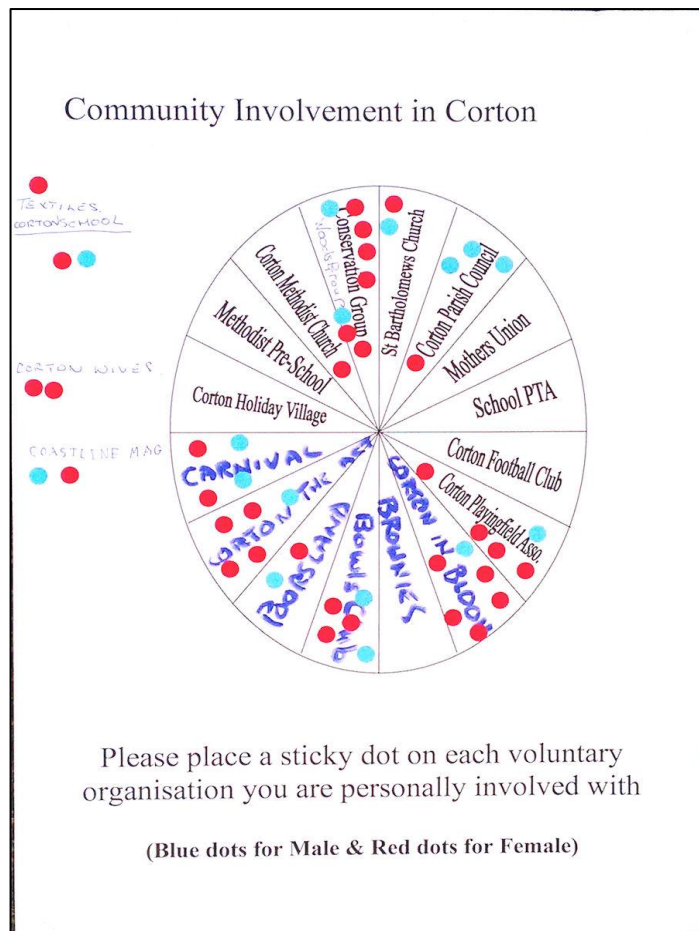
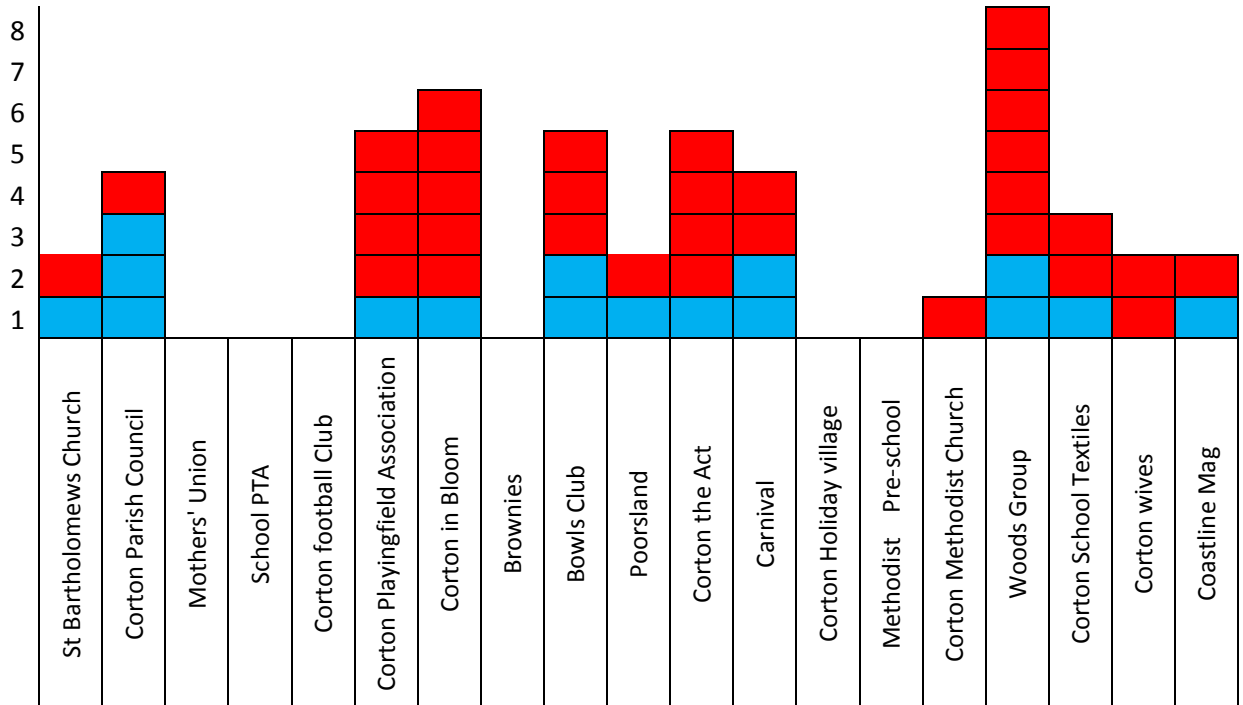
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# Community Involvement

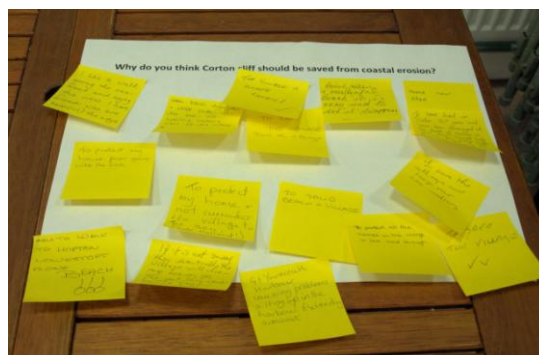
Community Involvement in Corton



**Comments on post-it notes:**

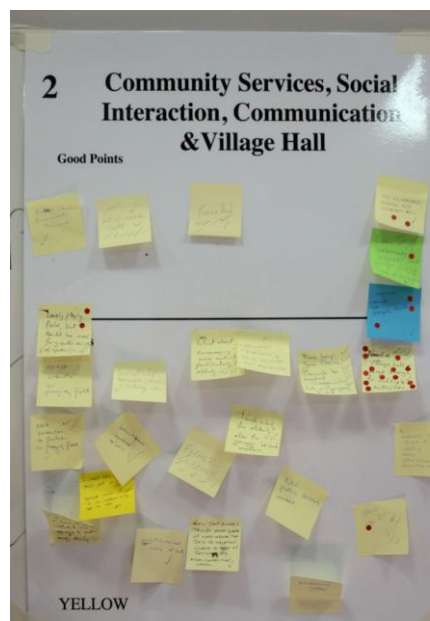
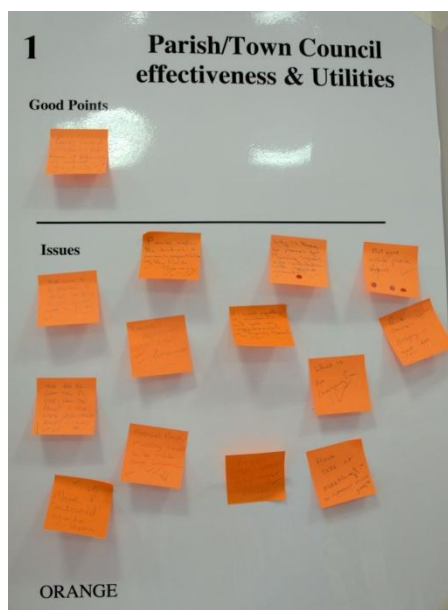
**Why do you think Corton cliff should be saved from coastal erosion?**

	Ticks
I like to walk along the sea front and enjoy the view. I have friends who live near the edge.	
Seen beach disappear and cliff slide into sea, all spoiling visitors view of the village.	
The Village is worth saving	1
Having seen a wonderful beach it is very sad to see it disappear	
House near edge	
To protect my house going into sea	
If it is not saved then eventually the village will die once houses go, the next thing would be the street which would eventually blight the village	
To save the village, save the village	
Gt Yarmouth Harbour causing problems silting up in the harbour. Extending arms out.	
I have lived in Corton 30 + years and have been dismayed at the level of erosion in that time. Would hate to see the village suffer the same fate as the Colman mansion.	
Able to walk to Hopton/ Lowestoft along beach	
To protect my home and not surrender the village to the sea , ( note Holland)	
To save beach and village	
To protect all the homes in the village & the road through	
To save the Village	2
To save the Village and keep our sea walls	



**Attendees recorded issues/concerns/needs/aspirations on post-it notes:  
Parish / Town Council effectiveness & Utilities**

	Ticks	Dots
<b>Good Points</b>		
Parish Council considering public forum at beginning of meeting - excellent.	4	
<b>Issues</b>		
There seems to be reluctance to raising the parish precept. You get what you pay for.	2	
Please explain the duties and the powers responsibilities of the parish council	4	
Why is there no process for planning issues. No consultation with affected residents	2	1
Water pressure Mill Lane & rest of village	2	
It is not apathy of electorate but lack of effectiveness of Parish Council	2	
More info re with the PC does. How the precept is spent. Which organisations benefit i.e. church etc	3	
What is the Emergency Plan	2	
Parish Council, surgery ,good idea	3	
Annual Parish Meeting needs to be made more interesting	5	
<b>Not good mobile phone signal</b>	1	<b>3</b>
'More actioned' agenda items	3	
Regular newsletter as many house bound	2	
Have cake at meeting to attract more people		



## Community Services, Social Interaction, Communication and Village Hall

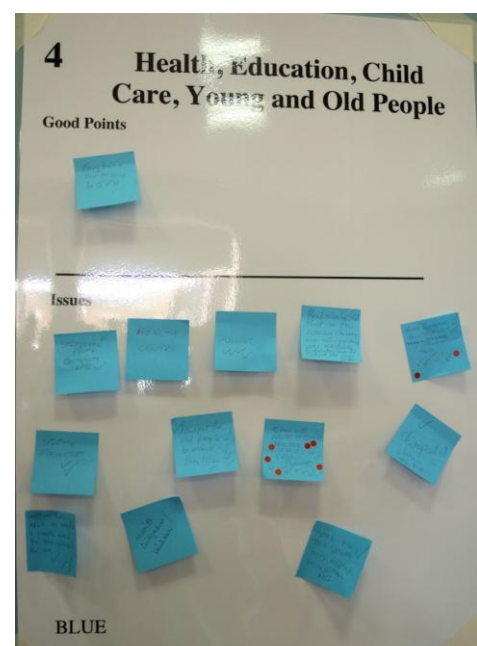
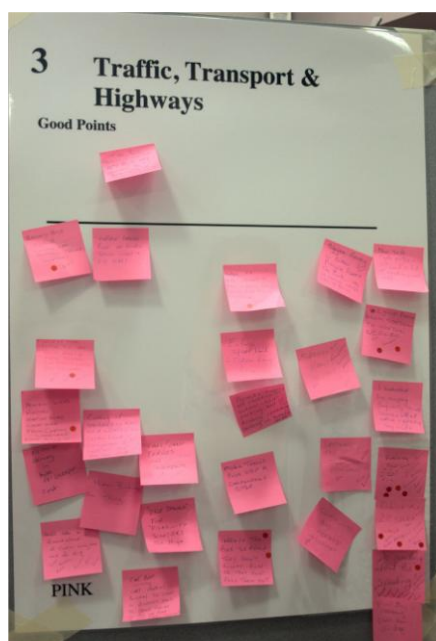
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<b>Good Points</b>		
Hobby Clubs - community scheme	1	
Low crime rate	9	
Peaceful	6	
<b>Issues</b>		
Lovely playing field but could be used for a variety of sports	7	2
More events on playing field	1	
Social help services, meals visiting etc	1	
What about encouraging more activities particularly for elderly	6	
Internet training for older an anyone		
More help from Parish Council to develop Community Hall and Playing Field	7	
Need extension to pavilion on playing field	3	
Volunteers needed to help	1	
Put all available funding into Community Hall	1	2
Lots of community projects and groups but lack of facilities ie Village Hall	7	1
Need a Village Hall – large enough for multiple activities	9	13
Improve venue at playing field	1	3
Farmers market	6	
Lunch Club for elderly also for younger at-home mothers	2	
Encourage the joining of local groups i.e. Woods, Corton in Bloom, Playing Field Committee		
I would like a skate park in Corton because there is nothing for children of my age to do 11+		
Need a post office - how do people without cars manage to get money easily	8	
No to Entertainment Licence at hall	1	
New shop owner's prices have gone up way above the rate of inflation unfair to those on pension etc, more competition needed.	1	
New public toilets needed		
Need a Post Office – how do people without cars manage to get money easily	8	
Broadband speed	2	
Improve the pit	3	1

## Traffic Transport Highways

	Ticks	Dots
<b>Good Points</b>		
The bus drivers on the no1 bus are helpful to passengers in the villagers with heavy shopping etc		
<b>Issues</b>		
Round bus Route - Lowestoft/Oulton Broad/ Hopton	1	1
Enforce parking rules on double yellow lines + zig zags		
High bus fares		
Hedge on A12 is out too far. Corton Long Lane and Tesco roundabout	1	1
Bicycle Racks in Corton playing field's car park – lots of Warner staff chain bikes to fences	2	
More safe cycle paths – not just a bit of road marked off		
Speed of traffic Suffolk C.C and Police must do more to make The Street safer for residents	5	1
Do something about the Speeding especially first thing in the morning	11	1
Flashing sign 20	8	4
Enforce the 20 Speed Limit	10	3
Put back 30 signs then Police can enforce		
Enforce speed limit in Corton Long lane		
Speed ramps in The Street	6	
Speeding The Street - Speeding Mill Lane	4	
Parents dropping off children at school – bad parking, bad driving, speeding, parking in the turning area	5	
Cycle path from Corton to Hopton needed	3	2
Yellow lines needed Station Road/Wheatacre Drive from Corton Long Lane before someone is killed		1
Would like a roundabout at Corton Long Lane and the A12	8	
Cutting off overhanging trees and nettles on Corton Road. Dangerous for cyclist as narrow road	3	
Cars/ Vans parked on pavements	4	
Make Tesco's bus stop compulsory stop		
I understand bus company frequently cancels services without notice, entailing long waits.		
Oil tank delivery in bulk for cheaper cost		
More buses - more parking		
"Drop downs" for disability scooters too high	1	
Community bus needed Lowestoft	1	
Improve the bus services they don't always run or they just pull them out		2
Car Boot Sale - cars parking blocking The Street so residents have to drive through the Pub car park to keep traffic flowing		

## Health Education, Child Care, young and old people

	Ticks	Dots
<b>Good Points</b>		
Easy buses car access to James Paget Hospital		
<b>Issues</b>		
Skateboard park. Community bus	2	
Health centre		
Can we have a doctor located in Corton please?	8	6
Chemist	4	
Real shame that so few evening classes especially non- vocational now available. Education should continue all your life		
Better recreational facility required i.e. improvement to the pit – Need a venue	7	2
Sports facilities	2	
Transport for old people to access facilities (GNS)	5	
Chiropodist clinic on regular basis	1	
Improve play area at the pit & create area for all villagers to use	3	
Mobile Chiropodust /Hairdresser	1	
More for the young and a good mix with all		



## Environment - Housing Business Development and Natural Environment

	Ticks	Dots
<b>Good Points</b>		
Calm Village	2	
Good people - peaceful village	3	
<b>Issues</b>		
Posters of Wildlife species in the woods & trees etc	4	
The pit - all talk no action	2	
More recycling facilities		
Move the fence away from the hedge to keep both		
Unable to get mortgages for houses on cliff side of road	4	
Better disabled access to every where – cannot get on or off pathways	2	
Move footpath to other side of school + change entrance to bowling green	3	2
Possible heritage village status i.e. Colman history	3	
Get rid of the hedgerow	1	
Speed! Motorists do up to 70 mph early morning	3	
Transform the pit into a green to be used for all the village	4	1
Leave the hedgerow in the pit	6	
Lights in The Street. Path too narrow	5	1
No new housing – no suitable areas		
No way to walk on sea front to Lowestoft or Hopton	6	
Definitely do not get rid of any hedgerows	3	
1969 defenses Inc. Hopton - cost £212.000 (today 3-5 million) why should it be so expensive now	1	
Protect village from sea	3	7
Protection of coastal erosion. Loss of beach access. Property being lost to water	10	5
Coastal Erosion – Yarmouth outer harbor being extended. Gravel extraction should all be stopped	1	1
My home is near cliff edge	5	1
Or fully compensation owners		
Is the playing field just that or a football pitch - who owns it and runs it legally		
Make the 'pit' a village green.	3	
Bio digester info please	1	
Visitors centre + information board	2	
Concerned about erosion	6	
Ground water erosion of cliff		

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## Identifying Issues/Needs/Concern/Aspirations – Brain storming



## Prioritising

Issues were prioritised during a refreshment break and the top issues were then discussed in 4 discussion groups to agree on action required to address these issues.

Group 1 – Provision of a community Hall – 19 red dots

Group 2 - Coastal Erosion – 14 red dots

Group 3 – Traffic Speeding – 9 red dots

Group 4 – Provision of a Doctor's surgery in Corton – 6 red dots & Cycle Paths – 2 red dots



## CORTON ACTION PLAN

Issue	Action	Lead Organisation	Partners	Resources	Priority	Progress
Speeding traffic	Organise for the Police to do a 'speed check' along Mill Lane and The Street	Parish Council	Police			
Speeding traffic	Check with Police whether laws have changed re enforcement of 20mph limit	Parish Council	Police			
Speeding traffic	Investigate the possibility of having 'Flashing signs'.	Parish Council	SCC Highways Authority	Would need to raise £2K		PC been told that 'flashing sign' can't be sited on C class Roads.

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Speeding traffic	Stop 'The Street' being used as a Rat-Run. Consider an 'access only' option.	Parish Council	SCC Highways Authority – David Chenery			
Speeding traffic	Investigate the possibility of Speed Humps outside the School	Parish Council	SCC Highways Authority – David Chenery	Funding		
Speeding traffic	Arrange a site meeting with SCC to discuss all the Highways issues	Parish Council	SCC Highways Authority – David Chenery			
Speeding traffic	Survey residents to see if they would be prepared to pay for traffic calming via a higher Precept	Parish Council	Residents	Suffolk ACRE online survey software		

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Erratic Bus Service	Contact the Bus Company for an explanation of buses not turning up	Parish Council	First Eastern Counties			
Hospital appointments being missed due to buses not turning up	Advertise AgeUK Hospital Transport	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Magazine</li> <li>• Suffolk ACRE's Good Neighbour Scheme</li> </ul>			
Visual obstruction of path on Corton Long Lane and The Street junction	Arrange to clear vegetation from the pavement at Long Lane and The Street junction	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woods Group</li> <li>• SCC Highways Authority</li> <li>• Community Payback</li> </ul>			

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Lack of Doctor's Surgery in Corton	PC to seek views on whether to start up an Action Group to investigate the possibility of having a Doctor's Surgery or Outreach Clinic in Corton	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust</li> <li>• Local GP Surgery</li> <li>• 2 Volunteers from Village Review</li> </ul>			
Demand on existing Doctors Surgery is not meeting need – there are too many patients for Doctors' to deal with	Lobby Health providers, County and District Councils and MP	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Trust</li> <li>• WDC</li> <li>• SCC</li> <li>• MP</li> </ul>			

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Carry out a Needs Assessment to determine need for a Doctors' Surgery or Outreach Clinics in Corton	Survey the parish to determine need  Link outcomes with the Pavilion Project with a view to providing a possible venue	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local GP Surgeries</li> <li>• Possible Working Group</li> </ul>	Suffolk ACRE online survey software		
Cycle Path required into Lowestoft and another to Hopton – investigate use of old railway	Contact SCC to establish who owns the Railway Line and check to see if there are any plans to provide cycle tracks	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rail Track</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> <li>• SCC Highways Agency</li> <li>• Local Cycling Groups</li> </ul>	Funding		

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Maximise the design and facilities of Village Hall/ Community Building - New Hall same size as Methodist Hall and School Canteen.	Acquire more village support and input from individuals and organisations	Playingfield Pavilion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council</li> <li>• Volunteers needed</li> </ul>			
Biffa advised PFPC possible funds available are limited to £200K	Investigate possible maximum project funding	Playingfield Pavilion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suffolk ACRE</li> <li>• The Community Forum</li> </ul>	Local Holiday Businesses support		

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Lack of Doctor's Surgery/Clinics in Corton	Investigate the possibility of providing a venue in the New Hall	Playingfield Pavilion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local GP Surgeries</li> </ul>			
Lack of Doctor's Surgery/Clinics in Corton	Speak to Wenhaston Village Hall Committee about how they provided a confidential venue for a Doctor's surgery /Clinics in the Village Hall	Playingfield Pavilion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wenhaston VHMC</li> </ul>			

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Lack of Doctor's Surgery/Clinics in Corton	If a need for a Doctor's Surgery/Clinics is proven and the idea is plausible consider modifying the design of the new hall to accommodate need and look for extra funding	Playingfield Pavilion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suffolk ACRE</li> <li>• The Community Forum</li> </ul>			
Coastal Erosion – Making a case for Corton to be a place worth saving	Consult the community to provide evidence to incorporate in a Report	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Volunteers to sit on working group</li> <li>• Dunwich Parish Council</li> </ul>			

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Understanding why coastal work costs so much	Arrange for the Environment Agency to explain where the costs come from	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EA</li> <li>• WDC</li> </ul>			
Funding coastal work	Investigate if the community can raise funds to be used to help with the cost of defences	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EA</li> <li>• WDC</li> <li>• Dunwich Parish Council</li> <li>• The Community Forum</li> </ul>	Funding		
Possible future relocation of village	Investigate whether WDC has identified in the LDF any future relocation of the village	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDC Coastal Protection</li> <li>• Pathfinder</li> </ul>			

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Possible future relocation of village	Discover what assistance is available should a household need to relocate due to coastal erosion	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDC Coastal Protection</li> <li>• Pathfinder</li> </ul>			
Coastal Erosion – Gorleston/Gt Yarmouth Harbour extension and dredging appear to be causing damage to the coast further down stream	Need a comprehensive and independent survey as to the real effects this is having on the coast and the currents	Great Yarmouth Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corton Parish Council</li> <li>• Hopton Parish Council</li> <li>• WDC</li> </ul>			

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More co-ordination between Hopton and Corton to help with dealing with 2 County Councils	Corton PC to initiate discussions with Hopton PC.	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hopton Parish Council</li> </ul>			
Concern that Pathfinder funding is being spent on the Denes	Discover the Pathfinder funding criteria	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDC Coastal Protection</li> </ul>			

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Coastal Erosion	Look at ways the communities' concerns can be answered with the use of social media and web tools – identify top 20 questions	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDC Coastal Protection</li> <li>• EA</li> <li>• Suffolk ACRE</li> <li>• The Community Forum</li> </ul>			
Lack of footpath access to Hopton/Bakers Score	Investigate the possibilities of having a footpath along the beach to Hopton	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDC Coastal Protection</li> <li>• SCC Highways Authority</li> </ul>			