

TisVis! – Shaping Our Future

Outline Community Profile for Tisbury and West Tisbury

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This profile has been assembled as the first stage of a process towards the production of a single Local Community Strategy and Action Plan for the parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury. It provides the factual basis to underpin the process of public consultation which will lead to that parish plan. The profile summarises information about the two parishes drawn from the 2001 National Census and from local knowledge. For brevity the profile uses 'Tisbury' to refer to the whole community in both parishes.

BACKGROUND

History

Tisbury originated as a series of Saxon settlements along the River Nadder and, until the dissolution of the monasteries, was focused on the farms of the Abbess of Shaftesbury and a few houses in what is now the upper part of the High Street. For centuries it was overshadowed by the borough of Hindon to the north and its roads were little more than muddy tracks threading their way to the outlying villages. The coming of the railway in 1859 changed all that. Archibald Beckett, a speculator from Hindon, took out a lease on Paradise Field and used the clay and the local stone to construct a new, broader High Street with houses, shops and a pub. He also built a stately brewery in Church Street on the site of the former workhouse. New thoroughfares, Park Road and the Avenue, enabled the heavy wagons of the local quarry owners to bypass the steep ascent of Cuffs Lane and bring their stone more easily to Tisbury Station. The railway had widened their markets and reduced their costs considerably. A new dairy co-operative became one of the first in the County to transport milk directly into the capital. Ebenezer and Rowland Hibberd boosted the developing High Street with their rural 'superstore'. Using horse-drawn and, later, motor transport they provided a wide range of goods hitherto unavailable outside a large town. Parmiter and other businesses brought manufacturing and other jobs and Tisbury grew and prospered.

In the twentieth century Tisbury survived depression, wartime upheaval, the loss of much of its manufacturing base and the continued decline of the agricultural sector. Its beautiful position, and its good railway service has attracted substantial inward migration and the village has continued to evolve and grow. As the population has expanded, and as more small businesses have moved in, most of the High Street shops and five pubs have managed to survive the competition from large towns. In addition Tisbury is fortunate to have a doctors' surgery, dental practice, post office and its own police and fire stations. It has an Anglican team ministry embracing many of the surrounding village churches, a Roman Catholic and a Methodist Church. So, Tisbury remains a large bustling village providing a wide range of services to those who live and work there and for the surrounding area where so many schools, pubs and shops have been lost. The village remains a close knit community with *Focus*, the monthly village magazine, keeping its people in touch with everything that is going on.

Despite this Tisbury has its problems; the continued erosion of the employment base, an ageing population, the shortage of affordable homes for local people, threats to the rail service, and to the post office, chemist and other shops, the loss of the Middle School and the uncertain future of the swimming pool and Sports Centre. In addition there is growing pressure to develop in and beyond the village boundary.

Environment

Tisbury lies wholly within the Cranborne Chase & West Wilts Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is endowed with a number of important historical and environmental sites:

- ***Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)***
Fonthill Grottoes, Ladydown Quarry, Upper Chicks Grove Quarry and the River Nadder.
- ***Footpaths , Bridleways and Byways***
Tisbury has 53 footpaths, 10 bridleways and 3 byways and West Tisbury has another 21 footpaths and byways including part of the Wessex Way long distance footpath.
- ***Ancient Monuments and English Heritage sites***
Medieval Village of Wyck (site of), Castle Ditches, Wardour Old Castle.
- ***Listed Buildings***

There are many Listed Buildings in Tisbury and West Tisbury Parishes. The Church of St John the Baptist and Place Farm Tithe Barn are Grade 1 listed and Gaston Manor in the High Street is Grade 2* listed. There are twenty one 17th century, ten 18th century and fifteen 19th century Grade 2 Listed houses in the village. The whole of the High Street is a Conservation Area and there are many more listed houses in the rural areas.

Tisbury is also the focus for the South West Wiltshire Supporters Group of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and it has its own Natural History Society. A wildlife mapping survey is being run as part of the County's Biodiversity Action Plan. The area contains the Fonthill Lakes and the headwaters of the River Nadder, itself part of the Avon River System. The Parish provides extensive open space, and recreational areas. The only unattractive area is the partially disused Station Works site and various areas of waste land along the south side of the river.

The Tisbury Row area has been subject to field and house flooding but recent preventive measures – sluice control and improvements to drainage – have improved the situation though it remains a concern at times of very heavy rainfall. Tisbury has its own water treatment works and the quality of water in the river supports an excellent habitat for fish, water mammals, insect life, birds and plants. The treatment works may not have sufficient spare capacity to meet growing demand in the future.

Transport and Communications

Roads

Tisbury lies midway between the A303 to the north, a major trunk road and the old A30 to the south but is not itself on any A or B road – the nearest B road intended for through traffic is at Hindon. Eight C roads converge on the village but all of very restricted capacity. Three in particular come through severe pinch-points – the Hindon Tunnel, the Fonthill Arch and the Tisbury Row bridge and two more enter Tisbury by the low 3-Arch Bridge. These restrictions prevent through traffic by large HGVs and mean that any continued and uncontrolled increase in traffic may cause problems in the future.

Despite the restrictions the narrow C class roads in the Tisbury area carry relatively heavy flows of HGVs and farm traffic – heavy enough to erode the road edges and hedge banks. This presents particular difficulties for the emergency services particularly when they are called to accidents on the A303.

Bus Services

Tisbury has five buses a day to Salisbury and four to Shaftesbury plus a weekly bus to Warminster. These services are valued but they are not well co-ordinated with the trains. In addition a registered charity, Tibus, runs two minibuses providing local transport to its members and to other groups on demand. There are also proposals to introduce a ‘Link’ scheme by September 2005.

Rail Services

Tisbury is fortunate to have its own railway station with services to London Waterloo and to Exeter with onward connections to the Southwest. A recent proposal significantly to reduce the frequency of service was resisted but some cuts went ahead. Proposals to re-instate a second track and platform seem unlikely to be followed up in the foreseeable future. Any change in the level of services, whether increases or reductions would have a major impact on the future of Tisbury. Railtrack have offered always to consult with users before making any significant changes.

Car Parking

Tisbury has a small free car park at Nadder Close and limited on street parking. In addition there is a car park at the railway station but this has recently been reduced in size. There is a problem with rail users parking on the roads and, elsewhere in the village, there are parking restrictions – some of which seem to be inappropriate. Parking policy in Tisbury is determined by Wiltshire County Council and enforced by Salisbury District Council.

Journey times

Journey times from Tisbury to:-	Salisbury	Gillingham	Shaftesbury
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Rail	14 - 23 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Car	30 - 35 minutes	20 - 25 minutes	12 minutes
Bus	47 minutes	27 + 15 minutes	27 minutes

Car Ownership.

	All Households	No Car	One Car	Two Cars	Three Cars	Four or more Cars	All Cars or Vans in the area
Tisbury	908	181	402	244	59	22	1155
West Tisbury	253	19	115	87	22	10	395
Total	1161	200	517	331	81	32	1550

This shows that only 17% of households do not have the use of a car. From other evidence, it is clear that most of these are likely to be elderly non-drivers.

Mode of Travel to Work.

	All aged 16 to 74 in work	Home based	Train	Bus	Motor bike	Driving a car or van	Passenger in a car or van	Bike	On foot	Pub transport users in Households:	
										with car or van	without car or van
Tisbury	916	155	70	3	10	499	47	17	115	67	9
West Tisbury	287	52	23	3	0	169	13	6	21	28	0
Total	1203	207	93	6	10	668	60	23	136	95	9

This table shows that nearly 20% of those in work are working from home and that of those who do travel to a place of work 65% drive or are driven as a passenger in a private vehicle. Only 8% use public transport.

Population Characteristics

Ages:-

Total	0 - 4	5 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 14	15	16 - 17	18 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 44	45 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85 - 89	> 90

Tisbury	2068	109	72	47	116	19	42	35	67	86	405	431	132	244	173	58	32
W/Tisb.	599	32	34	16	34	3	7	8	19	21	139	124	36	55	52	9	10
Total	2667	141	106	63	150	22	49	43	86	107	544	555	168	299	225	67	42

So 18% are under 18, (The Wiltshire average, but back in 1991, was 23%) whilst 52% are between 18 and 65 and 23% are over 65 (The Wiltshire average in 1991 was 16%). So by comparison with Wiltshire, the Tisbury population is rather older.

Marital status:-

	all people aged 16 & over	Single (never Married)	Married	Remarried	Separated (but still married)	Divorced	Widowed
Tisbury	1699	377	798	179	29	132	184
West Tisbury	483	104	261	41	8	34	35
Total	2182	481	1059	220	37	166	219

This shows that 58% are married or remarried.

Ethnicity:-

	Total population	White			Mixed white and black Caribbean	Asian or Asian British	Black	Other ethnic group
		British	Irish	Other				
Tisbury	2056	2002	17	28	0	3	3	3
West Tisbury	597	579	3	12	3	0	0	0
Total	2653	2581	20	40	3	3	3	3

Religious Preference:-

	Total	Christian	Jewish	Muslim	other religion	no religion	religion not stated
Tisbury	2052	1589	6	3	3	264	187
West Tisbury	600	459	0	0	3	80	58
Total	2652	2048	6	3	6	344	245

Country of Birth:-

	Total	England	Scotland	Wales	N Ireland	Republic of Ireland	Other EU countries	Other Non EU
Tisbury	2056	1888	20	33	9	18	19	69
West Tisbury	601	539	12	5	0	3	9	33
Total	2657	2427	32	38	9	21	28	102

Gender and Household:-

	Total	Males	Females	People living in households	People living in communal households	Students living away from home
Tisbury	2056	973	1083	2037	19	50
West Tisbury	601	299	302	601	0	29
Total	2657	1272	1385	2638	19	79

Employment

This table shows a breakdown of the economic activity of those aged 16 to 74:-

	Total employed aged 16 - 74	Full time employed	Part time employed	Self Employed	Unemployed (Of which aged 16 -24)	Retired	Student	Permanent sick/ disabled	Minding home/ family	Other inactive
Total population										

Tisbury	1456	516	172	211	36 (6)	273	65	37	111	35
West Tisbury	418	160	52	76	3 (0)	59	9	12	34	13
Total	1874	676	224	287	39 (6)	332	74	49	145	48
Males										
Tisbury	702	341	26	133	16 (3)	126	25	16	7	12
West Tisbury	209	107	3	49	3 (0)	26	6	6	3	6
Females										
Tisbury	754	175	146	78	20 (0)	147	40	21	104	23
West Tisbury	209	53	49	27	0 (0)	33	3	6	31	7

This table shows 18% of population are retired, the same as the 1991 Wiltshire average, 3.8% are students, 2.3% are permanently sick/ disabled, and 1.9% are unemployed.

Occupation

This table indicates people's occupation in broad generic groups. It shows 17.5% are Managers and senior officials, 23.4% are Professionals, 10.6% are in support services, 14.9% are Skilled Tradesmen, 7.4% are plant operatives and 5.2% are Shop Keepers.

	Total employed aged 16 to 74	Managers and senior officials	Professnl	Associated professional & technical	Admin & secretrl	Skilled trades	Personal service	Sales and customer service	Process; plant and machine operatives	Elementary occupations
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All People										
Tisbury	924	152	80	121	91	146	80	59	71	124
West Tisbury	288	58	40	41	35	34	28	12	18	22
Total	1212	211	120	163	128	180	105	63	90	147
Males										
Tisbury	511	106	51	69	13	119	12	21	51	69
West Tisbury	161	47	17	25	6	30	3	3	18	12
Females										
Tisbury	413	46	29	52	78	27	68	38	20	55
West Tisbury	127	11	23	16	29	4	25	9	0	10

Employment by Industry:

	Total aged 16 - 74 in work	Agricult Hunting, Forestry, Quarries	Manu facture	Construc	Shops etc	Hotels and cater	Transport, storage and comms	Finance	Land & Prop	Public admin, Defnce	Education Health & Social Services	Others
Tisbury	915	52	122	77	146	52	32	33	95	69	171	66
West Tisbury	291	19	35	24	38	9	13	9	50	20	57	17
Total	1206	71	157	101	184	61	45	42	145	89	228	83

This table shows 18.9% of the working population are employed in Education/Health/ social work, 15.2% are in Wholesale/Retail, 13.0% are in Manufacturing, 12.0% are involved in the Property market, 8.3% in Construction, 7.3% in Public Administration/Defence, 5.9% in Agriculture/Hunting/Forestry/Quarrying, 5.1% in Leisure, 3.4% in Banking.

Housing

Living Arrangements:

	all people aged 16 & over living in h/holds	Living as a couple		Not living as a couple				
		married or remarried	cohabiting	single (never married)	married or remarried	Separated (but still legally married)	Divorced	Widowed
Tisbury	1683	966	134	289	12	22	95	165
West Tisbury	482	302	38	79	3	3	22	35
Total	2165	1268	172	368	15	25	117	200

So 66% are living as couples.

Household Tenure

	All households	Owned outright	Owned with a mortgage or loan	Shared ownership	Rented from:			
					Council (local authority)	Housing Association/Registered Social Landlord	Private Landlord or letting agency	others
Tisbury	906	292	266	0	189	38	72	49
West Tisbury	251	97	99	0	3	8	28	16
Total	1157	389	365	0	192	46	100	65

This table shows 65% of households are owner occupiers and 35% of households are in rented accommodation.

Housing Conditions;

This table gives an indication of the general standard of household accommodation:-

	Total	average house hold size	Households with some overcrowding	H/holds with C/Heating		H/holds without C/Heating		H/holds: lowest level rooms:		
				& sole use of bath/shower/toilet	without sole use of bath/shower/toilet	& no sole use of bath/shower/toilet	with sole use of bath/shower/toilet	basement or semi basement	ground level	Above ground level
Tisbury	906	2.25	36	843	0	0	63	20	829	57
West Tisbury	253	2.38	14	220	0	0	32	5	238	7
Total	1159	4.63	50	1063	0	0	95	25	1067	64

This table suggests the housing stock is of a reasonably high standard with only 8.2% without Central Heating.

Occupancy

	All H/holds	One person:		One family and no others:					Other H/holds: with dependent children	Other H/holds	
		Pensioner	others	all pensioner	Married/Cohabiting Couple:		Lone Parent:				
					No child	With dependent children	Children not dependent	With depend't children			Children non depend't
Tisbury	897	179	102	134	171	155	57	36	30	13	20
West Tisbury	251	40	24	40	47	60	15	7	3	6	9
Total	1148	219	126	174	218	215	72	43	33	19	29

This table shows that 10.9% households are single persons, 3.7% are lone parents with dependent children, 34.2% are pensioners, and 44.0% are families.

Lone Parent With Dependent Children

	All Lone Parents	All Male Lone Parents	Male Lone Parents in employment	All Female Lone Parents	Female Lone Parents	
					in full time employment	in part time employment
Tisbury	31	3	0	28	6	12
West Tisbury	7	0	0	7	0	3
Total	38	3	0	35	6	15

Housing Need

In 2001 SDC produced a survey of their housing stock including Housing Associations. This survey indicated a need for 6 new affordable homes in Tisbury but a subsequent Housing Needs Survey carried out by the Parish Council in Jan/Feb 2002 suggested 16 affordable homes were needed for occupation by local people.

House-building in Tisbury

Between 1978 and 1999, 333 new houses were added to the total housing stock in the two parishes and between 1999 and May 2005, 51 new houses were added. In addition there are 37 Planning Applications in the pipeline of which on past evidence about 70% – or say 26 houses – are likely to be approved. Finally and most importantly there are the two large sites – the greenfield Weaveland Rd site which may see the building of a mixed development of 75 houses and employment units and the brownfield Station Works site which could accommodate up to 70 more houses as part of a mixed use scheme but which is currently reserved for employment use only. If both the potential large ‘development’ sites are eventually approved and built upon, the number of households in Tisbury will have grown by approximately 212 since 1999.

Educational Facilities.

Tisbury children are served by St. John's Primary School, Pre School, and Ward Law Roman Catholic Aided Primary School at Wardour. Senior School children go to schools in Shaftesbury, Gillingham or Salisbury using rail transport, or bus transport arranged (but not all funded) by the Local Education Authority. In addition to these facilities, the Thistledown Trust is re-opening the former Middle School as a private school for c60 children of the Plymouth Brethren.

Qualifications.

The following table shows level of academic achievement amongst Tisbury’s population:-

	Total 16 to 74	With no qualifs	Level				Other Quals	Full time students 16 to 17	Full time students 18 to 74		
			1	2	3	4				In work	Not in work
Tisbury	1443	371	242	288	135	312	95	34	30	9	13
West Tisbury	411	85	65	94	43	106	18	6	3	0	3
Total	1854	456	307	382	178	418	113	40	33	9	16

Level 1: 1+ O Level; 1+ CSE/GCSE of any grade; NVQ level 1; Foundation GNVQ

Level 2: 5+ O Levels; 6 + CSE grade 1;5 + GCSE grades 1-3; School Certificate; 1+ A/AS Level; NVQ Level 2; Intermediate GNVQ

Level 3: 2+ A Levels; 4+ AS Levels; Higher School Certificate; NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ.

Level 4/5: First Degree; Higher Degree; NVQ Levels 4/5; HNC; HND; Qualified Teacher, Medical

Tisbury's Amenities and Facilities

Commercial businesses in Tisbury.

A wide range of businesses and services operate from within Tisbury and West Tisbury parish boundaries and this cannot be a comprehensive list:-

Trade	Name	Trade	Name
Accountants	Wood & Co		
		Garden Accessories etc	D W Supplies
Antiques	Heatons	Gifts	Adlams
Aromatherapy & Reflexology	Jane Roberts	Green Grocer & Pet Food	David Collis
Bank	National Westminster	Hairdressers	Odette
Bicycle Shop	D Marshall		2 Dorz Down
Builders	P Blower	Leisure Centre	Tisbury & District Sports Centre
	A Castie & Sons	Library	Tisbury
	Roger Gray	Minibus	Tisbus
	W R McGrath & Sons Ltd	Music Teacher	Maxwell Steer
Building Society Agent	BIBS - Wood & Co	Newsagent	Tisbury News
Butcher	Manor Farm Meats	Painters & Decorators etc	R Carpenter
Cards, Toys & Gifts	Pandora's Box		Designer Decorations
	Tisbury Post Office		B D Scott

Care Home	Albany House	Pharmacist	'Moss
Cars - Fuel, Repairs etc	Tisbury Motors	Physiotherapist	Mrs M Howcroft
Cars - Repairs	Glen's Autos	Plasterer	D Wardle
		Plumbers	Robert Marshall
Carpenters & Joiners	Phil Culley	Post Office	Tisbury
Carpets etc	SJH Carpets	Pottery	Kate Good
	Malcolm Stevens	Public Houses	Benett Arms
Chinese Takeaway	Victoria House		Boot Inn
	Tis Good		Cross Inn
Copying etc	Wood & Co		Crown
Delicatessen / Coffee Shop	The Old Forge Farm Shop		South Western
Trade	Name	Trade	Name
Dentists	Tisbury Dental Practice	Public Relations Consultant	E=MC2
Discotheque	George's Music Box	Railway Station	Tisbury
Doctors	J R Dalton & L Carter	Schools	Pre School
Dry Cleaning	Tisbury Post Office		St John's Primary
Driveways	C & G Tarmac Servicing		Wardour Primary
Electrical Retailer	Underwoods	Shoes & Shoe Repairs	Coombes Shoes
Electrical Contractors	Julian Marshall	Tarmac etc	C & G Tarmac
	Underwoods	Taxi Services	Dean Drive
Estate Agents	Pennyfarthings		M Haines
Feline Advisory Bureau	Feline Advisory Bureau	Car Hire	E Marshall
Fish & Chip	Tis Good	Thatcher	MJ Read
Florists	Ted Martin	TV Sales, Repairs etc	Underwoods
Food etc	Co-op supermarket	Vet	Longmead Vets

Churches, Pubs and other services

The following churches, public houses, public halls and public services are available to the people of Tisbury:-

Churches	Pubs	Other Services	Public halls
St John the Baptist, Church of England Church The Methodist Church Catholic Church of the	The South Western The Cross Inn Boot Inn The Arms	The Post Office The Fire Station The Police Station Tisbury Library	Victoria Hall Hinton Hall Methodist Hall Nadder Hall

Sacred Heart All Saint's Catholic Chapel, Wardour	The Crown Inn		Queen Elizabeth Hall
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Recreational Facilities

This is not an exhaustive list but the main clubs and societies are as follows:-

Sports Amenities:-	Clubs and Societies:-
Tisbury and District Sport Centre including tennis courts Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club and Swimming-pool Tisbury Youth Centre Tisbury Bowling Club and Green Tisbury Cricket Club and Pitch Tisbury United Football Club and Pitch Tisbury Social Club Tisbury Angling Club Tisbury Sports and Social Club	Tisbury Arts Group (TAG) Tisbury Flower Group Tisbury & District Horticultural Society Tisbury Local History Society Tisbury Natural History Society Tisbury Country Market Tisbury Brownies Tisbury Footpath Club Tisbury Over-sixties Club Tisbury Carnival The British Legion(Men and Women Section) Allotments
Community Organisations Tisbury has a wide range of active community organisations including the following:-	
Mothers' Union Mothers and Toddlers Group Victoria Hall Management Committee Hinton Hall Committee Newtown, Hatch and Tuckingmill Womens Institute Good Neighbours Scheme Community Magazine FOCUS Tisbury Parish Council	Tisbury Pre-school Tisbury Day-care Centre The Alice Combes Trust Tisbury Carnival Committee Tisbury Chamber of Trade Shaw Trust for disabled/disadvantaged gardeners National Womens' Register West Tisbury Parish Council

These local organisations show a strong commitment from a large number of active persons within the community.

Local Government Organisations

Tisbury and West Tisbury both have their own parish councils and both parishes are represented at District and County level by elected members. In Tisbury as a whole the turnout in the 2005 election was 1,285 or 69% of the 1861 registered voters.

Social Services

Tisbury is served by an office of the Department of Adult and Community Services currently situated on the Station Works site. This office is responsible for the West Locality of South West Wiltshire and it is staffed by three Social Workers, one full-time and three part-time Community Care Officers and two Occupational Therapists. It is this team that assesses and arranges domiciliary care packages, respite care, carer services, day care, meals, day centre transport, and nursing home care.

The numbers of people in Tisbury claiming various benefits in 2003 were as follows:

Attendance Allowance	Disability Allowance	Incapacity benefit	Jobseekers allowance	Severe disablement allowance
100	70	55	10	5

Unemployment benefits are paid from the Salisbury office of the DSS. Unemployment claimant counts are available as follows:

Oct 1996	Oct 1997	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Oct 2004
50	35	25	25	15	10	35

Health

General Health

This table gives the state of general health of Tisbury inhabitants:

	Total	In good health	In fairly good health	In poor health	With limiting long term illness		People providing unpaid care	People providing care		
					Total	working age		1 to 19 hrs/wk	20 to 49 hrs/wk	50 + hrs/wk
Tisbury	2056	1419	470	167	368	111	217	162	16	39
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Communal Establishments.

Tisbury has one Residential Care Home with accommodation for approx 20 elderly people and warden assisted housing at Nadder Close.

Medical Support Facilities.

Tisbury is served by medical practices operating from the Park Road Surgery and the Hindon Surgery. Hospital support is provided by Salisbury District Hospital and the Shaftesbury Westminster Memorial Hospital, located 17 and 9 miles from Tisbury by road respectively. Ambulance support is provided from Salisbury. The Park Road surgery also provides physiotherapy, chiropody and family planning services.

Community Health

The Tisbury medical practice is staffed by 2 full-time doctors, 2 part-time doctors and 2 Practice Nurses. Attached to the practice, providing the wider health-service in the community, is a Community Nursing team, plus a full-time Health Visitor, visiting Midwife, Community Psychiatric Nurse(CPN), Counsellor, Podiatrist, Psychiatrist for the elderly and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) which is represented once per month.

Dental Support Facilities

Tisbury is served by a very modern dental practice consisting of three dental surgeons with support staff and a visiting orthodontist.

Police

Tisbury's police station has an establishment of one Police Sergeant, eight Police Constables, three Special Constables and two Enquiry Officers. The station's area of responsibility extends as far as Mere and covers 150 square miles so that the quota of the establishment allocated to Tisbury is two officers. The station is manned throughout the week. There were 50 reported crimes in the two parishes for the year April 2004 to April 2005 including 14 burglaries (3 from businesses), 13 thefts including 3 from cars, 3 actual or attempted car thefts, 12 criminal damage, 5 assaults, 2 public order offences and 1 handling stolen goods. 25% of these crimes were resolved (ie an offender was arrested) and several more are still under investigation.

Fire Service

Tisbury has its own fire station, equipped with one machine and manned by 12 retained firemen. The average incident rate is three per week of which 60 per cent are road traffic accident related and the remaining 40 per cent involve household and farm fires, rescues etc.

Concerns already expressed in the Wiltshire County Council “The People’s Voice” Survey

Over the past few years, the Wiltshire County Council has employed a firm of consultants to survey public concern in areas for which the Council is responsible. The topics which have been identified so far – in alphabetical order – are as follows:-

Community Safety and Crime	
County and District Council communications with the public	Library services
Consumer Protection and Trading Standards	Preservation of Cultural Heritage
Economic Development and Tourism	Police presence and Illegal Drugs
Educational provision for children	Passenger Transport Services
Educational provision for adults	Road Safety issues
Fire services	Rural health service provision
Highway Maintenance	Social Services
Housing	Sport and Leisure facilities
Household Waste and Litter Control	Traffic Management and Car Parking
Housing development	Youth services

Whilst responsibility for the resolution of these issues may rest with the County and District Councils, and are of general concern across the county as a whole, there are many other subjects that will be of concern to the people of Tisbury, e.g. provision of work and employment for the local population; the provision of affordable housing and the control of development in the village and in the AONB as a whole. The people of Tisbury are invited to express their concerns on all topics. The issues included above are suggestions - to provoke thought and generate future discussion.

*This Community Profile was prepared by: Tisbury & West Tisbury Parish Planning Group – TisVis! Shaping Our Future
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