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1: VILLAGE PLAN, MAY 2014

MARTON & DISTRICT VILLAGE (“MDV”)

VILLAGE PLAN SUPPLEMENT TO

THE EAST CHESHIRE PLAN CONSULTATION

1. Background

- 1.1 The 2014 East Cheshire Strategic Plan proposed no changes to the development of MDV.
- 1.2 An extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held in January 2013 to discuss the East Cheshire Plan. Following the meeting, extracts of the East Cheshire Plan were circulated to all Marton residents in a leaflet which offered opportunity for feedback by post or by phone or via East Cheshire Council’s website.
- 1.3 Marton & District residents were invited to attend the 8th February 2013 meeting at the Scout Hall organised by Gawsworth Parish Council at which details of The Plan were outlined at length and discussed by Adrian Fisher of Cheshire East Planning Department.
- 1.4 Matters arising from the special activities were discussed at the scheduled February 2013 meeting of Marton Parish Council.
- 1.5 Cheshire East Planning Officer, Adrian Fisher, presented the East Cheshire Plan and the consultation process to MDV’s 2013 Annual Village Meeting.
- 1.6 An extraordinary village meeting was convened to discuss Planning proposals in July 2013.
- 1.7 Councillor David Brown presented an update of the Plan and its process to the MDV 2014 Annual Village Meeting. Both meetings were well attended.
- 1.8 MDV Parish Council met on 8th April, 2014 to discuss the site allocations requirement in response the East Cheshire’s request, also outlined by Councillor David Brown (1.6 above.)
- 1.9 The feedback from the above meetings has been coordinated by MDV Parish Council and fed back to East Cheshire Council both in the form of written responses or *via* Ms Lesley Smetham, elected Councillor for MDV *et al*.
- 1.10 This paper sums up, as a Village Plan, the aspirations for the future development of MDV discussed at the various MDV meetings.

2. RURAL NATURE OF MDV

- 2.1 The clearly expressed will of MDV is that the village should retain its rural nature with its green fields, especially those in the heart of the village, being protected. A “Green Gap” has been requested to discourage development north of the proposed Congleton Relief Road.
- 2.2 MDV presently contains a significant percentage of social housing component and there is no perceived requirement for further social housing.
- 2.3 The rise in house prices generally has impacted Marton along with many other rural communities. There is a small requirement to find opportunities for affordable housing so that MDV does not lose its young population.
- 2.4 As the nature of farming has changed, some farms in Marton have excess buildings and brown field space. MDV has expressed the clear view that Brownfield sites are likely to be available for its future development needs and wishes to stipulate that Brownfield sites be exhausted before planning permission be granted for Greenfield sites.
- 2.5 Specifically, MDV Parish Council has, with site owners, already identified Brownfield sites which can accommodate some 10 new dwellings.

3. MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 **Traffic.** MDV is conscious than planned new developments in East Cheshire will significantly increase the traffic through Marton. MDV recognises the need for research and planning in order to mitigate negative effects of increased traffic.
- 3.2 **St James & St Paul’s Church.** MDV notes the cultural importance of Marton Church to the village. Marton Church is also a significant tourist attraction and important for weddings. MDV will continue to plan to support the successful long term development of St James’s and St Paul’s Church.
- 3.3 **Marton & District Primary School.** MDV notes the significance of the village school to the life of the village. MDV will work with Marton & District Primary School to foster good relations between the School and its Community.
- 3.4 **Employment.** MDV recognises that the drift of agricultural employment away from the surrounding farms in the village is unlikely to be reversed. MPV recognises the significance of the contribution to the development of the village which superfast broadband can contribute.
- 3.5 **Rural Issues.** MDV recognises the importance of local landowners and businesses to its rural community. The Council will work to foster the rural way of life.
- 3.7 **Public Transport.** MDV recognises the value of greater access to public transport to the lives of members of the village.
- 3.8 **Ageing Population.** MDV recognises that the village population is ageing. MPV will work to plan for the needs of the ageing population in order to improve the benefits to the lives of elderly individuals in the community.

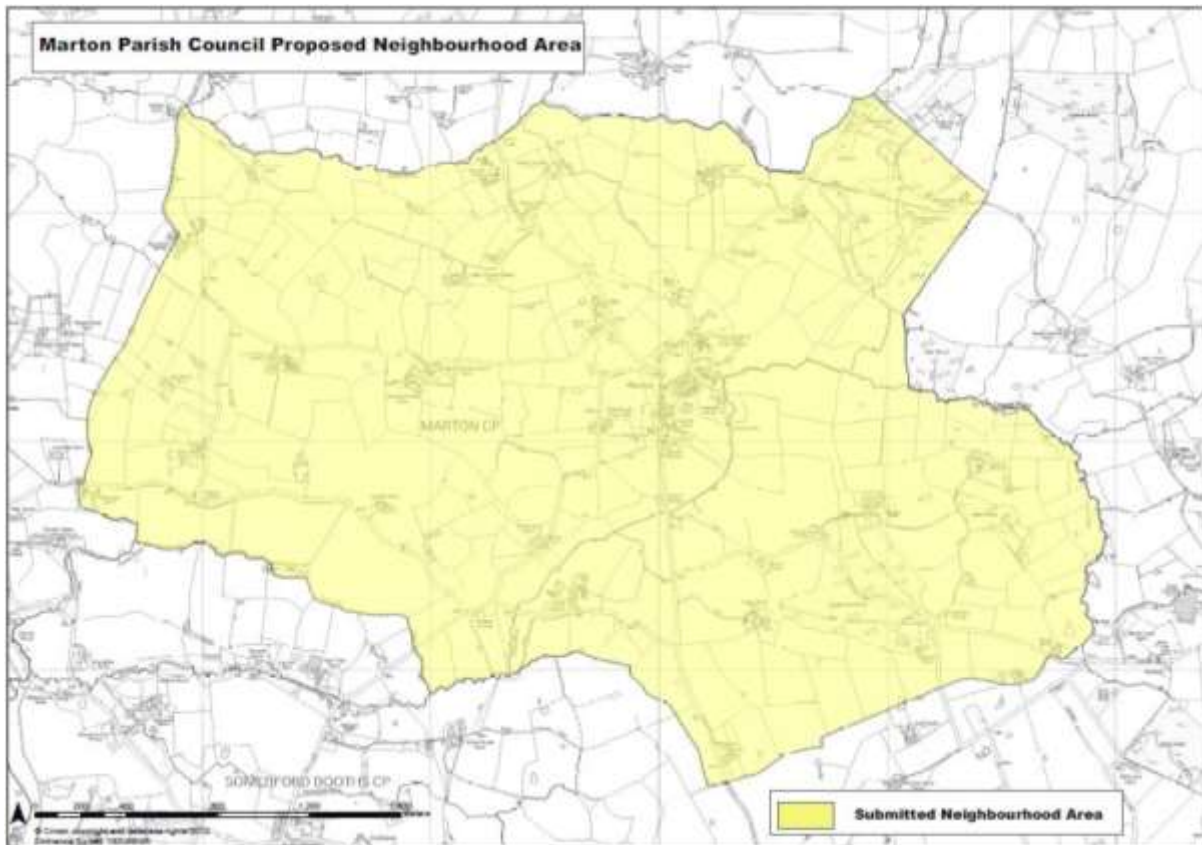
- 3.9 **Community.** MDV recognises that the decline in the working opportunities within the village has altered village community cohesion. MDV will work to improve association and community opportunities for young people, in particular, and village members, in general, to create an enhanced sense of community within Marton.
- 3.10 **Community Pride.** MPV recognises the value of maintaining and improving the infrastructure of the village. MDV Parish Council will endeavour to maintain the village infrastructure and assets – from trees, hedgerows, paths and signs to the village green - to a high standard for the village.

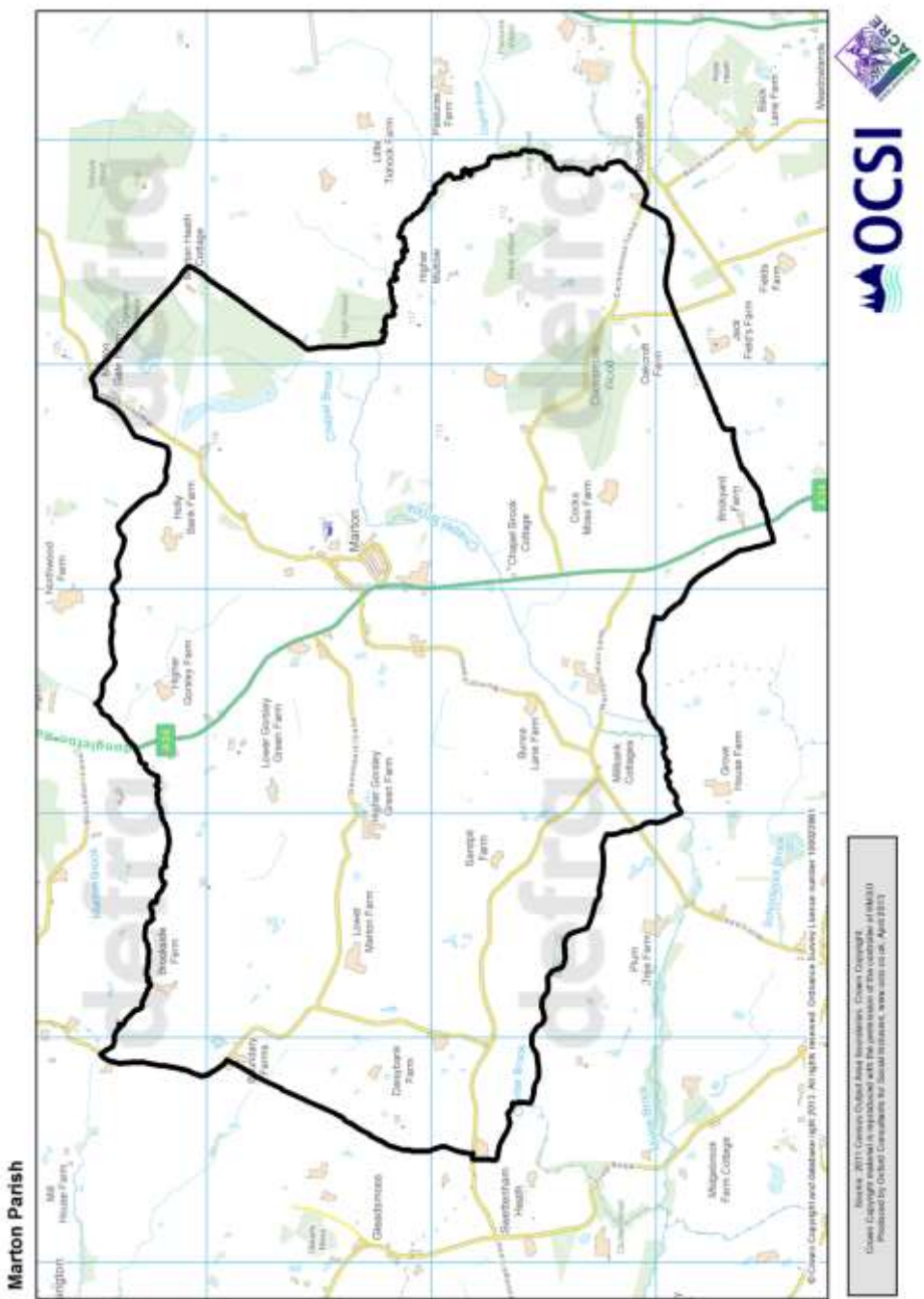
Marton Parish Council

12th May, 2014

2: AREA SUBMISSION

The area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan is aligned with the parish boundary.





3: RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION REQUEST ON CHESHIRE EAST CORE PLAN

CHESHIRE EAST STRATEGIC PLAN

Cheshire East Council

7th December, 2013

MARTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL (“MPC”)

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION REQUEST

CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDING 16TH DECEMBER 2013

We write to update the Marton & District Parish Council submission of 23rd February, 2013 in response to East Cheshire Council’s request for comments on the Core Plan by 16th December, 2013. In summary, we make the following key points:

- Green Gap status is requested for the Marton District to protect against ribbon development northwards from the proposed Congleton bypass and the development at Giantswood Lane;
- MPC request data from a comprehensive assessment of the transport impact on the A34 through Marton of the development proposed in the East Cheshire Local Plan;
- Marton Parish Council request measures be taken to prevent Cockswood Lane becoming a “rat run”;
- MPC recommend that the Congleton bypass does not terminate at the A34 at Gianstwood Lane but is extended so that the lanes to the north of Eaton are not used as “rat runs”..

1. Background

- 1.1 In common with other parish councils and residents, MPC received due notice of the Cheshire East Draft Strategic Plan (The Plan) and of the consultation period 15th January 2013 – 26th February, 2013. We note the extensive investment in effort involved in drawing up The Plan and support the aim in The Plan for a successful and prosperous county. We received notice of the Core Strategy Pre-submission Document requesting comments prior to 16th December, 2013.
- 1.2 An extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held in January 2013 to discuss The Plan. Following the meeting, extracts of The Plan were circulated to all Marton residents in a leaflet which offered opportunity for feedback by post or by phone or via East Cheshire Council’s website.
- 1.3 Marton & District residents were invited to attend the 8th February 2013 meeting at the Scout Hall organised by Gawsworth Parish Council at which details of The Plan were outlined at length and discussed by Adrian Fisher of Cheshire East Planning Department.

- 1.4 Matters arising from the special meetings were discussed at the scheduled February 2013 meeting of Marton Parish Council.
- 1.5 Adrian Fisher presented the details of the Plan to a General Meeting of The Marton District.
- 1.6 An extraordinary village meeting was convened to discuss Capesthorpe Planning proposals in July 2013.
- 1.7 A meeting convened by David Rutley MP was attended by a representative of Marton Parish Council.
- 1.8 The purpose of this paper is to summarise the feedback collated during the above process.

2. Summary of impact on Marton

- 2.1 The Plan makes no explicit proposals for development in the Marton District. However, Marton is affected, implicitly, as noted below.
- 2.2 The Congleton bypass through Hulme Walfield to Eaton will impact on the open space between Congleton and Marton and on the transport infrastructure around Marton.
- 2.3 The fill-in housing planned for north of Congleton will impact on the transport infrastructure around Marton.
- 2.4 The South Macclesfield bypass will impact on the open space between Macclesfield and Gawsworth/ Marton and the transport infrastructure around Marton.
- 2.5 The planned fill-in housing will impact on the open space between Macclesfield and Gawsworth/ Marton and the transport infrastructure around Marton.

3. Detailed feedback

- 3.1 We decided to defer to the wishes of residents of Congleton in assessing the merits of the Congleton Bypass. The existing traffic congestion in Congleton and the consequent impact on business were noted. **We strongly recommend that the proposed bypass does not terminate at the A34 but is extended in a manner to prevent the lanes north of Eaton being used as “rat runs”.**
- 3.2 In terms of options for alternative routes for the Congleton Bypass, we consider that the option offering minimum intrusion into green-field space should be preferred.
- 3.3 We understand that there will be a demand for new housing built on green fields around Congleton as envisaged in the Plan. However, we have not seen statistics demonstrating that Congleton itself is short of housing. Consequently we suggest that any demand for housing largely comes from outside the town.
- 3.4 We note that Marton has a disproportionately larger percentage of low cost and social housing than other equivalent Parishes.

- 3.5 We did not consider that sufficient analysis of the traffic implications of the proposals is included in The Plan. We anticipate that the combined effect of the Congleton Bypass and associated new housing north and west of Congleton will place new and possibly intolerable stress on the A34 running through Marton, on properties adjacent to the A34 and, finally, on the historic Church of St James and St Paul, regarded as one of the oldest timber framed churches in Europe. The A34 at Marton already has an unreasonable number of accidents and currently impacts unfavourably on village life in Marton. Consequently, we strongly urge that any development to the north and west of Congleton, including the bypass be kept to a minimum.
- 3.6 We note that the plans for a bypass south of Macclesfield towards Gawsworth, together with associated plans for new housing, do not directly impact on Marton. However, we do note that motorists seeking to access Macclesfield from Monks Heath already experience significant delays and we have seen no traffic assessments that would suggest that the planned bypass south of Macclesfield towards Gawsworth, together with associated plans for new housing, will do anything other than increase this congestion. We strongly urge that any development south of Macclesfield towards Gawsworth be kept to a minimum.
- 3.7 **We consider it imperative that a detailed traffic assessment be undertaken to identify the likely changes on usage of Cocks Moss Lane and the A34 through Marton Village which will be caused by the developments envisaged in the East Cheshire Plan and that appropriate measure be taken to protect the interests of Marton District.**
- 3.8 Like many rural councils, we urge Cheshire East Council to recognise that our green fields in rural areas are already a scarce resource and should not be diminished, except as envisaged in the Plan. This view is strongly supported by our MP, David Rutley as being the interests of the Macclesfield Constituency. At the Village Meeting, the Community was resolutely opposed to plans for the development of the field in the centre of the Village, proposed by by Capesthorpe Estate. In so far as Marton & District should make a contribution to providing site for in-fill development to assist the County Housing requirement, we urge that consents for new housing be targeted at brown field sites. We do note however that we have not been party to assisting how further brown field sites can be identified and promoted. We invite East Cheshire to open a dialogue with MPC to with a view to correcting this reality. We look forward to the next stage of the planning process. At a strategic level, we request the following:
- 3.9 **Consequent to the above, MPC requests that East Cheshire Council instigate a “Green Gap” for the area north of Congleton through Marton & District to Siddington and Monks Heath. This is requested to explicitly discourage ribbon development on this area. We ask that we be invited to assist with the development of this proposal.**

H J J Rylands

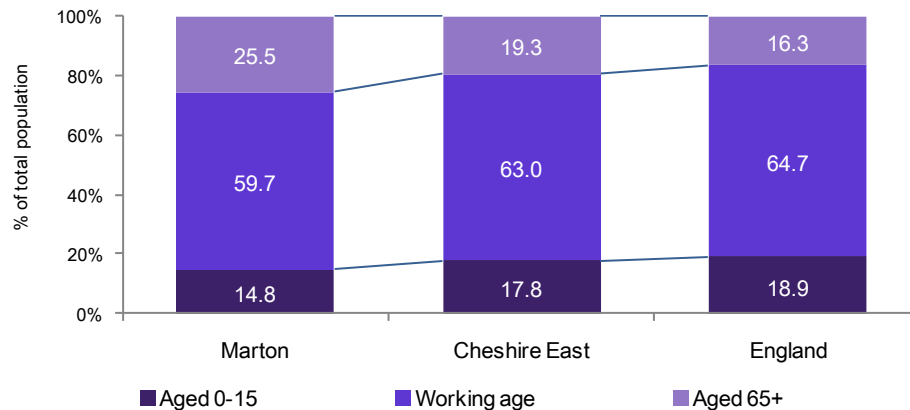
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4: STATISTICS AND CENSUS INFORMATION

MARTON – ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE

How many people live locally? 245 51.0% male; 49.0% female	How many households? 105	Children under 16 35 14.8% (England average = 18.9%)	Working age adults 150 59.7% (England average = 64.7%)	Older people over 65 60 25.5% (England average = 16.3%)
Lone parent families with children 5	Single pensioner households 10	People from Black or Minority ethnic groups 5	People born outside the UK 5	Dependency Ratio 0.66

Population by age



20.0% of all families with dependent children (England average = 24.5%)	7.6% of households (England average = 12.4%)	2.9% (England average = 20.2%)	2.5% (England average = 13.8%)	England average = 0.55
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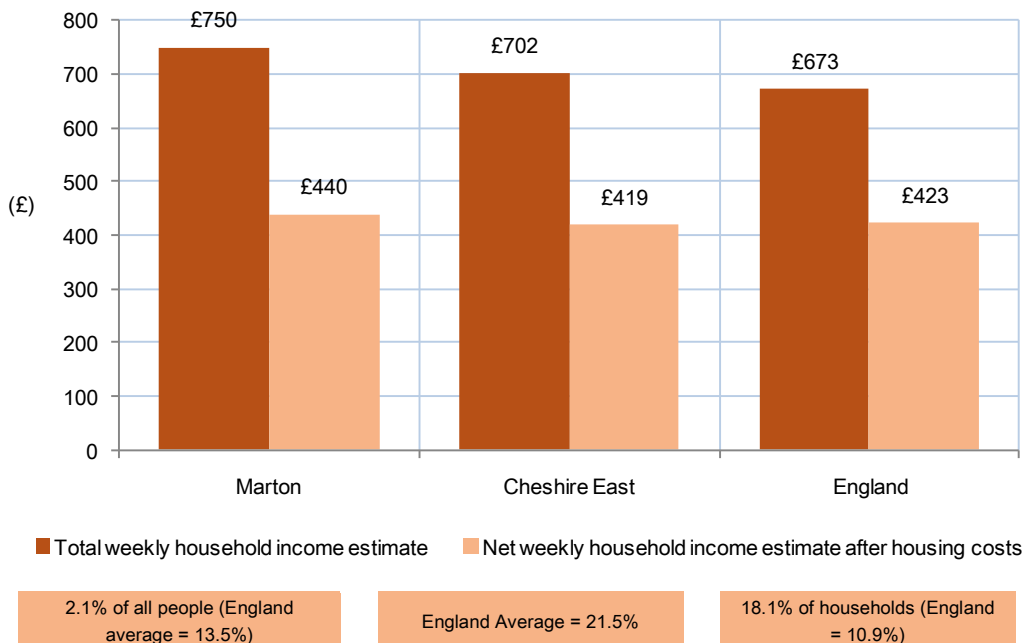
(data from Census 2011, courtesy of Cheshire Community Action)

It is clear that Marton’s population is older than the average in Cheshire East, which is, in turn, older than that of England as a whole.

MARTON – ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLDS

Housing and Council Tax Benefit claimants	Income Support claimants	Pension Credit claimants
06	01	05
5.7% of households (England average = 20.6%)	0.7% of working age adults (England average = 3.2%)	8.1% of people aged 65+ (England average = 24.4%)
People living in 'income deprivation' (Economic Deprivation Index)	Households below 60% of the median income, after housing costs (as a % of all households)	Households estimated to be in 'Fuel Poverty'
03	11.7%	15

Weekly household earnings (£)



(data from Census 2011, courtesy of Cheshire Community Action)

Average weekly income is higher in Marton than in Cheshire East or in England as a whole, with fewer than average Housing, Council Tax, Income Support or Pension Credit claimants living here.

But housing costs are higher, which means that the average net income, while slightly higher than elsewhere, is not significantly different here than elsewhere. However, this is an average, and individual incomes vary greatly. Over 18% of our households are estimated to be in fuel poverty compared to a national average of just under 11%.

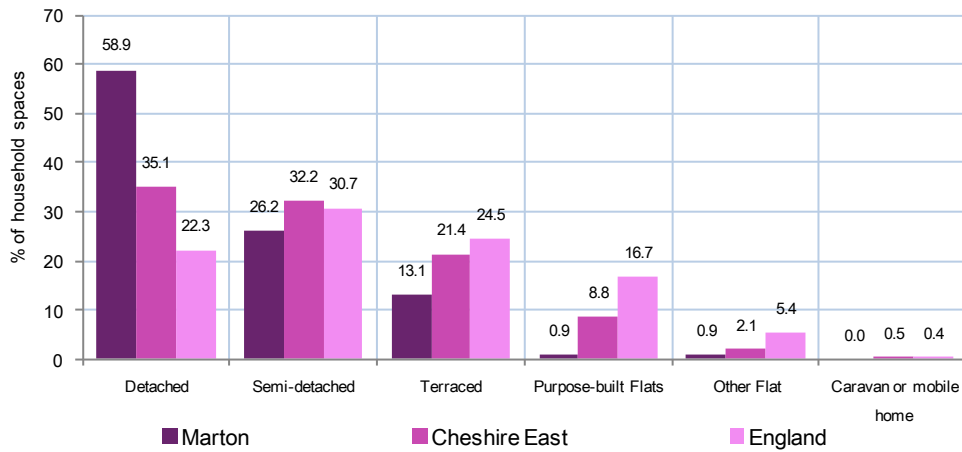
Note: fuel poverty means a household needs to spend over 10% of its income on fuel.

MARTON: ABOUT HOUSING

<p>Detached houses</p> <p>63</p> <p>58.9% of dwellings (England average = 22.3%)</p>	<p>Semi-detached houses</p> <p>28</p> <p>26.2% of dwellings (England average = 30.7%)</p>	<p>Terraced houses</p> <p>14</p> <p>13.1% of dwellings (England average = 24.5%)</p>
<p>Flats (purpose built)</p> <p>01</p> <p>0.9% of dwellings (England average = 16.7%)</p>	<p>Flats (other)</p> <p>01</p> <p>0.9% of dwellings (England average = 5.4%)</p>	<p>Caravan or other temporary accommodation</p> <p>00</p> <p>0.0% of dwellings (England average = 0.4%)</p>

<p>Housing that is owner occupied</p> <p>60</p> <p>57.1% of households (England average = 64.1%)</p>	<p>Housing that is social rented</p> <p>18</p> <p>17.1% of households (England average = 17.7%)</p>	<p>Housing that is private rented</p> <p>22</p> <p>21.0% of households (England average = 15.4%)</p>	<p>Other rented accommodation</p> <p>05</p> <p>4.8% of households (England average = 2.8%)</p>
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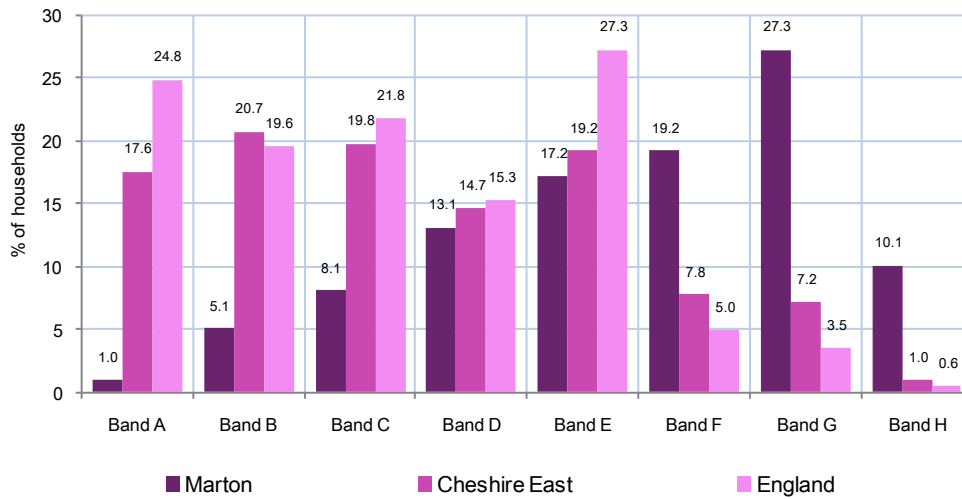
Dwelling type breakdowns



Housing tenure breakdowns



Dwelling stock by council tax band



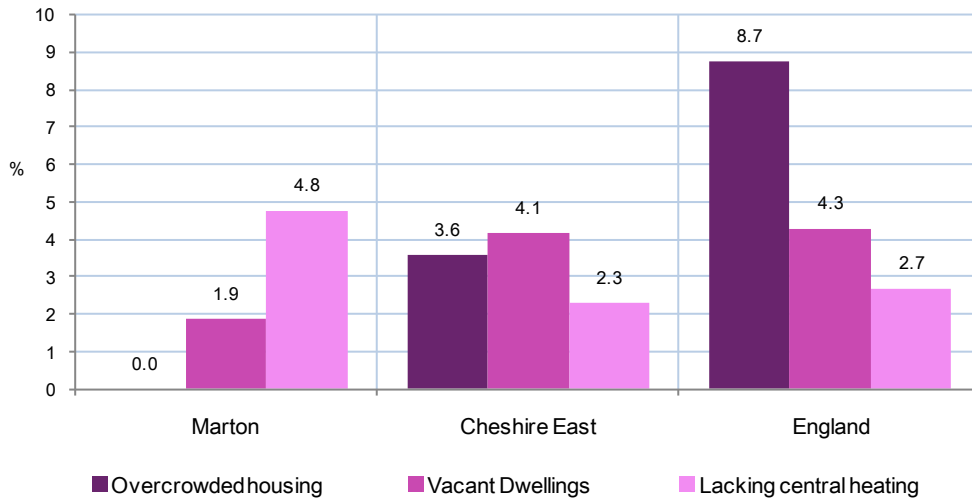
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Marton has an unusually high proportion of detached houses, and a higher than average number of houses that are private or other (not social) rented dwellings.

Houses in Marton tend to be in higher council tax bands.

Households living in overcrowded conditions	Households without central heating	Vacant household spaces	Households estimated to be in 'Fuel Poverty'
00	05	02	15
0.0% of households (England average = 8.7%)	4.8% of households (England average = 2.7%)	1.9% of households (England average = 4.3%)	18.1% of households (England = 10.9%)

Housing environment



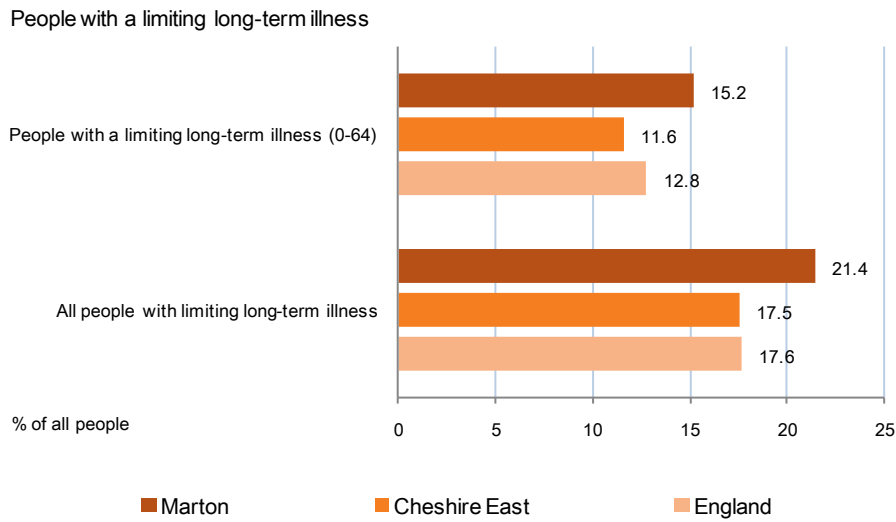
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Individual Marton households are not overcrowded, and we do have empty houses (though not as many as the average in England).

Nearly 5% of households do not have central heating (vs. the average in England of 2.7%), and this may also contribute to the high proportion of households estimated to be in fuel poverty.

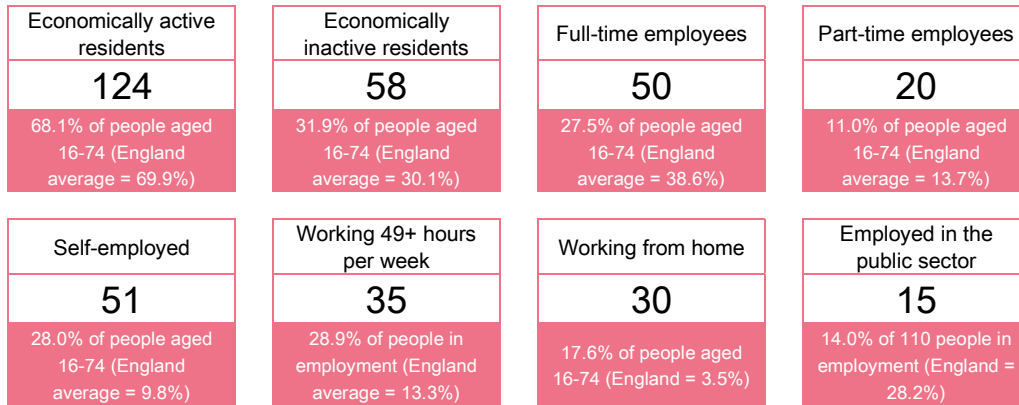
MARTON – OUR HEALTH

Marton has more people living with a limiting long-term illness than the average in Cheshire East or in the UK. This may be because we have an older than average population.



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MARTON: OUR WORK

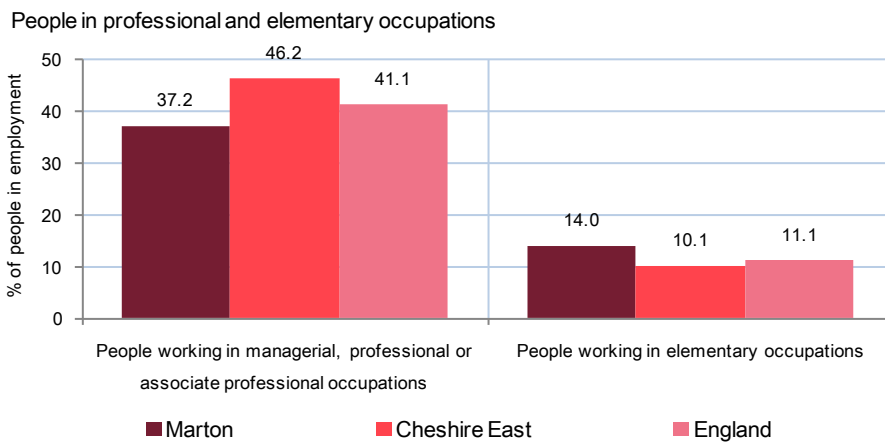


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While we have a more-or-less typical proportion of economically active residents, we have an unusually high number of people who:

- Are self-employed
- Work from home
- Work over 49 hours per week.

This is probably due to the rural nature of the village, and the high proportion of farms, though we do have a significant number of other people working in business consultant roles. (see next set of data)



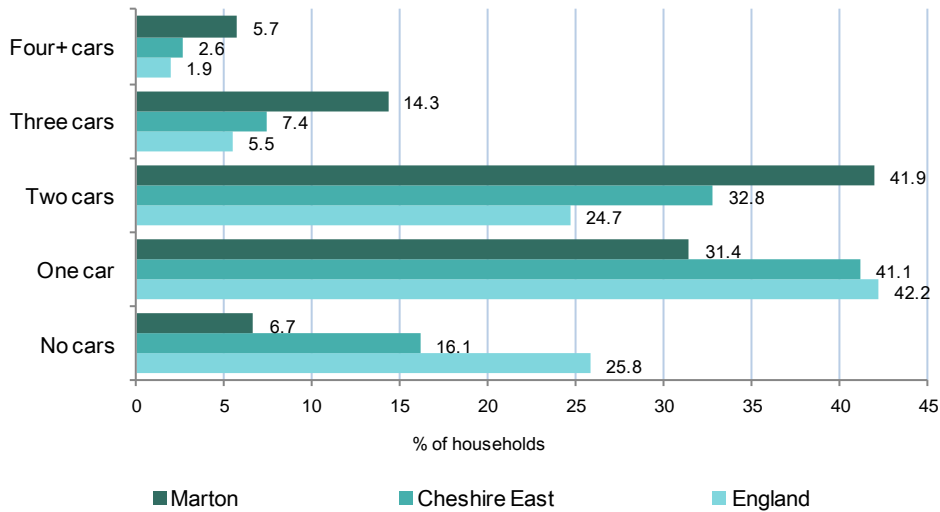
The average proportion of people employed in agriculture in rural areas is 3%; Marton has 20% of its population working in agriculture.

MARTON: TRANSPORT

In Marton, we rely heavily on the car as a mode of transport, as there is no public transport available.

No cars	One car	Two cars	Three cars	Four+ cars
5	35	45	15	5
6.7% of 105 households (England = 25.8%)	31.4% of 105 households (England = 42.2%)	41.9% of 105 households (England = 24.7%)	14.3% of 105 households (England = 5.5%)	5.7% of 105 households (England = 1.9%)

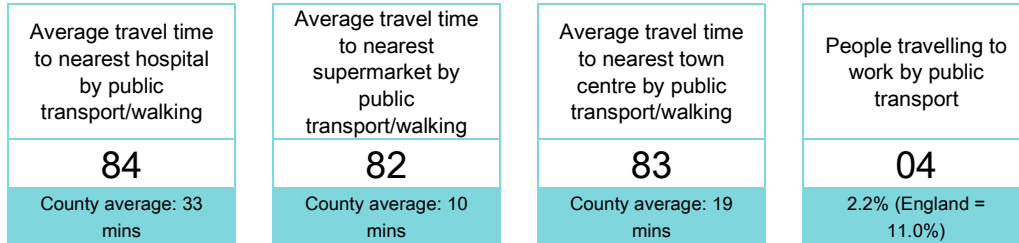
Car ownership



Households in Marton tend to have more cars available to them than the average; probably because each adult in a working household would need to travel to a different work location.

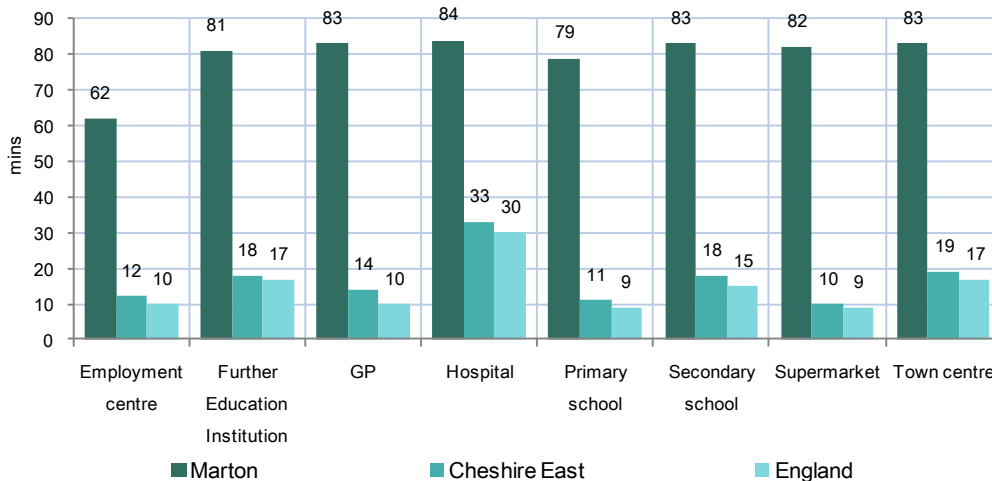
However, we have a high number of people who work from home (around 17.5% vs. the average in England of 3.5%).

The lack of public transport from here is a significant problem for those without a car. It would take 80-84 minutes to get to a hospital, supermarket or town centre from here by public transport or walking, compared to 10-33 minutes average travel time across Cheshire East.



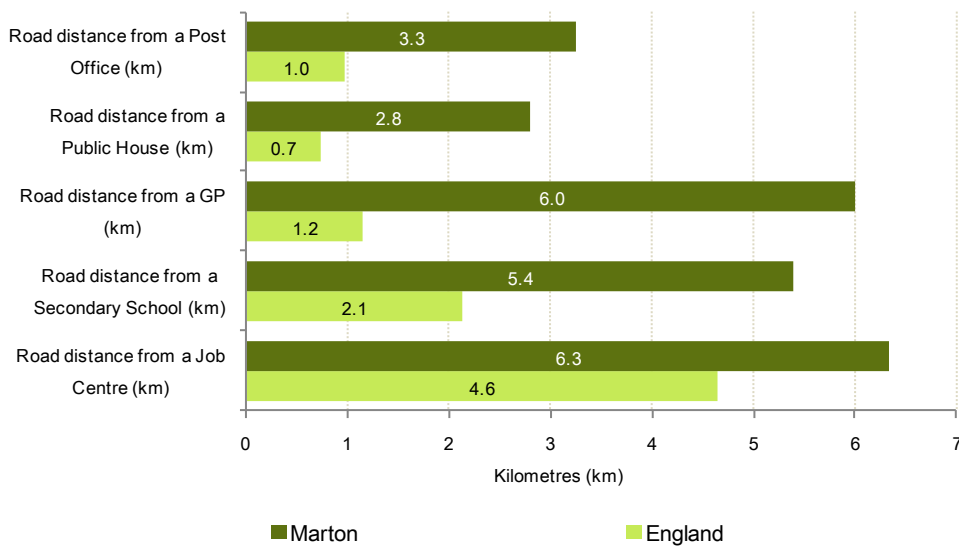
This means that an ageing population, with associated health issues, would find it difficult to continue to live in Marton without access to a car.

Average travel time (mins) by walking or public transport to the nearest key service



Road distance from a Job Centre (2010)	Road distance from a Secondary School (2010)	Road distance from a GP (2010)
6.3km	5.4km	6.0km
England average = 4.6km	England average = 2.1km	England average = 1.2km
Road distance from a Public House (2010)	Road distance from a Post Office (2010)	
2.8km	3.3km	
England average = 0.7km	England average = 1.0km	

Road distance to services



5: TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS HELD

MEETINGS OF THE STEERING GROUP AND OTHER KEY DATES

2013

7 December: Response to Cheshire East Core Plan – Marton submission

2014

10 March: Cheshire East Local Plan presented to Annual Village Meeting by David Brown

- DB said that the wishes of the village would be taken into account where possible
- DB said that it is preferable to develop on brown field sites

8 April: Extraordinary meeting to discuss Cheshire East’s site allocation request

- Meeting noted the clear wishes of the village expressed in the 2013 consultation and concluded that an allocation of up to 10 dwellings for the period to 2030 could potentially be allocated to brownfield sites. This was fed back to Cheshire East Council Planning.

6 October: Steering Group (SG) initial meeting with Tom Evans

3 Nov to 17 Dec: Public consultation on Neighbourhood Plan Area

2015

12 January: SG progress meeting, and planning for meeting with Tom Evans

19 January (with Tom Evans): SG progress meeting

9 February: Cllr Michael Jones attended Parish Council meeting (Green Gap)

16 February: SG progress meeting

23 February: Neighbourhood Plan Area approved by Cheshire East

9 March: SG progress meeting

March: questionnaires issued to residents and businesses

16 March : 2015 Annual Village Meeting:

December 15

- Tom Evans speaker re N/Plan and L/Plan
- Meeting was in favour of working towards a Green Gap around the village

30 March: SG progress meeting

13 April: SG progress meeting

27 April: SG progress meeting with Lucy Hughes

20 July: SG progress meeting

3 August: SG progress meeting

10 August: SG progress meeting

5 October: SG progress meeting with Tom Evans and Roger Lomas

12 October: SG progress meeting

20 October: SG progress meeting with Lucy Hughes

27 October: SG progress meeting

30 November: SG progress meeting

3 December: SG progress meeting with Tom Evans

9 December: SG progress meeting

19-20 December: Consultation meetings

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Brief report of the Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village School, School Lane, Marton

Minutes

Present: Mr J Rylands (Chair), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Mr D McGowan (DM), (JR), Mrs W Basnett (WB), Mr AG Darbyshire (AD), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Cllr David Brown, Rev Ian Arch and Mr John Heselwood plus 37 parish residents.

1. John Rylands welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Lucy Nixon for all the hard work she has put into setting up the Parish Council Website and to Mr John Percival and his sons for all the planting and maintenance work that they carry out in the village of Marton. The sad passing of a number of parish residents within the last 12 months was noted. A brief recap was given on the village meeting which took place to discuss the Capesthorpe Development Proposals. It was noted that a lot of successful maintenance and refurbishment work of village roads had taken place during the year and the process of Marton receiving fibre optic broadband was ongoing but slow to progress.
2. Cllr David Brown from Cheshire East Council gave a presentation on Planning, the Cheshire East Local Plan and what the next steps for Marton are. Cllr Brown advised that the plan had now been passed by the council and would be released for public viewing on 14th March. Within the plan sites have been allocated to meet the requirement to build 23,000 new homes within Cheshire East in the next 15-20years. 2,000 of these homes will be built in rural areas but sites have already

been identified to cover around 1,100 of these therefore it is now necessary to identify possible sites for the remaining 900-1,100. Therefore there will be a further public consultation during which Cllr Lesley Smetham will be visiting Marton Parish Council to gather local opinions about new housing development and possible sites for this to take place (SLAA). Cllr Brown advised that the wishes of the village would where possible be taken into account in this allocation process and that he is of the opinion that it is preferable to develop on brown field sites and incorporate farm building conversions.

John Rylands advised that although Marton does not have a village plan in place, the views of the majority of the villagers gathered in a recent consultation have been incorporated into a document outlining Marton’s views on future development. Anyone present who was not aware of or involved in the consultation process is welcome to ask members of the Parish Council about it. Cllr Brown was thanked for his clear and informative presentation.

3. Rev Ian Arch gave an interesting presentation on the history of St James Church, Marton and other timber framed churches in the world as a backdrop to planned renovation work and opportunities to get involved and raise funds. The first planned fundraising events are to take place in May in a Marquee on Marton Meadows Golf Course. These include:

- * Saturday 17th May, 6.45pm – Pea, Pie and Chip Supper - Tickets £12.50 *
- Sunday 25th May, 12 noon – Parish Luncheon – Tickets £15.00 *
- Monday 26th May, 12 noon – Family Fun and Games Afternoon including Afternoon Tea.

4. Mr John Heselwood, Rural Policy Manager for Cheshire Community Action (CCA) gave an informative presentation on the challenges that face rural areas today and what CCA can and are doing to help. The talk ended with the presentation of a Little Gem award for the Marton Kitchen Café awarded by the CCA Best Kept Village Competition.

5. The meeting closed with the Chairman thanking the guest speakers, the ladies for providing refreshments and everyone for attending.

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Report of the Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village School, School Lane, Marton

Minutes

Present: Mr J Rylands (Chair), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Mr D McGowan (DM), (JR), Mrs S Webborn (SB), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mr T Evans, Mr D Taylor plus 21 parish residents.

2. Welcome:

John Rylands (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk, Parish Councillors and Ward Councillor Lesley Smetham for all their hard work. The last 12 months had been a year of steady achievement for the Parish Council, the most significant one being the introduction of the 50mph speed limit on the A34. The Parish Council is always open to suggestions from the local community. Thanks were also given to Mr Tony Darbyshire, retired Parish Councillor for his huge contribution to the Marton over the years. Those who had passed away during the year were also remembered. It was noted that this is an important time for the Parish Church as it seeks to raise money for the necessary work.

3. Marton Neighbourhood Plan:

John Rylands introduced Tom Evans from Cheshire East Council Planning Department to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Evans advised that a neighbourhood plan is increasingly important in order for the local community to have a say in how their village develops in the future. This is particularly important in light of Cheshire East's Local Plan and allocation of Strategic Development Sites. The local community can decide what they want in the local plan and part of this is established

through the local consultation process in the form of the questionnaires recently distributed to all residents of Marton. Once the plan is put together it is rigorously tested at a number of levels and at the end it is considered to have considerable weight in light of any applications for development. A Neighbourhood Plan can also bring financial benefits to the village because 25% of the levy imposed on developments goes to the local community to be used in whatever way they feel appropriate. Funding is available for the production of the plan from central government and Cheshire East Council. Lucy Nixon (Parish Councillor) gave an update on where Marton's Neighbourhood Plan is up to in the process.

4. Cheshire East Local Plan:

Tom Evans gave an update on the local plan and advised there is a new team working on addressing the shortfalls identified by the Inspector and it is hoped that the plan will be resubmitted for examination in June/July 2015 if this is acceptable to the Inspector. Tom advised that because one of the issues identified has been the need for more housing this is likely to have more of an impact on villages within Cheshire therefore it is even more important that Neighbourhood Plans are put in place in order to control and direct where any future development takes place. Without a Neighbourhood Plan villages are definitely more vulnerable to unwanted development. However the development focus of Cheshire East has always been towns and larger conurbations as opposed to small rural areas. Lucy Nixon asked the meeting if they would be in favour of working towards having a green gap designated between Marton and Congleton and this was met with a resounding yes.

5. The Flora and Fauna of Marton and surrounding villages:

David Taylor gave a very interesting talk on the local flora and fauna accompanied by some beautiful pictures.

6. Internal Auditor: The Parish Council agreed to continue with JDH Business Services Ltd as the internal auditor for the next 12 months.

7. Meeting Close: The meeting closed with the Chairman thanking the guest speakers, the ladies for providing refreshments and everyone for attending.

Marton Parish Council

Spring 2015

We need your help to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Marton for 2030. Please give us your views.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan gives communities power to shape the future development and growth of their local area. It allows communities to choose where new homes, shops, offices and community facilities should be built, and what they should look like. Once ‘made’ it forms part of the statutory development plan, and is used by the local planning authority in making decisions on planning applications.

How you can help

Please answer these questions, so we can find out what you think of the village, and what – if any – changes you’d like to see in the future.

Please return the completed questionnaires to us by 23 March in one of these ways:

- At the Annual Village Meeting at school on 16 March
- To any Parish Councillor
- By email to the Parish Clerk (marton.clerk@gmail.com)
- By post to the Parish Clerk (Catherine Clowes, 14 Downesway, Alderley Edge, SK9 7XB)

The Questions

Please include all views from your household or business, no matter how different they may be.

1 Your name/s

2 What do you like about Marton?

3 What do you dislike about Marton?

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4 What threats are there to the future of Marton?

This is our vision for Marton:

In 2030 Marton will be a small but thriving rural community for residents and local businesses, preserving its ancient buildings and rural character while benefiting from modern technologies.

5 On a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is strongly disagree, and 10 is strongly agree) how strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement above?

6 What kind of a place would you like Marton to be by 2030? Please try to describe it:

By 2030 Marton will be...

7 On a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is not important at all, and 10 is extremely important), how important are the following issues to you?

- a. Housing
- b. Jobs
- c. Transport and roads
- d. Leisure/recreation
- e. The natural environment
- f. The historic environment
- g. Infrastructure (mains gas, internet etc)

8 What type of new development would you object to in Marton?

9 What type of new development would you support in Marton?

10 What should be included in the neighbourhood plan for Marton?