

Appendix 13 of Base Evidence

Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 2019

Community Facilities

SCHOOLS

Hindon has a C of E Primary School with currently 42 pupils, but capacity to take up to 60 without further expansion, with the possibility of an additional building bringing the total capacity up to 80 children in the future. For secondary education both Gillingham and Shaftesbury provide good schooling with Gillingham being the main school to which children from Hindon progress.

SURGERY

Hindon has a thriving surgery with just over 2,000 patients on its list with one full time and 2 part time doctors and 11 supporting staff serving Hindon and surrounding villages. The surgery is currently in need of enlarging with suitable parking facilities to enable the practice to operate more efficiently.

SHOP

In 2008 the village bought a part of the old shop/Post Office which was closing, close to the heart of the village on the north east corner of the cross roads. This shop which incorporates a Post Office counter is well supported in spite of the small size of the building. However its situation encourages passing traffic and visitors to make use of the facilities and help it continue to provide this vital service to the village community.

PUBS/HOTELS

The village has 2 historic pubs, The Lamb which has 17 bedrooms and caters largely to visitors from London and elsewhere as well as for local inhabitants. The Lamb also has an attractive lawn area which is well used for outdoor eating and drinking in the summer months and also has a Boule Terrain on which villagers hold weekly games. The Angel, which has 9 bedrooms and too is an old coaching inn, caters both for residents and visitors and has an attractive "courtyard" seating area.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

This club was established in the 1920's in a purpose built building for the use of villagers and has a large bar area, skittle alley and billiard table and darts board. The club is well used by the local skittle and darts teams as well as the younger members of the village with regular special activities and quiz nights. However, space is very limited and this – the only village hall – cannot accommodate any large numbers.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This service visits fortnightly calling both at the Primary School and in the High Street, but as for other public services, is a borderline service much in need of greater patronage to survive.

FOOTPATHS

Hindon is at the crossroads of 2 main long distance footpaths, The Wessex Ridgeway and The Monarch's Way, in addition to several more local footpaths and bridleways which are all well used by both residents and visitors alike. In 2013 the Parish council produced a walking map with a mounted version installed on a corner of the Lamb Lawn as well as paper copies distributed through local shops, pubs and other outlets.

PLAYGROUND

At the lower end of the High Street this is a valuable open space with swings, roundabout, climbing frame and tower for the young of the village and a small “kick-about” area with goal posts, much used by the young. However it is not suitable for older teenagers due to its small size and with a lack of suitable level land the village has never had a sports field for either football or cricket, although Fonthill Bishop has a cricket club to which individuals from Hindon can join and Tisbury also offers sporting facilities for those from surrounding villages which can be used. Transport to and from these “outside” locations is a problem for the young who do not have their own transport.

Because of the lie of the land, Hindon does not have a sports field, but the school grounds and the playground are used for village events. However, there is a bowling alley, darts and bar-billiards facilities in the Fellowship Club. A Petanque terrain has recently been built by villagers on a corner of the lawn at The Lamb.

The Church of St John the Baptist stands on a rise in the upper High Street and, with its tower and steeple, is the dominant building in the village. In 1870 it replaced the chapel-of-ease in the parish of East Knoyle, and Hindon finally became an independent parish.



Amenities Map

