# Online/Social Media Post Office One Stop Co-op Willand Pharmacy

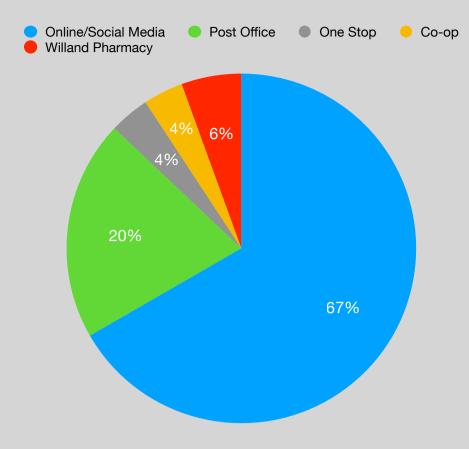


Table 1

Collection Method	Number of Responses	Responses distribution %
Online/Social Media	36	66.66%
Post Office	11	20.37%
One Stop	2	3.70%
Со-ор	2	3.70%
Willand Pharmacy	3	5.55%

### **COMMENTS**

It's quiet. The chip shop, post office, pharmacy and Coop are really good. It's handy having a petrol station here. Jaycroft makes for lovely walks and it's easy to cycle around with good links to Cullompton. Green spaces and playgrounds give fun stopping points on walks around the village.

The cycle/walkway down over Muxbeare means you can cycle to catch the train and get onto the canal without taking your car. Also Easy access to the M5. I like living here.

# great school, preschool and nursery

Wonderful community with great services and lots going on for all ages

# Friendliness of the village

It feels safe and friendly. Good access to shops and a pub. Good school, pre-school and nursery. Breakfast and after school club for working parents - a lot of villages don't have this. Good park facilities for younger children.

Willand is generally clean and its location is convenient for commuting to Somerset or South towards Devon. The local shops are convenient and local businesses eg car mechanics are good value and reliable.

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# The great support from the Churchgroups

There is still a sense of Community with most people. In the main it is tidy and clean area. There are some good facilities for community

The location - the proximity to M5, train station, countryside. The Size - big to have some businesses close by, but still have village feel.

The New Co-op shop - friendly, reduces travel Good road & rail communications, Lots of walks parks dog friendly routes (& poo bins), Clean - well done to the man who does this

# Low Crime Rate, Location

Good local post office with banking services, Excellent pharmacy, Relatively new co-op providing friendly service

Very friendly village atmosphere: Good choice of shops, pharmacy,garage: Good mix of properties - residential, industrial: Local employment: Lively churches: Good local football team: Good primary school and nurseries: Allotments.

Historic village with lovely old church and other old buildings. Excellent community spirit, including rapid response to lost animals, looking out for vulnerable people, etc, etc.

# POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

New houses should have solar panels built in. Please don't build excess houses and ruin what this lovely village offers. People parking on the road at the junction of Willand Moor Road and Uffculme straight. Again at the junction with foxglove chase - makes visibility very limited.

Double yellows down Silver Street to stop parking, provision for parents to collect kids in cars safely, no more residential building until school has solved the above

# All the large lorries driving through the middle of it.

More of a community hub - eg) having bonfire/fire works. A central place to celebrate together. Making more use of the Jubilee field to hold events for the whole village. It feels unsafe to walk/run out of the village. Every exit road ends up as a very fast road without pavements. Eg) you can't walk safely to Uffculme, Cullompton, Waterloo cross, halberton. A proper doctor's surgery.

Excessive speed is a big concern for me, cars are often going much quicker than 30 and although you get the occasional police speed camera, speeders probably see no consequence in their excess speed. I'd like to see traffic calming measures considered especially in the immediate area of the school. A pump track to replace/develop the existing bmx track. They can be used by all ages, my daughter of 3 loves using her bike and when we've visited other tracks. The tracks are low maintenance and I feel this would be a great investment for all ages growing up in Willand and surrounding areas.

It'd be nice for dog walkers to have somewhere to go that takes them out of the village. I'd also like to see some of the grass visibility splays on Orchard Way/Willand Moor Rd removed, so cars can park there enabling other vehicles to pass safely. Save money cutting and maintaining them and help the traffic to flow a little better. Some of the corners on that road are downright dangerous at the moment.

Much friendlier and safer pedestrian walkways from Somerville Road to (a) the Coop and (b) the post box and fish and chip shop. Stopping the awful smell from the meat factory.

### **POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Absolutely no further building on green field sites for residential or business purposes.

The dog population has exploded in the village and unfortunately some dog owners do not keep their animals under control or clean up their excrement. Having been bitten several times by dogs I am understandably nervous of dogs and some owners don't understand that some of us don't appreciate having strange dogs approaching us to sniff, jump up etc.

The appointment of a dog Warden and some appropriate signage might help!

Jaycroft is a lovely walk unfortunately it is off limits most of the time due to the number of dogs being exercised off their leads!

A Day time cookery class, once a week for all us widowers who have never even boiled an egg and are living on ready meals

Some more post boxes

### A greater sense of common purpose

Attract more young families to the village, and create more community events. We have no events that brings all people together - no village fete, no events on holidays like Easter, Christmas, 5th Nov etc... This will help young and old. Remove/control the Lloyd Maunder factory so the village will stop smelling like corpse and hotdogs. Allow development and planning to change from old buildings to new, and adapt to current family requirements, the world have changed in so many ways, we need to move forward with it.

### A pub in the village centre

Grass Cutting! Badly cut verges + Cuttings left and not collected! Really leaves Willand looking uncared for.

More footpaths and cycleways. Area of playing field where shrubs are planted and people can sit and enjoy their surroundings, with adequate pathways to this area.

Teen/adult gym equipment at parks other than the one by school. Be proud of our green spaces and fields. Stop building houses - it is sickening to see the fields disappearing. Why can't we be the village that puts a stop to building everywhere?

A family pub with more reasonable prices.

Less Housing Development. Proper (supervised and checked) Pot Hole filling. At present the same pot holes are being illed over and over. A Public toilet. An integrated Heatlh Centre

- 1) Planting of mini orchard at Jaycroft end of orchards playing field e.g. carbon footprint 2)Paving slabs to small tarmac area at dog poo bins as the area gets very muddy and may deter people from using them
- 1) Stop expanding buisness parks the 18 ton limit on Silver street is a joke! 2) The boundary commission should let Willand & Uffculme have a say in their future 3) Clean pavements. Do not spend on children

More common land and footpaths for public enjoyment: Old footpaths to be re-opened: 20 mph speed limit in Willand Old Village: Speed limit in Silver Street to be enforced: Parish boundary to be amended to include the near-by residential and industrial developments.

Engaging with residents to identify issues that concern them and then an action plan compiled by the Parish Council to solve these issues. Even if it isn't their direct responsibility to to correct them, the PC is the voice of the village and they should drive the plan. The issues include: vehicle speeds, both over the limit and within the limit but inappropriate, in various village locations; inconsiderate parking in places, including school drop off and pick up times; pavement needed between Dye House Lane and The New House, and other measures to help keep pedestrians safe where a pavement isn't physically possible

The village is fragmented, both physically and communication groups (4 Facebook groups totally ridiculous). Also, the village has grown, and will continue to grow, and comprises a mix of young and old, people living here but working elsewhere, etc etc. This further fragments the village and needs to be taken into account when planning.

Too much emphasis is put on play areas by the parish council and not enough is done for older people, of which there is a lot in the village.

The parish council web site should be more informative, and interactive, on PC activities such as major projects, eg Neighbourhood Plan, etc. The Parish Council is insular, doesn't share discussion with villagers and, takes decisions without involving villagers. Things take too long and the PC should involve people with skills and a willingness to help.

If you ask people where the centre of Willand is I would be surprised if you got a consistent answer however because of the developments already in place it would be difficult to build one now. What would improve Willand greatly would be to stop building more houses and develop the infrastructure to support what we have. We need a proper Doctors Surgery where clinics and support services can be delivered properly. The health and community centre needs to be finished and utilised properly with groups set up and run for a cross section of the community. The school needs to funded to support the young people we have living in the village and should stop taking children from surrounding towns and villages. All housing developments already agreed should have proper parking facilities and road widths to enable emergency services to access the development even on a Sunday or the middle of the night. There should also be more effort put into sorting out parking around Somerlea for this reason. We should maintain the bus services we have to the areas that it currently runs and look to get the rail line open so that cars can be left at home or reduce to one per family. We need to find a way of getting the 30 to 55 age group involved in the community organisations eg the Parish Council Willand Health and Community Centre. I know this is difficult as Willand is and has been for many years a commuter village.