

THE PRESENT SITUATION

There is one Post Office/General Stores in the Parish, and this has a Tea Room attached. Each facility depends to a great extent on trade from visitors to the village, but the Post Office supplies the needs of many residents, both as Post Office and as shop.

Each village has a pub (that serving Arley being the Harbour Inn, on the west side of the river). The Bellmans Cross in Shatterford has a high quality French restaurant.

The Arley Village Hall Committee is planning to improve or replace its premises (possibly in conjunction with the School, which is a major user).

There is a car park on each side of the river, catering mainly for visitors. Both are grass surfaced. There is also a car park on Forestry Commission land at Hawksbatch. These are largely unsupervised, and there are incidents of misuse such as high-speed driving, alcohol and drugs abuse, etc. There are further car parks in Arley for residents only. Arley Memorial Hall, the Sports and Social Club and Shatterford Village Hall have their own car parking facilities.

Issues

- Post Office closures;
- Age of village halls;
- Range of activities at village halls;
- Car parking;
- Lack of local shopping;
- Need for upgraded facilities at Arley Memorial Hall if the School becomes a primary school;
- Harbour Inn opening hours.

Actions**Stakeholders****Timescale**

Ensure that the Post Office is not affected by closures.

PC, Community

Ongoing

Ensure an improved level of service to residents and visitors at the Harbour Inn.

Licensee, Arley Estate

Short term

Upgrade facilities at the village halls.

Village Hall Committees

Medium term

Provide a wider range of activities in response to indications in the Household Survey.

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Policy Statement

The Parish Council aims to assist in the provision of high quality and suitable amenities for residents and visitors.