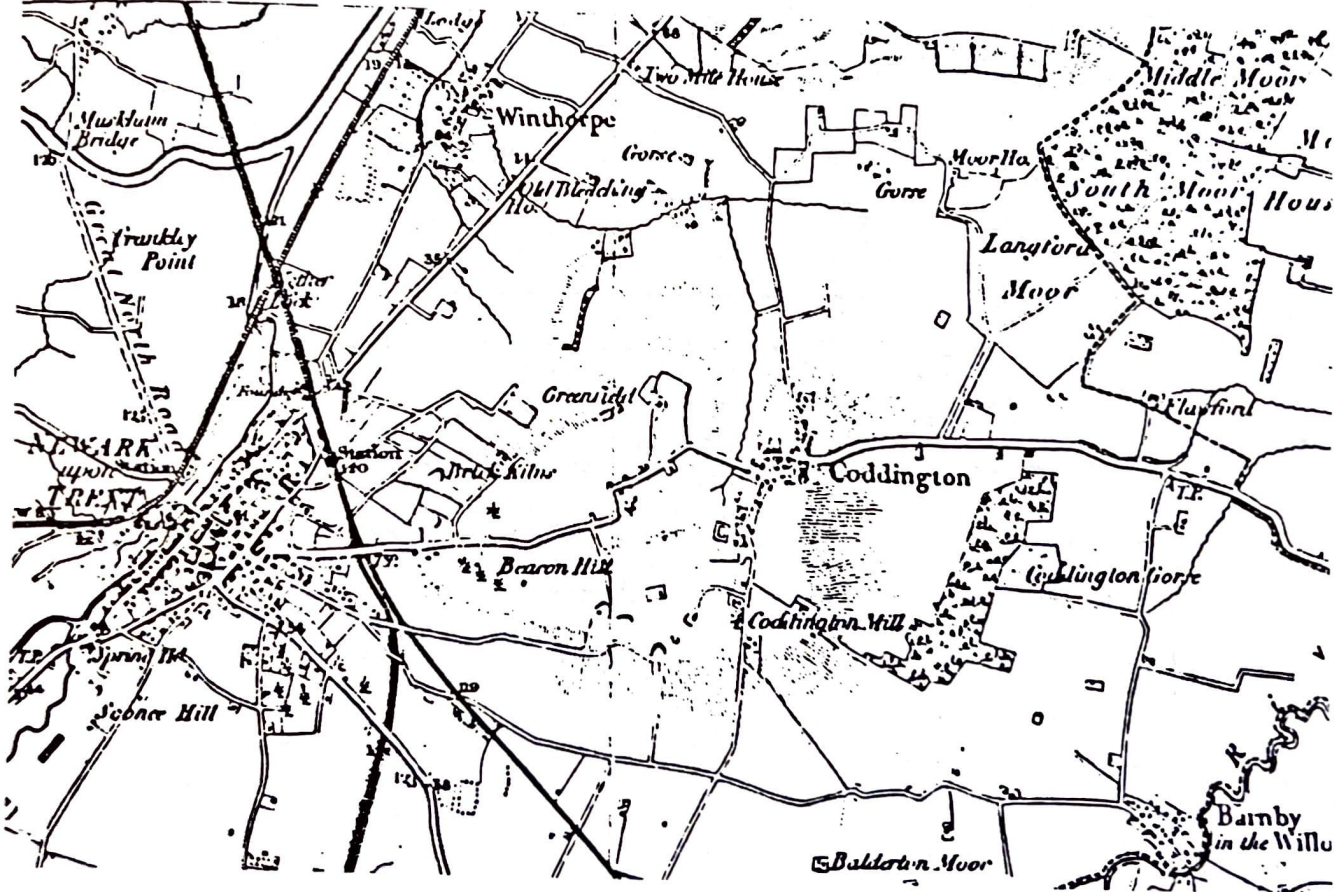


# COMMUNITY CODDINGTON news

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Dear Reader,

Another CCN drops through your door (we hope!) and immediately I make an appeal or two ....

Number one is to reaffirm one of the aims of the newsletter, that is to 'inform parishioners of events and happenings taking place in the village and activities planned by community organisations'. Thus, if you want to publicise an event, record your comments on activities past or just wish to contribute an article of interest please do not hesitate to drop a line to the editor. We will try and include your piece in the next edition, which will be cut in the late summer. Copy deadline for September printing - Friday 8 September.

Appeal number two related to the accompanying sheet: Coddington Parish Council's Housing Survey.

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The Parish Council are hoping for a comprehensive return in order to produce a realistic assessment of housing condition and needs; particularly relevant now, with a new Newark and Sherwood District Development Plan in the offing. Our collective views should be listened to and acted upon. Please read the form and fill in the questionnaire. We hope to collect them up over the next week or ten days.

Thank you, in anticipation.

# Coddington Parish Council

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Since the last C.C.N. a number of changes have taken place. Mrs R.Elliott stepped down as Chairperson. After a year in office and Mr A.Waddington, sadly, because of pressure of work, tended his resignation as Parish Clerk. Both were thanked by Mr Daybell, the new chairman, for their devotion, dedication and commitment to the work of the Parish Council and village life. Parish Councillors expressed their appreciation to Rene and Alan for their efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr R.Gray was elected Vice Chairman and a new Clerk, Mrs Sue Kemp subsequently has been employed to serve and administer the Parish Council and its business.

If you have any queries, questions, issues of concern that you feel ought to be raised and discussed by the Parish Council please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman on Newark 702197 or Dick Gray on

Newark 705379 or any councillor known to you personally.

Their names and telephone No's are as follows

Mrs R.Elliott-----702975  
Mrs J.Storey -----72272  
Mr D.Beck ----- 77324  
Mr J.Mollison -----78150  
Mrs J.Smith ----- 704669  
Mr B.Allen -----703360  
Mr A.R.Fletcher -----702937  
Parish Clerk  
Mrs Sue Kemp -----701136

If there are any items for Parish Council business they may be addressed in writing to the chairman of the Parish Council at "The Homestead"

Balderton Lane  
Coddington

Newark on Trent, Notts

or to the Clerk: Mrs Sue Kemp  
Bridge Cottage  
Gt North Road  
South Muskham  
Newark, Notts

And so to business.....

## The Gravel Pit, Balderton Lane:

Notice has been given of formal adoption by the Parish Council. This means that a valuable open space has been retained and protected for the use of Parishioner in perpetuity. The P.C. acknowledge the continuation of the Notts Wildlife Trust in creating a wildlife conservation area and their willingness to continue to manage the area on behalf of the Parish Council.

Environmental thought for the day:

"We do not own the Earth, only borrow it from our children"

Rural Housing Survey: Action to be implemented via the Coddington

### Litter

Much concern was shown at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Council were briefed on previous action taken to combat the problem. This included the acquisition of litter bins, school "Keep Coddington Tidy" competitions, monitoring District Council refuse collection activity, arranging street cleaning etc.

It was decided to restate our position and write to the Newark and Sherwood District Council with the following proposals and intentions:

- a) adopt a co-ordinated approach to litter
- b) employ a person (part-time) to clean litter throughout the Parish (grants available)
- c) request additional litterbins for the village and Harvey Estate.
- d) replace damaged bins
- e) request support in obtaining suitable equipment for the sweeper/cleaner

### Stop Press

Newark and Sherwood District Council has expressed a willingness to help us in our efforts ----more details later, after the July Parish Council meeting.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

After an interesting talk by P.O. Alan Stanley, Crime Prevention Officer on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme the Parish Council agreed whole heartedly to support the initiative. Chief Co-Ordinator of the local scheme is Mrs N.Jones of Penswick Grove, and she is joined by a number of helpers who have been canvassing in the village and Parish area with a questionnaire informing of the scheme and seeking a commitment of support which would enable the scheme to become operative within the Parish N.E. For the registration onto the scheme the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator needs a full return of the questionnaires. Please help us all by having them completed and available for collection.

Many thanks

### FINAL NOTE

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that the Newark and District Council- Recreation and Tourism Dept have a loan scheme of indoor games equipment that can be used by community groups for short term periods (up to 6 weeks) The fees are very reasonable and items can be hired for activities such as fund raising. Details can be obtained from Paul Barretts in the R & T Dept , Kelham Hall, on Newark

605111.

## PARISH COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ON

### THE COMMUNITY CHARGE

#### A BRIEFING

Community Charge or poll tax is here whether we like it or not, however it may not be the ogre we expect. It commences April 1st 1990 but in late May early June every household will receive a registration form to be returned to the Registration Officer. He will then compile a register of all those liable for Community Charge. Details held in the register are strictly confidential, you can only see your own entry. All persons 18yrs and over ( with some exceptions ) will receive the same bill for their personal Community Charge to be paid in 10 mnthly instalments unless elected otherwise. Full time students will pay 20% of a full year at their term address; those over 18yrs and at school and those in residential care and nursing homes are totally exempt.

Around December 1989 all those receiving housing benefit, income support and pensions will receive a form so they can claim Community Charge Benefit making them liable for 20% of their charge. Further claims on the amount will be through D.S.S

Another charge is Standard Charge which applies to those who own more than one home e.g. holiday home or empty house and they will be charged at 0,0.5,1,1.5, or 2 times the local single persons charge.

And finally, a business or National Non Domestic Rate will, judged on a rental value but updated every 5yrs. Those running a business from home will be subjected to Composite Charges i.e. the living accomodation at personal rate and that area designated for business on National Non Domestic Rate.

So where does the money go? It is calculated from the sum of all the expected expenditure of the County; District and Parish Councils then divided by the eligible population giving the Community Charge (with few deductions). For the year 1989/1990 the Community Charge in Coddington for a single person/pensioner would have been £257 and per married couple £514.

No doubt, individuals will wish to find out more , a road show can be organised through the Parish Council if enough people show an interest. It includes slides, talks and the officer on duty will try to answer any questions and concerns you may have. The District Council have set up a help-line on or via Newark 605111.

## CODDINGTON W.I.

On March 14th the meeting celebrated the Institute's birthday Mrs Karen Marsh welcomed members and guests from Barnby, Clifton Besthorpe, Winthorpe and Collingham Institutes.

Committee members prepared a hot meal. Mrs Mary Handbury made the birthday cake which was iced by Mrs Mary Brocklehurst and cut by Mrs Mary Bell, guest of honour.

At the end of a most enjoyable evening each guest was given a table decoration.

At the meeting on April 11th Mr Colin Hornsey spoke about the decorative use of rocks and showed examples of gemstones after cutting and polishing, and provided a display of hand set gemstones and jewellery.

### A.G.M.

The A.G.M. took place on May 9th when Mrs Gillian Southgate was elected president, Mrs Jan Phillips was re-elected secretary and Mrs Pam Colbert treasurer. Mrs Jessie Simpson thanked Mrs Karen Marsh for her four years as president.

Resolutions for the annual meeting in London were discussed and Mrs Ann Green will be the Institute's delegate.

A Country Basket, the Institute's entry at the Nottinghamshire Show was on display and the members concerned were congratulated on achieving fourth place.

### FUTURE EVENTS

June 8th	A visit to Coddington's twin Institute, Spilsby for the Institute's birthday party
June 11th	Ghosts and Legends of Nottinghamshire. Rosemary Robb
June 20th	Summer Fayre in Coddington Village Hall
July 11th	A visit to the Dog Training School at R.A.F. Newton.

The membership has increased this year and the Institute will welcome further new members. If you are interested do come along to any of the meetings or contact Mrs Jan Phillips  
Tel. 72900

### SUMMER FAYRE

CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

JUNE 20th.

7.00 p.m.

Please come along and join in the fun  
You will be most welcome

Sorry about that - we did our best!

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At the meeting of the Hall Charity Trust Committee held on Tuesday April 25th the retiring Chairman Mr. Richard Gray was re-elected for a further year. Mrs. Karen Marsh was also re-elected as vice-chair for the coming year.

Fund raising bingo nights were arranged for Thursday June 22nd and September 7th. Proceeds from these events are devoted to the Hall Building Fund.

It is hoped to hold a series of quiz evenings in the Autumn with teams from the many local organisations such as playgroups, W.I., Hall Committee, etc., etc. Would any individual or organisation able to raise a team of four persons please contact a member of the Hall Committee or the Clerk, Norman Wright : tel. Newark 73305. They will then be kept informed of ongoing arrangements. The closing date for entries is September 1st.

### HARVEY AVENUE PLAYGROUP

Harvey Avenue Playgroup held their 2nd birthday and Easter party on 17 March. All the children who attend were invited plus all the parents and younger brothers and sisters. Parents donated items for the party and the children wore hats that were made at the playschool. Everybody had a lovely time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the wonderful job they are doing. Keep up the good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis

### CODDINGTON PLAYGROUP and RISING 5's

With Spring here and Summer on the way, Playgroup has been very busy organising lots of activities.

On the fundraising front, we would like to thank all those who attended our Easter Fayre on Saturday, 18th March, at Coddington Village Hall. We are pleased to report that we raised over #100, which will go into the fund for our Rising 5's session on Friday mornings, and it is hoped that we can try and make this an annual event with perhaps a few of you adults taking part in the Easter Bonnet Parade!

The children have also been out and about. On 7th March, we visited Sunnyside Farm in Coddington, by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. D. Kirton, and were lucky enough to enjoy a lovely Spring day - with real sunshine! But such is life that when we went to visit the police horses at Sherwood Lodge on 11th April, it poured with rain. Nevertheless, both visits were very much enjoyed and our thanks go to all concerned.

Has anyone any handbags, hats, etc., which they would like to donate to our dressing-up box? If you have, please drop them in at one of our Playgroup sessions (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 a.m.), you will be most welcome.

## WHISTON GATE APPEAL

A domino knockout competition was held in the Plough Inn (many thanks to Dave and Barbara Calvert) on Thursday, 11th May.

Although there were not as many people as usual the evening proved to be an enjoyable success.

A total of #80.20 was raised for the Whiston Gate Home for people with physical handicaps, which was very much appreciated.

Results:

### MAIN COMPETITION

1st Robert Gray  
2nd Terry Hallam  
3rd Paul Curtis  
4th Bill Tomlinson

### SECONDARY COMPETITION

1st Dick Gray  
2nd Ted Fixter

(N.B. One of the contestants said that much of the credit for a super evening should be addressed to Ian Hemphill, the organiser - "Well done!")



1989 sees the national celebration of 'British Food and Farming'.

A number of local farmers have held Open Day Trails in order to present their particular farming enterprise to local people. It was seen as an opportunity to walk through a working farm to see animals, machinery, conservation features, good farming practice, etc. The farmers were available to answer questions and queries in the hope of dispelling and dismissing some of the myths grown up around the single largest industry in the country. More walks are planned for the autumn - contact the Editor (Newark 702197) for further information or visit the Food and Farming Exhibition at Rufford Mill.

Some poems from children visiting a local farm: in the Japanese Haiker form:

The electric fence  
Stings you like a scorpion  
When you touch its jaw

The vacuum machine  
Like a new baby suckling  
Draws milk from udders

The collie in the sun  
His shiny fur burning him  
Welcomes the cool breeze

The big gentle cow  
Walks slowly across the field  
Her tail swatting flies



## CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

The Scout Group continues to thrive. Our numbers are up to strength in 2 of our sections (Cubs and Beavers). We urgently need an Assistant Scout Leader as the number of Cubs reaching 10½ yrs will swell the Scout Troop to an unmanageable number. Unless we find help these boys, if they wish to carry on in the movement will have to move to other groups.

We have, in the last few months, had to do a lot of repair work to the Old School. The roof has had to be repaired at a cost of £2000, then we had to raise over £1000 for the damp proof course. Our next project is to put in some form of heating the approximate cost of which is £2000.

In order to do this we are holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd September at Harvey Avenue Community Centre.

The Cubs are working for their World Conservation Badge and have decided to support the Seal Hospital at Natureland Skegness. We visited the Hospital in April to learn about the plight of the Seals in the Wash.

Cubs and Beavers Joined forces and for a day out at American Adventure in May. A good day was had by all.

Four Cubs have gained their Gold Arrow Certificates and were presented with them at a ceremony at 1st Balderton H.Q. by Mrs Mary Ablott. They were Christopher Phillips, Steven Wood Gareth Shaw and Alexander Ormston.

The Scout Troop have just returned from a weeks camp in Schoneveld, Holland. The Cub pack will be at camp at Walesby this year.

The Beaver Colony has had a visit to the Fire Station and a Special event "Billy meets the Beavers" as well as their outing to the American Adventure.

Re- the leadership shortage Anyone who has a few hours to spare and would like to be involved please get in touch with Mike Clark Chapel House Chapel Lane Coddington.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH BELLRINGERS

All Saints Church Bellringers continue to be active On Sunday March 5th a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung for the Mothering Sunday Family Service, this was the first Quarter Peal by Dawn Bache aged 12. Another Quarter Peal was rung on March 24th, this time Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Just to show that we don't spend all our time in the Tower 26 Ringers and Friends sat down for dinner at the Inn on the Green on Monday May 22nd. A good time was had by all and our thanks go to Paul Curtis for his work in organising this event.

Sunday July 2nd is the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas Cranmer. He was born at Aslockton in Nottinghamshire became Archbishop of Canterbury, and was largely responsible for the production of the Book of Common Prayer, which was still in regular use in all Churches until recent years. A full Peal of 5040 Doubles will be attempted on that day, starting at 10.00am.

A Tower outing is being arranged in South Nottinghamshire for Saturday July 29th. We hope to visit and ring the bells at six different Churches throughout the day, once again our thanks go to Paul Curtis for the organisation of this event.

Finally we are pleased to welcome Geoff and Sue Wells both to Coddington and the local band of ringers. They have recently moved into the village and are experienced ringers who will be able to make a valuable contribution to our ringing

D.J.T.

## CODDINGTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

### FOOTBALL CLUB

This year has been a marvellous one for the club. This is the year Coddington F.C. have won the Newark Alliance Premier Division Trophy for the first time. The most coveted trophy in local football is now ours.

This title now completes the set. For since the club was re-formed under the guidance of Chairman B. Mastin in 1970, the club has won at some time or other over the years, every competition they have played in. It has been a real club affair this year, with the reserve side playing their part, providing players when required to keep things flowing. There is a genuine shortage of players, young players, that is, in the game, and to run two teams from a village like ours is quite an achievement in itself.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, as in all organisations. This year we had to re-organise the playing area due to the new by-pass, nevertheless the pitch has been turned out each week in a very playable condition and after a hard season is looking well. We are grateful to everyone who supports us, from the ladies and gents who enjoy our Bingo evenings, to our various sponsors who "quietly" support us, to our local landlord and his wife Mr and Mrs. D. Calvert for the use of the Plough for meetings and various fund raising events. Also to the people who come to our matches and enjoy the football, and encourage the players. All these people make the club tick, and deserve a thank-you.

### CLUB HONOURS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
1971-72	Division 3	Champions
1980-81	Division 3	Champions
	Divisional Cup	Winners.
1981-82	Willie Hall Cup	Finalists
	Division 2	Runners-up
1982-83	Willie Hall Cup	Finalists
	Division 1	Champions
	Divisional Cup	Winners
1984-85	Willie Hall Cup	Winners
1985-86	Notts. Intermediate Cup	Finalists
	Notts. Intermediate Cup	Winners
	(First Newark side to win)	
1988-89	Premier Division	Champions
	Divisional Cup	Runners-up.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

CODDINGTON

Dear Friends

May I take this opportunity of inviting you to come along to your Parish Church and join with us in Worship. To all who are Confirmed members of the Church the Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday Morning at 9a.m. Our Sunday Evening Service takes the form of Evening Prayers ; Hymns and Sermon; the time 6p.m.

I know that there are many reasons and excuses for not going to Church but I hope and pray that you will put them aside and come and join us in Worship and Fellowship.

On a practical note; we are having great difficulty this year in getting volunteers to cut the grass and tidy up the churchyard. If you could help or if you know of anyone please contact me or one of the Church Wardens.

Every Blessing,

Peter G. Wright      Vicar

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Notice outside a Church.

"Why, pray when you can worry and take  
tranquillisers."

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Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they don't understand -----but I have always noticed that the passages that bother me are the ones I do understand.

( Mark Twain )

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IN THE CORONATION HALL

Thursday 6th July 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

D I N G O

Refreshments : Raffle : Good Prizes

admission 10p.

In aid of Church Funds.

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I must admit I find it dull,  
The place is almost never full,  
And that's depressing, and you know,  
The hymns are always played too slow -  
And doesn't he go on at length,  
Full half an hour, give me strength.  
My backs not strong and those hard seats  
make it no better.  
Then my meat's due in the oven at ten;  
So the nine O'clock's beyond my ken.  
And then, can it be a sin  
To take one day for lying in.  
The cars to clean; the gardens wild  
And I couldn't bring my little child, She'd  
Make a noise;  
What EVENSONG? Oh no, the times completely wrong.  
Her bedtimes seven, so you see  
No church is possible for me.  
A weekday service: Yes I know  
They have them sometimes but the days all wrong.  
Yes it is a pity that I never come -----  
But at least I'm not the only one.

Anon.

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CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

HOUSING SURVEY

Coddington is a growing village and there are many demands for accommodation in the area. An issue of concern noted by the Parish Council is that there is a lack of low cost housing/rented housing within the village for local people.

The aim of this questionnaire is to find out if there is a need for this type of housing both now and for the future, and what type of housing is required by those in the village.

Because this is a very important issue we hope you will support our initiative and participate in the survey by completing this form. This information is strictly confidential and any returns may be made anonymously. The results of the survey and our conclusions will be reported to the Parish Council and published in the CCN.

(Please tick appropriate)

BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Please indicate how long you have lived in Coddington.
- |  |                  |       |
|--|------------------|-------|
|  | 0-4              | ..... |
|  | 5-9              | ..... |
|  | 10-14            | ..... |
|  | 15-19            | ..... |
|  | More than 20 yrs | ..... |
- 1.2 Do any of your immediate family live in the village in separate accommodation?      YES .....      NO .....
- 1.3 Please indicate whether you:
- |  |                               |       |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Own your home                 | ..... |
|  | Rent from District Council    | ..... |
|  | Rent from a private land-lord | ..... |
|  | Any other                     | ..... |

HOUSEHOLD

- 2.0 Please indicate in numbers the number of people in your household in each age group
- |          | Age Group | Male  | Female |
|----------|-----------|-------|--------|
|          | 0-5       | ..... | .....  |
|          | 5-11      | ..... | .....  |
|          | 11-16     | ..... | .....  |
| Example: | 16-60     | ..... | .....  |
|          | 0-5       | 1     | 2      |
|          | 5-11      | 1     | 2      |
|          | 11-16     | 1     | 2      |
|          | 16-60     | 1     | 2      |
|          | 61-65     | 1     | 2      |
|          | 66-70     | 1     | 2      |
|          | 71+       | 1     | 2      |
- 2.1 Are you or any member of your household looking for housing within the village?      YES .....      NO .....
- (If YES please answer the questions in Section 3 below)

TYPE OF HOUSING REQUIRED

3.1 Why do you (or they) wish to move from your current home? Too small .....  
Too large .....  
Difficulty with stairs .....  
Lack of basic amenities .....  
Inadequate heating system .....  
Other (Please state) .....  
If possible, give details.

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3.2 What type of housing are they/you looking for? 2 bedroomed house .....  
3/4 bedroomed house .....  
1 bedroomed bungalow .....  
2 bedroomed bungalow .....  
1 bedroomed flat .....  
2 bedroomed flat .....  
Other, please specify

.....

3.3 Would you wish to: Rent ..... Buy .....  
Part rent/Part buy .....

FAMILY/FRIENDS

4.0 Do you have any family and/or friends who have left the village, but would like to return if suitable housing was available/provided? YES ..... NO .....

4.1 Are they: An elderly person .....  
An elderly couple .....  
A family .....  
A single person .....

HOUSING PROBLEMS

Have you had any problems related to your housing needs or those of relatives which have not been resolved and which the Parish Council should be aware of.

Please give a brief indication: .....

There is no need to give your name and address unless you wish to do so. If you do please use the space below:

Name: ..... Address: .....

We should like to thank you for your cooperation in completing this form.

Chairman  
Coddington Parish Council