

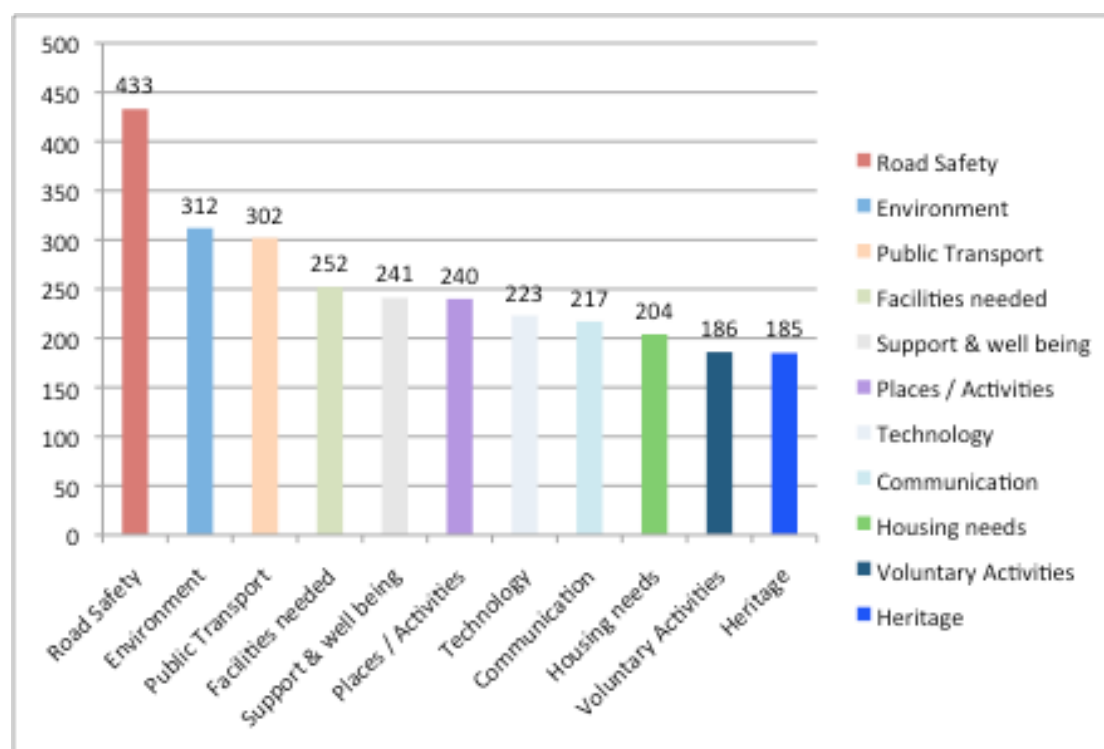
Annual Meeting

April 24th 2013 - Compton Village Hall

The meeting was a great success with between 80 and 90 people attending and excellent feedback. The format worked well with a combination of presentations, question and answer forums and interactive participatory exercises.

Cllr. Simon Gimson gave an outline of the congestion programme and pledged his support for improvements to the A3/A31 junction and any smaller less costly improvements that would benefit local congestion. Cllr Palmer gave an overview of the County's planning needs and actress Jenny Seagrove gave a heartfelt presentation about the work of the animal sanctuary, Mane Chance.

There were 11 questions and a spare for additional suggestions. There weren't any suggestions that didn't fit within the eleven and so all answers were ranked and awarded points for the rank (11 points for no 1, down to 1 point for no 11). The results are below in order.



Road safety is by far the biggest concern and the traffic committee will re-visit the results and progress of the study that was carried out

in 2010.

There were a number of comments that were echoed by several people. Of the 85 people who came to the event, 47 completed the prioritisation sheet (some completed this jointly).

- 1) 7 people asked for a shop (15%)
- 2) 6 suggested more parking (13%)
- 3) 3 asked for help with technology for older residents (6%)
- 4) 3 asked for more information about Parish Council Business
- 5) 3 asked for more information on faster Broadband
- 6) 2 asked for more litter collections

There were also some individual comments, such as inadequate lighting in parts of Compton, unreliability of the 46 bus, stronger links needed between Associations, Art Club for adults, Sport / Gym facilities, more facilities in general needed if housing were increased and the urgent need for a bypass.

Alan Wyle from Surrey Community Action shared some interesting information about community based shops and this sparked some exchange of ideas. After the meeting the idea of a village shop, perhaps combined with technology support / other has been mentioned by a number of people. A study that maybe of interest to us all, carried out by estate agents a few years ago stated that the presence of a village shop can increase property prices by up to 15%.

Thanks was given to the Chairman, Fiona Curtis by audience members, to Joanna Cadman for her marvellous organisational skills, to members of the Parish Council who helped on the night and to Leone Palmer for the wonderful supper and finally to Claire & Ellie for helping out behind the bar.

Events of this size and nature are not cheap to run, but we believe they are enormously valuable to all and hope to be able to provide a programme that will interest as many residents as possible year on year.