



LIFELONG LEARNING

Current Situation

Pre-school and Primary education for the village is provided by a Playgroup, run in the Jubilee Hall, and by Salhouse Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. There is a Nursery School at Hoveton, 3 miles to the north, and Salhouse is one of the villages in the "cluster" for that facility.

Secondary education, up to the age of 16 years, is provided primarily by Broadland High School in Hoveton and by a variety of state secondary schools and **sixth form colleges** which are within a reasonable distance from the village. There are also **fee-paying** schools providing both primary and secondary education in Norwich and the surrounding area.

Further education is available in Norwich at the University of East Anglia, Easton College and City College and also in Great Yarmouth.

Adult education sponsored by the County Council is not provided in Salhouse but, depending on subject, is available within the local area. In the past, the Jubilee Hall and Primary School have been used for privately sponsored classes such as art, IT, aerobics and yoga. There is a branch of the Workers' Education Association in Wroxham which hosts lectures and courses; these are created and delivered in response to local need, often in partnership with local community groups and organisations.

Consultation Process

Information for this report was gained from:-

- ◆ A visit to the Playgroup to view the facilities and speak with its Leader.
- ◆ Visits to the Primary School and liaison with the Head Teacher.
- ◆ Information derived from a mini questionnaire covering the current running of the school, the facilities available and future plans and was completed by School Governors and Friends of Salhouse School (FOSS).
- ◆ Consultation with the County Council for information on Adult Education.
- ◆ Information from the Awareness and Open Days.
- ◆ Responses to Parish Plan Questionnaire.

Results of the Consultation Process

Pre-school and Primary Education. There has been a **Playgroup** in Salhouse for over 35 years. Originally located in the old Victory Hall in Mill Road, it moved in 2002 to the newly opened Jubilee Hall on Lower Street.



Despite being located in a building which is not purpose built for a playgroup, the dedicated and enthusiastic staff received an excellent OFSTED report in 2006. Facilities are adequate but all equipment has to be arranged before the start and cleared away at the end of each day as the Hall has other uses. The area available for outside play is not ideal and the Hall itself can be cold in winter. The shortcomings of the Jubilee Hall in providing a venue for the playgroup could only be overcome by a purpose-built facility.

Four paid and 2 voluntary staff provide for 26 children per session; priority for places is given to village children however, typically, only 1/3 of the children live in Salhouse. Currently there are 45 children on the roll of which 18 live in Salhouse.

The majority of children travel to and from the playgroup by car; those who walk experience difficulty with a lack of, or narrow, badly maintained pavements as well as traffic issues. These problems are more fully addressed in the Transport, Highways and Village Infrastructure Report.

Currently there is a new initiative to assist children, at the end of the Playgroup stage, to bond as a group and be prepared for entry into Salhouse Primary School. Subject to OFSTED approval it is proposed to form, in the future, a "Rising Fives" transitional session on one afternoon a week in the Jubilee Hall.

When asked in the household Questionnaire whether a purpose built nursery school was required in Salhouse, 44 households were in favour and 60 households disagreed.

Salhouse Primary School located in Cheyney Avenue, opened in 1976. It was originally designed as a purpose-built first school to replace the original Victorian building which has since become the Jubilee Hall.



The School **employs** 9 teaching and 21 support staff and enjoys a reputation for high standards which was reflected in SATs results above the national average and it recently had an OFSTED inspection. Friends of Salhouse School (FOSS) is an effective support group which organises activities such as a school fete and discos to provide additional funding.



There are currently **150 pupils** on the roll, of whom approximately 40% come from outside the village. The school is capable of meeting present demand but is at maximum capacity and if Salhouse continues to expand this issue will have to be addressed.

Four classrooms are located within the main school building and 4 mobiles/portacabins until recently provided accommodation for 2 more, as well as a computer suite and a toilet block. Concern has existed for many years over the continued use of



mobiles at the school; they were cold and damp in winter, too hot in summer and did not allow sufficient space for pupils to hang up their belongings. The toilet block defied description.

The Governors and those connected with the school had worked extremely hard to rectify the situation but, although action has often been promised, nothing had happened.

"Disgraceful facilities in an otherwise lovely village school Council should be ashamed"
"If hygienic what is wrong with them?"

Action Underway. Construction has now commenced to replace 3 out of the 4 mobiles, including the toilet block, with completion by Autumn 2008.

Other School facilities include a play area, large grass playing field and a fenced-off wildlife area with a pond. A number of children participate in the School Friend breakfast and/or after school club; there are netball, football, dance, multisports and nature clubs. Other extracurricular activities include visits to How Hill and Wells Field Study Centre for years 5/6 and regular visits to the school by music teachers.

The School has plans for a sports Activity Hall which coincide with the villagers' wishes for a sports hall, which are expressed in the Recreation and Leisure Report. As it is unlikely that the playing field can be used for such a purpose, and possibly that the village alone could not sustain the facility, it has been suggested to the School hierarchy that a joint venture for the funding and the use of the Activity Hall, could be beneficial for both parties.

Since 40% of the pupils currently come from outside the village, homes in the vicinity of the School experience **problems with traffic at drop off and pick up times**. Recently, a 20mph speed limit has been introduced on Cheyney Avenue but the parking issues remain. The School has encouraged local children to walk or cycle to school, where practicable, to relieve the congestion in Cheyney Avenue. New statistics show that 51% of children now walk or cycle to school.

"Greater promotion of 'walk to school' and using designated areas to park and more yellow lines for No Parking near school"

The Questionnaire responses included over 200 comments on this subject and overwhelmingly supported the view that children should be able **to walk or cycle safely to school**.

"Perhaps I am old fashioned however I think children should either walk or cycle to school. This instils fitness and confidence."

The viability of this suggestion was undermined by the serious concerns raised about the lack of pavements and their poor condition, in conjunction with the amount and speed of traffic. Alternative solutions involved parking elsewhere, for example at the Jubilee Hall or playing field car parks, and then walking to school. A further suggestion was the acquisition of a school bus.

"Better footpaths on Lower Street on both sides so parents would feel safer allowing children to walk to school..."



School Inspections

Salhouse Primary School was rated Satisfactory following an OFSTED Inspection in December 2007. The report criticised the inadequacy of some of the school buildings, the toilet facilities in particular, which were not conducive to promoting pupils' learning and acknowledged the efforts of staff and governors to improve the situation.

The National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report, following a visit to the school in February 2008, echoed the findings also contained in the OFSTED Inspection in praising the "warmth of the welcome all receive" at the school as well as the "excellent relationships within the school community" and "confidence and excellent behaviour of the children". Additionally, they commended "the Christian values lived out in practice in the whole community".

Secondary Education. The nearest secondary school to the village is **Broadland High School**, to which there is a 'yellow school bus' service, provided by Norfolk County Council. The majority of Questionnaire respondents expressed satisfaction with this service. The High School enjoys a good reputation but unfortunately lacks a 6th form.



In addition to a number of alternative secondary schools within a 10 mile radius of the village there are also a number of fee paying schools, including Langley School located at Loddon, which provides transport for pupils from the village.

Sixth Form Education. There is a wide ranging choice of accessible sixth form colleges. A bus service is provided from the village to Paston College in North Walsham. Fares are subsidised and are further discounted, currently by 50%, to those families claiming benefits. Students attending sixth form courses in Norwich, for example at City College, have to use regular bus services at a subsidised rate.

Adult Education. There has been a decrease in the number of subjects and venues offered by the County Council and a substantial increase in the fees for what is currently offered; there were a number of comments in the Questionnaire giving this as a reason why many had ceased to enrol for adult education.



"Too expensive now"
"We did until last term, classes are now private"
"Would if suitable classes were held in the village"

A substantial response was elicited in the Questionnaire towards a range of adult education subjects being provided in Salhouse. However, most of these subjects are currently available in the greater Norwich area at a wide range of fees.

The idea of the Primary School facilities being made available, as well as the Jubilee Hall, for further education or community needs was attractive to residents.

At present, there are limitations on the number of extra bookings that can be made for the Jubilee Hall, predominantly due to the week day use by the Playgroup and the consequent statutory restrictions placed on concurrent use of the Hall. This matter is addressed more fully elsewhere in this report.

Head Teacher and Governors of Salhouse Primary (VC) School

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Salhouse Playgroups		
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