

Harefield Follow Up

Practice GCSE Coursework

Aim:

To determine if Harefield is just another suburb of London or a village in its own right.

To help me investigate I am going to look at the different features hypothetically Harefield would have if it was a village or a suburb.

Characteristics of:

A village:

A village tends to be based around a church. The houses are mostly detached and there is loads of open greenery.

There are shops but only for local convenience goods such as newspapers and using the post office.

A suburb:

A suburb is an outlying part of a city or town and typically has good transport links to the city or town e.g. Train stations, bus routes and main roads.

There are normally public parks and other areas of public open space.

Usually there are enough shops for the local people's needs but nothing too big.

Some suburbs were built for inter-war housing to re-house the people who had lost their homes in the war. These houses tend to be semi-detached with bay windows and metal window frames. Most have front and back gardens.

Hypothesis:

I believe that Harefield is a village, even though it has inter-war housing it has very bad transport links to London so it's not a link to the main city which suburbs tend to be.

Also Harefield's resources were limited, a few food shops and a spar for groceries that was it really.

Methodology

CBD survey:

This survey is done to show what services are available to the residents living in Harefield.

The survey was simply done by walking down the high street and noting all the shops then later convert this data into a key.

There weren't really any limitations in this survey as it only consisted of walking and note taking despite the fact that the key given to us was not specific enough.

Questionnaire:

This was done to find out how people who live and people who don't live in Harefield use the area's facilities and if they worked there.

The questionnaire was carried out by asking random people on the high street some questions.

There were many limitations for this survey as the questionnaire was carried out on a Tuesday at 11 30 am -12 30 pm, when most people with a job would be. For this a longer time is needed, and a range of days. Also I think one would need to ask more than 15 people to get a representative sample.

Land use survey:

This survey was done to help understand how the land was being used in Harefield this helped to show how much of the land was residential, retail, agricultural or open spaces.

This was done by walking around the area and colour coding a map to what category they should be in from a list given.

There were limitations as some greenery had something what looked like a greenhouse on it but it was at a distance, so one would have needed to get closer to the area in question and time was holding us down as we had to do other surveys as well.

Building age survey:

This was done to roughly date the time of the buildings in Harefield. This would help to distinguish if Harefield was a suburb or a village because we would know when it was built e.g. if it was in the World War times it simple could have been an area for people to be re-housed after bombing.

This again was done by walking around the area in question, looking at the houses and roughly dating them from their style and colour coding a map from a key provided.

There were again limitations, time was a factor but also some houses were hard to date and other had been reconstructed in the original style of house making it hard to distinguish between ages.

Results:

Questionnaire:

Question	Do you live in Harefield?	If not where?	Do you do your shopping in Harefield?	What type?	Do you work in Harefield?	Have you ever come to a village gathering in Harefield?	What event?	In your opinion is Harefield a village in its own right or a suburb of London?
Person 1	Yes		Yes	Convenience	No	No		Village
2	No	Cornwall	Yes	Convenience	No	No		Village
3	No	Finhall Common	No		No	No		Village
4	Yes		Yes	Convenience	No	No		Village
5	Yes		Yes	Convenience	No	Yes	Fete	Village
6	No	Woodcock Hill	No		Yes	Yes	Fete	Village
7	Yes		Yes	Convenience	Yes	Yes	Fete	Village
8	Yes		No		No	No		Village
9	Yes		Yes	Convenience	No	No		Village
10	Yes		Yes	Convenience	Yes	Yes	Fete	Village

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CBD survey

H

Park

S

D

F5

E

Plumbers

M

Amber Gallery

Engravers

V

F2

N

F4

M

Health and fitness centre

Funeral shop

School

Starly Racing

Floor warming store

V

H

C2

H

H

H

C2

J

Z- Collectables store

Pet hardware store

M

P

Z- Furniture store

M

H

Key for CDB survey

A - Post Office (main or sub)	F6 - Supermarket
B - Bank, building society	F7 - Drink, wine
C1 - Clothing, tailor, wool baby	G - Garage
C2 - Dry cleaning, laundry	H - Hotel, restaurant, pub
C3 - Shoes, cobbler	J - Hairdresser
D - Newsagents, books	K - Chemist
E - Hardware, home decoration, DIY	L -Electrical goods
F1 - Grocer	M - Professional e.g. solicitor
F2 - Greengrocer	N - Department store
F3 - Fish	P - Public e.g library, church
F4 - Butcher	R - Residential
F5 - Baker	S - Sporting goods
Z - Others (specify)	V-Vacant

Key for land use survey

- Residential: Houses, flats etc **RED**
- Retail: Shopping, eating places etc **YELLOW**
- Commercial: Offices, business parks **BLUE**
- Industrial: Factories, warehouses **BLACK**
- Agricultural: Farm land **BROWN**
- Open Spaces: Parks, playing fields **GREEN**

Key for building age survey

- Pre-Georgian (before 1714) **BLACK**
- Georgian (1714— 1837) **BROWN**
- Victorian / Edwardian (1837 — 1914) **YELLOW**
- Inter War (1918 — 1939) **BLUE**
- Post War (1945— 1970) **RED**
- Modern (1970 — present day) **GREEN**

Analysis

CBD survey

Harefield's CBD have very limited shops. Most were food stores e.g. bakeries, Spars, butchers etc..., enough for the local's needs. There were also some professional shops e.g. Solicitors, estate agents, digital productions but that was really it. Additionally the CBD has a park with open area and loads of pub, but on the other hand Harefield had very public transport, just a couple of busses that don't make it anywhere near the city.

From what I have just said I feel I stated correctly in my hypothesis that Harefield only really had the basic needs for the locals + a little bit more but I feel that due to bad public transport Harefield's CBD is best related with a village.

Building age survey

Looking at the building age survey diagram we can see that most of the housing in Harefield is inter war or just after except for a small area surrounding the church which is dated back to the Georgian times. This could mean Harefield was only really established till the war and has evolved into more since then. There is quite a lot of modern housing to the east and south of Harefield mixed in with older houses. It is possible that these modern areas are owned by upper class families who want a nice environment for their children to grow up in and the worker is a commuter.

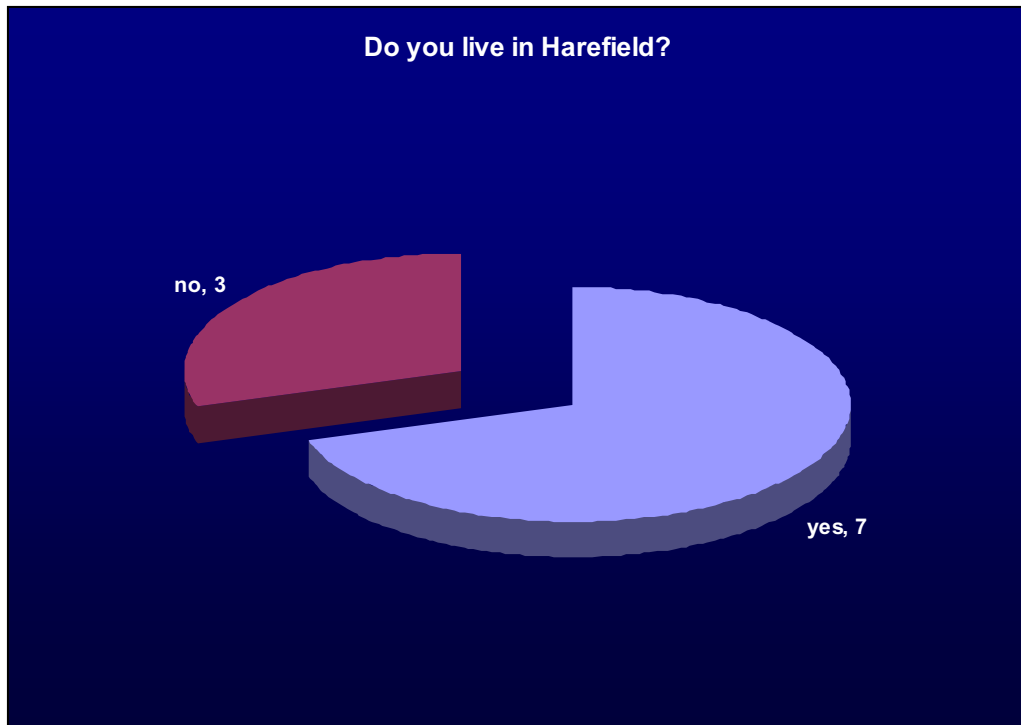
From what I can see it seems Harefield was established to house people during the war and best correspond to the characteristics of suburbs.

Land use survey

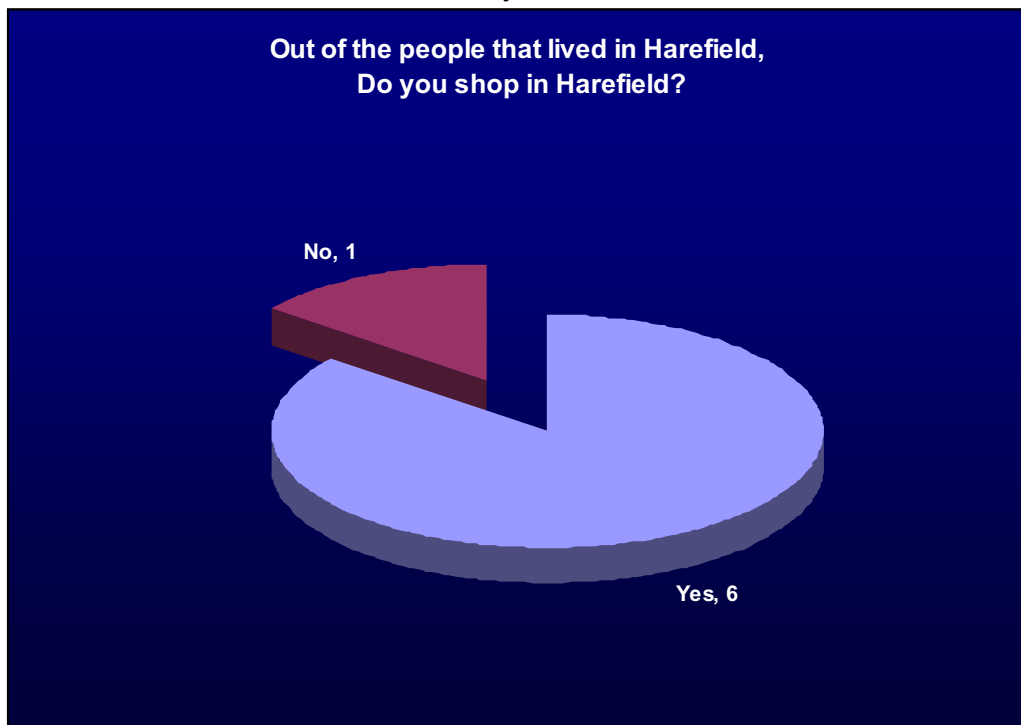
Looking at the Land use Survey diagram we can see there is a very large amount of greenery. There is also a lot of residential to the east and south but not many offices compared to the amount of greenery. There are 2 main farms in Harefield, Langley farm and Colney Farm which occupy a reasonable large amount of space. We can see that Harefield has nucleatedly grown around its church, but the residential areas have grown linearly in the centre. This is probably due to bad transport and the fact all the other space it taken up by either farmland or Greenland.

From what I can see on this diagram it seems Harefield is mostly farm with a little residential area with hardly any offices that has nucleated from a church and this best describes a village

Questionnaire



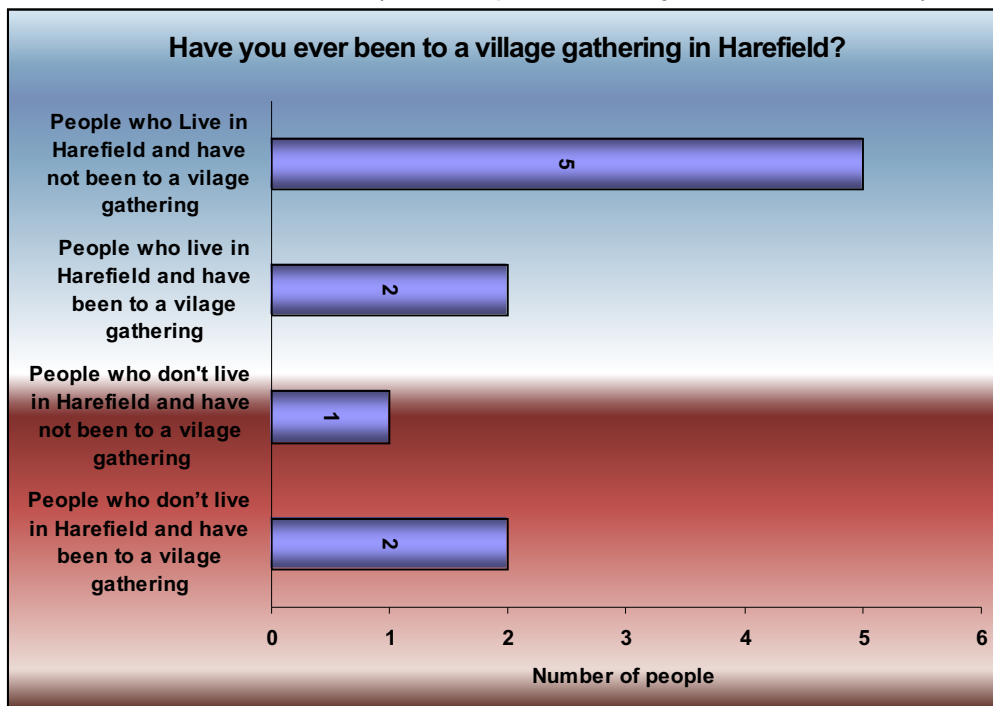
Looking at this pie chart we can see 70% of the people we picked out in the CBD were from Harefield. From this I deduce not many people come to Harefield to use its facilities unless they live/work there.



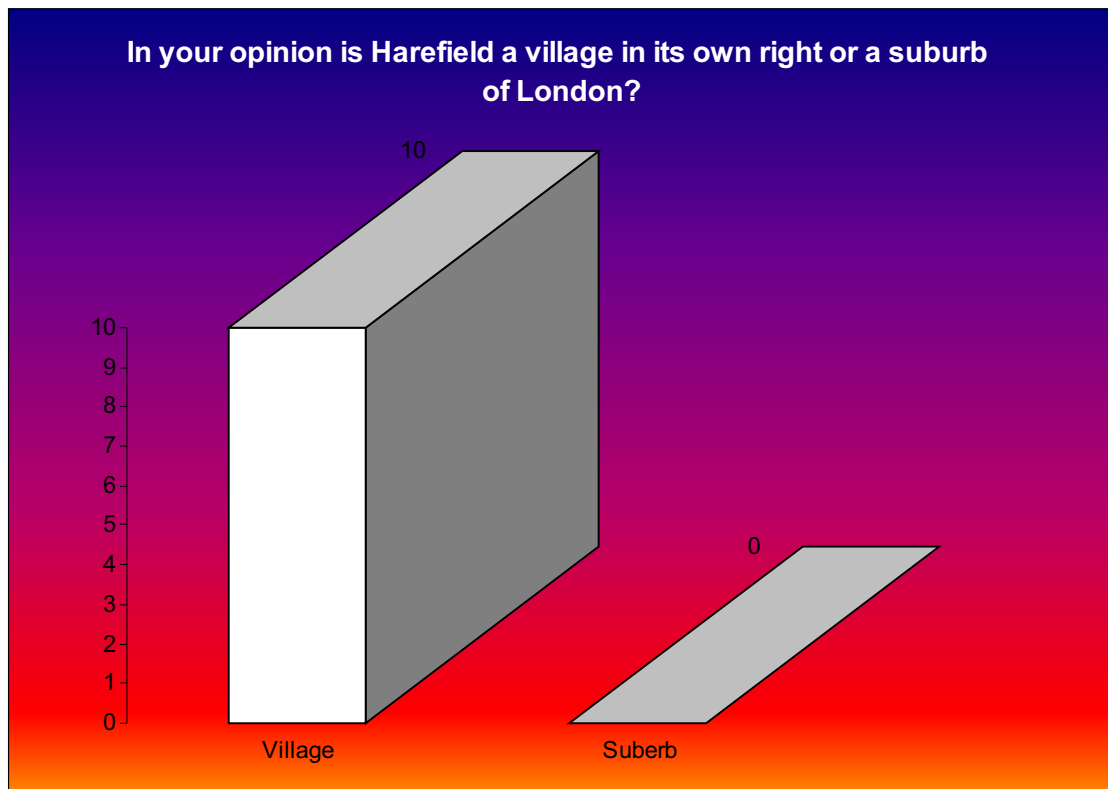
Looking at this pie chart we can see that out of the people that live in Harefield most of them shop there for convenience hence Harefield must have enough shops to facilitate them.



Looking at this bar graph we can see that out of the 7 people that live in Harefield 5 of them work there and 1 person that doesn't live in Harefield works there. From this I deduce Harefield must have sufficient shops to accommodate the residents (this one person lived just out of Harefield) .



Looking at this bar graph we can see that the majority of people that live in Harefield (+ the one that lives nearby) have been to a fete therefore I conclude Harefield must have a reasonably large amount of residents to pull off this event



Inevitably I would ask this question to help assist me in my investigation and 100% of the people I asked said Harefield was a village (and one random person said 'it was in the middle of nowhere' which villages tend to be).

Conclusion

From looking at all the data from the CBD survey, Land use survey and Building age survey Harefield has the characteristics to be a suburb as it has inter-war housing, some professional shops and plenty of shops, but it has very bad public transport to London. From the questionnaire all I deduced is Harefield had all the facilities needed to support its residents as most of them shopped in Harefield. In conclusion I reckon Harefield deserves to be a village in its own right.

Improvements

I do not think I can justify my conclusion as I do not feel my results were taken on a big enough scale. I had many limitations of which time was the biggest for all sections.

To improve this I could take a wide range of days and times to carry out the questionnaire. This is because the questionnaire did not account for the people who were working at the time and children who were at school. Also I believe it would be a lot more useful to ask more than 10 people, but a lot more say 200 for example.