

***Newton St  
Cyres  
Parish Plan***



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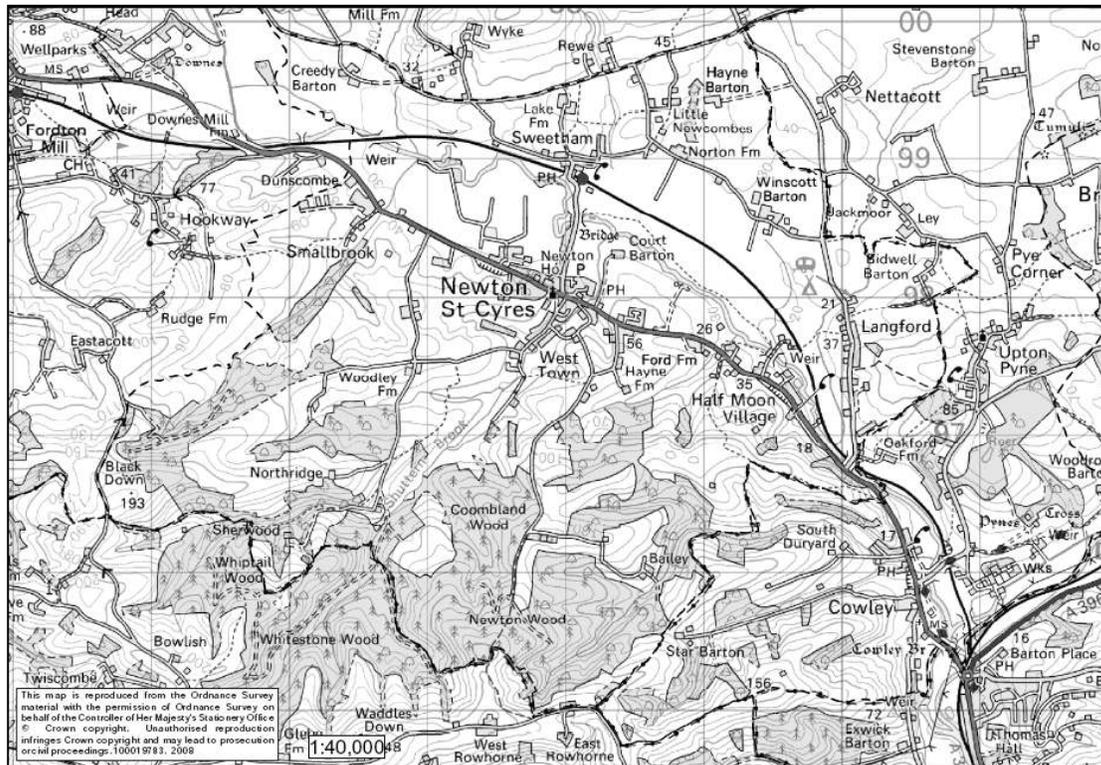
## The Parish of Newton St Cyres

### Location

Newton St Cyres is a parish within the Mid Devon District located about 4 miles NW of Exeter and 4 miles SE of Crediton with altitude varying from 20 to 200 m. The parish extends over some 1800 ha, as shown in the Figure.

The village centre is in the middle of the parish and lies on the Shuttern Brook that runs north into the River Creedy. Much of the north of the village is on alluvial soils of the Creedy floodplain, whilst most of the land in the middle of the parish is fairly flat and on free-draining red sandstone soils. The south of the parish is hilly with poorly-drained clay and shale soils. Most of the parish is farmed, but there are substantial areas of coniferous and mixed woodland in the south.

The A377 road between Exeter and Crediton runs through the village centre. The parish also has small areas of development separated from the village centre, several hamlets and scattered housing. The Sand Down Lane/Tytheing Close development is separate from and to the east of the village centre. Smallbrook lies to the NW, between the village centre and Crediton, whilst Sweetham is to the north and has the Newton St Cyres Railway Station. Half Moon is on the A377 between the village and Exeter and Langford is to the NE of the village, north of the A377. Much of the scattered housing relates to farms (or former farms) and their cottages.



### Development of the Parish

Newton St Cyres is an attractive village with an ancient foundation. It was a new settlement at the time of the Domesday Survey and developed as a successful community based on farming and related activities. Mining for manganese, lead and silver was particularly important in late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century, but had ceased by the end of that century. The population of the parish peaked at 1311 in 1831, but then, with the opening of the railway in

1851, the decline in mining and the agricultural depression, it gradually fell to a minimum of 610 in 1921, before making a slow recovery to reach 910 in 1991 and then falling slightly to 867 in 2001.

The first half of the 20th Century saw a predominance of mixed farming, including orchards and cider making. This has now been replaced by dairy farming and arable crops, particularly cereals and oilseed rape. There is a successful cheese-making enterprise, providing considerable employment and exports worldwide.

The historic core of the village dates from the Middle Ages. In spite of the demolition of old properties for road widening and a disastrous fire in the village centre, there remain more than 50 buildings in the parish listed as being of Special Architectural and Historical Interest. The village centre is now designated as a Conservation Area. The surrounding hilly land was formerly designated an Area of Great Landscape Value, but this title was recently lost.

There has been considerable housing development in the parish in the last century in line with the recovery in population. This commenced with New Estate and Creedy View in the 1920's, but gained momentum in the 50s, with the development of small estates at Tytheing Close and Shuttern Close (50s), Godolphin Close and Woodlands (60s), Court Orchard (70s) and Meadowlands (80s). In addition, individual houses were built, particularly in Sand Down Lane, and Marsh Mill and Newton House were converted into apartments. There were also a number of barn conversions. There was however little new building in the twenty years from 1986 to 2006.

Traffic has been a problem in the village for many years. The steep drop into the village centre on the Exeter – Crediton road led to cuttings being made either side of the village in the 1830's to help horse-drawn vehicles (A proposal in 1825 for a by-pass was rejected). The road through the village centre was too narrow for buses and large lorries and a road widening scheme instituted in the late 1950s led to the demolition of many old houses. A second proposal for a by-pass made in 1970 was also rejected. The opening of the North Devon Link Road in 1989 led to some reduction in the amount of heavy traffic passing through the village, but traffic volume has again much increased on the A377. This road bisects the parish, makes contact between the two sides of the road difficult and presents a major hazard. Traffic volume on the A377 is a problem not only in the centre of the village, but also in Half Moon and Smallbrook. There is also considerable traffic on Langford Road and Station Road.

### **Parish statistics and employment**

The population of the Parish in 2005 was 900, up slightly from the 2001 census figure of 867. The 2001 census indicated a total of 378 dwellings, with 370 being occupied by households of which 259 were owner occupied and 111 rented. None of the dwellings were second homes or holiday accommodation. There has been some development since the Census, with 12 houses built from 2001 to March 2007 and about 11 in construction in 2008, including 4 in an Affordable Housing Scheme.

The Table below shows that the percentage of young people in the parish is lower and that of old people higher than in Mid Devon, SW England or England as a whole.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Newton St Cyres</b>	<b>Mid Devon</b>	<b>SW England</b>	<b>England</b>
0-15	14	20	19	20
16-24	7	9	10	11
25-44	21	26	27	29
44-64	35	27	25	24
65 -	23	19	19	16

The census indicated a high level of employment, with only 16 'economically active' people being unemployed, compared with 404 being employed. Most employed persons work in service industries (285), but with a substantial number (130) in extractive and manufacturing industries. Only 19 people travelled to work by public transport, but 309 travelled by car, van or motor cycle and 87 either worked at home or travelled by other means. The average distance travelled to work was 11 miles.

These figures reflect a situation in which most people travel out of the Parish to work, with many people travelling to Exeter, Crediton or further afield. Employment in the village is restricted largely to work on farms, the cheese factory, shop and public houses, together with a substantial, and probably increasing, number of people working in small businesses and from home.

### **Services, facilities and organisations**

The Parish Council is made up of nine members. It has responsibility for allotments, the Village Green and car park, seats and notice boards and maintains the village website – [www.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres/](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres/). It also grant aids the Recreation Ground and the Church and has a general responsibility for the well being of the Parish.

The parish has the following important services:

- Primary School
- Anglican Church
- Post Office
- Village Shop, Farm Shop and Garage for car sales
- Two public houses
- Mobile library
- Mobile shop
- Bus service at about 30 minute intervals to Exeter and to Crediton (and less frequently to other locations in Mid and North Devon)
- Train Station on the Exeter to Barnstaple line with about 4 trains stopping each way daily

There are good recreational facilities including:

- Recreation ground with two football pitches, one cricket pitch, two tennis courts, children's play area and club house, with bar
- Parish Hall with two meeting rooms
- Nine hole pay and play golf course

Clubs and organisations based in the village include:

- Recreation Ground Association
- Football Club
- Cricket Club
- Tennis Club
- Table Tennis Group
- Ramblers Group
- Twinning Circle
- Art Group
- Cub Scouts
- Pre-school playgroup
- Toddler Group
- Bird Club
- Branch of Cancer Research UK
- Friends of Newton School
- Friends of Newton Station

A village magazine, the Newton Wonder, is produced monthly and subscribed to by most residents. The Parish Hall, as well as being used by various parish organisations is also used regularly for bingo, keep fit, martial arts and adult education classes. Concerts are regularly held in the Church and there is a bell ringing team.

Social events are organised from time to time in the Parish Hall and the Recreation Ground and by various village organisations. The Newton Village Revels are held every two years and involve all village organisations.



Newton St Cyres Recreation Club

***The***  
***Parish***  
***Plan***

## **The Parish Plan**

### **What is a Parish Plan?**

A Parish Plan describes the present characteristics of a community, identifies the main issues of importance or concern and helps to develop the future.

Following input from parishioners through public consultation a comprehensive questionnaire is sent to every household. The questionnaire provides an opportunity for parishioners to comment on all aspects of village life and, in particular, to express their views on how the village should develop in the future.

The findings from the questionnaire are then converted into an Action Plan which provides a framework for the future planning for the village based on the express views of the parishioners. It will also help advise statutory bodies on where their best efforts should be directed for the benefit of the whole community.

### **The Need for a Parish Plan**

In the past Newton St Cyres has developed in relative harmony but on an ad hoc basis. In this day and age there is a need for a more co-ordinated approach to development and the Parish Plan provides a mechanism for establishing and consolidating the views of parishioners on how the Parish should be developed. This will identify actions to be taken by parishioners and their organisations and also focus on actions that need to be taken by local government and other authorities.

### **How has the Parish Plan been Prepared?**

The Parish Council took the first steps towards the preparation of a Parish Plan in 2006. It invited, through personal letters from the Chairman, all organisations to attend an open meeting and also placed an article in the village magazine inviting parishioners to attend. The open meeting was held in the Parish Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and from that meeting a Steering Group was formed.

The first meeting of the Steering Group was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2007 where members were present from most of the village organisations.

A consultation event was held in November 2007 in the Parish Hall over a three-day period where parishioners were invited to put forward their ideas for the topics to be included in the questionnaire.

During the winter of 2007/2008 the Steering Group, with help from Malcolm McDonald of Devon County Council finalised the questionnaire which was then trialled on a selected handful of parishioners. Following the input from this exercise the final questionnaire was produced and circulated to every household in the parish.

The response was exceptionally high with approximately 86% of eligible households returning their completed questionnaire. Questionnaires were then analysed by Devon County Council who produced an analysis from which this report has been prepared.

### **What happens next?**

The report has been circulated to all households and to the appropriate Authorities. It is the intention of the Steering Group to hold an open meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall when parishioners can attend and officers from the Parish Council and partner organisations will be present. The format will be similar to the Consultation events and parishioners will have the opportunity to ask members of the Steering Group and

officers any questions relating to the Action Plan. There will also be an opportunity for new members to join the Steering Group to see the Action Plan to fruition.

The Steering Group intend to meet every six months to ensure that actions are being taken to implement this Parish Plan.

### **Acknowledgements**

The production of this Parish Plan would not have been possible without the help of the parishioners who completed the questionnaire and those who attended the consultation event and to whom we are extremely grateful.

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### **Main Themes of the Parish Plan**

The main concerns and actions arising from the Parish Plan are described on the following pages under the main headings from the questionnaire. The main Report without the Appendices has been distributed to all parishioners and the full Report to Newton St Cyres Parish Council and partner organisations.

There are three Appendices: Appendix 1 - Detailed report on Cowley and Three Horseshoes; Appendix 2 – List of Comments received; Appendix 3 – The Business and Organisations Survey Form; Appendix 4 – Analysis of Results. They are also available on the village website [www.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres/](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres/)

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**Launch of Newton St Cyres Parish Plan  
and Consultation Event  
Newton St Cyres Parish Hall  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7:30 pm  
All welcome – please come and meet committee members and representatives  
Ask questions and find out what it is all about**

# ***The Results***

## **Households and Personal**

### **Households**

The response from households in the Parish was exceptionally high with forms returned from 301 households, approximately 86% of the eligible households. Of these, one third lived in the centre of the village with the remaining equally distributed around the parish.

The responses indicated that 74% of the dwellings were owner occupied, 11% District Council rented, 10% private rented and 5% with other arrangements.

The question on where households normally parked their vehicles indicated that there were approximately 467 vehicles with 31% parked in garages, 59% parked off the road, 7% parked on the road and only 3% (12 cars) parked in the public car park. 27 households did not own a car.

Some 24 residents were registered disabled, whilst 33 residents had responsibility for caring for someone either in or outside the home.

### **Personal**

The responses from the sexes were equally distributed, with 53% responses being from females and 47% from males. The ages of the respondents were 13% under 21 years, 15% between 22 and 39 years of age, 33% between 40 and 59 years and 40% over 60. The age distribution agrees closely to that for the Parish in the 2001 Census and confirms an ageing population with the % of young people being well below the national average and that of old people above the average.

There was only a small percentage looking for accommodation, with 93 % saying their current accommodation was suitable. Of the 7% looking for alternative accommodation, the majority do not wish to move more than 10 miles from the parish. Only four people indicated that they required sheltered accommodation at present and 14 people wished to downsize. There appears to be 13% of the population requiring affordable housing, which equates to 61 people. The reason for the inability of people to move to accommodation of the type needed was equally divided between lack of suitable property to buy or property being too expensive.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to investigate whether the needs of its parishioners are being met including provision for young people, the disabled and the retired and to take action if required.

## **Employment**

### **Employment Status**

The current statistics are that 75% of working age people are in employment. The results of the survey showed that 36% of the respondents (residents over the age of 10) are in employment and 14% are self-employed. This compares favourably with the national average when you consider that 30% of those who responded are actually in retirement and 13% are in full-time education or training.

The survey discovered that only 7 people are unemployed, this represents about 2% of people of working age, which is well below the national average of 5.3%.

### **Places of Work or Study**

Some 75% (289) of those that worked or studied travelled outside of the Parish. Of these, 69%, travelled up to 10 miles, 17 % between 11 and 30 miles and a surprising 14% worked over 30 miles from Newton St Cyres.

97 respondents actually work in the village with 72 working from home and 25 working elsewhere in the Parish.

### **Local Light Industrial Units, Workshops or Offices**

The opposition to these suggested possible development was significant but not overwhelming. There were 97 who registered their disapproval. This represents 16%, with one person expressing vehement opposition to any such development. The support from the respondents for the setting up of these units was noteworthy, with 275 people (44%) supporting the setting up of craft workshops, 185 (30%) supporting offices and 149 (24%) in favour of light industry [respondents could support more than one of these possibilities]. 3 people said that siting and details of these units would need careful consideration and this view would doubtless be shared by others.

157 people (25%) registered no opinion.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to set up a working party with interested parties to explore the possibility of setting up craft workshops

## **Environment**

### **Footpaths**

Whilst 64% consider the footpath network to be generally suitable, there were many suggestions for improving the network and its maintenance. It was widely felt that there should be more footpath maps (33% of the 333 people responding to this question) and better signposts (24%), whilst there was less support for a Parish Footpath Warden (12%) or concern for stream tidiness (12%). There were also requests for more footpaths, better footpath management and better stiles.

### **Village Green**

Many respondents favoured the planting of shrubs and flowers (38%) or trees (24%) on the Green. However, comments on 36 forms indicated that the Green should be left as it is. It seems likely that if this had been one of the specific questions, a much larger number of people would have expressed this view. Several people commented on the need for the Green to be cut more frequently and for the clippings to be removed.

### **New Open Spaces for Recreation and Play**

There did not seem to be a large requirement for new open spaces for recreation and play with 47% of respondents not expressing an opinion, 36% not thinking there was a need and 17% indicating a requirement. These though may be from a particularly important sector of the community with young children. The only area in the parish for which there appeared to be a substantial requirement was the area encompassing the centre of the village/ Woodlands/West Town (referred to on 22 forms).

### **Litter and Dog Fouling**

These were considered to be significant problems for the parish, with only 24% indicating that litter was not a problem and 21% indicating that dog fouling was not a problem.

For litter, there was wide support for continuing in the 'Best Kept Village' competition (40%), for more litter bins (25%) and for voluntary clean up days (25%). Putting up notices had rather less support (8%), but comments indicated support for more publicity to encourage responsibility and for prosecution or 'naming and shaming' of offenders.

For dog fouling, there was more support for taking a legal approach, with 39% supporting greater enforcement of bye-laws and fines and comments advocating more notices informing people of fines. Some 32% wanted more dog waste bins, 'Name and shame' was widely supported (28%) and greater publicity about the problem was advocated.

### **Visual Landscape**

The questionnaire responses indicated very clearly that villagers attached great importance to the visual landscape with 82% indicating it is very important and a further 16% that it is quite important. Several comments in the Survey of Businesses and Organisations commented on the importance to them of the beautiful area within which they are located and comments in the questionnaire referred to the good fortune of living in a very beautiful village.

### **Conservation Area**

The existence of the Conservation Area in the centre of the village was widely supported, with 61% of the 584 people responding to this question indicating that it should remain as it is and 16% indicating that it should be extended, whilst only 2% suggested it be reduced or abolished..

### **Restoration of Arboretum**

Restoration of the arboretum would be welcomed by 59%, with only 4% not favouring such an initiative. However, 21% indicated that they did not know of the existence of the arboretum and 16% had no opinion. Comments made included one that 'this would be a real and easily improved achievement' and another indicating that the responsibility for a scheme should not fall on the owners.

### **Renewable Energy Initiatives**

The survey indicated much interest in the possibility of initiatives being taken to increase renewable energy in the parish. Only 25% indicated that initiatives were not appropriate, whilst large numbers supported the various possibilities listed, with 46% supporting solar energy, 24% water power, 24 % community wind turbines, 19% micro-generators and 17% community methane generation [respondents could indicate support for more than one approach]. Several comments indicated the need for caution in this area and that support should only be given to schemes that are economically viable and make a real contribution. Some respondents were clearly very enthusiastic about the possibilities, whilst others believed that the potential for renewable energy was totally inadequate.

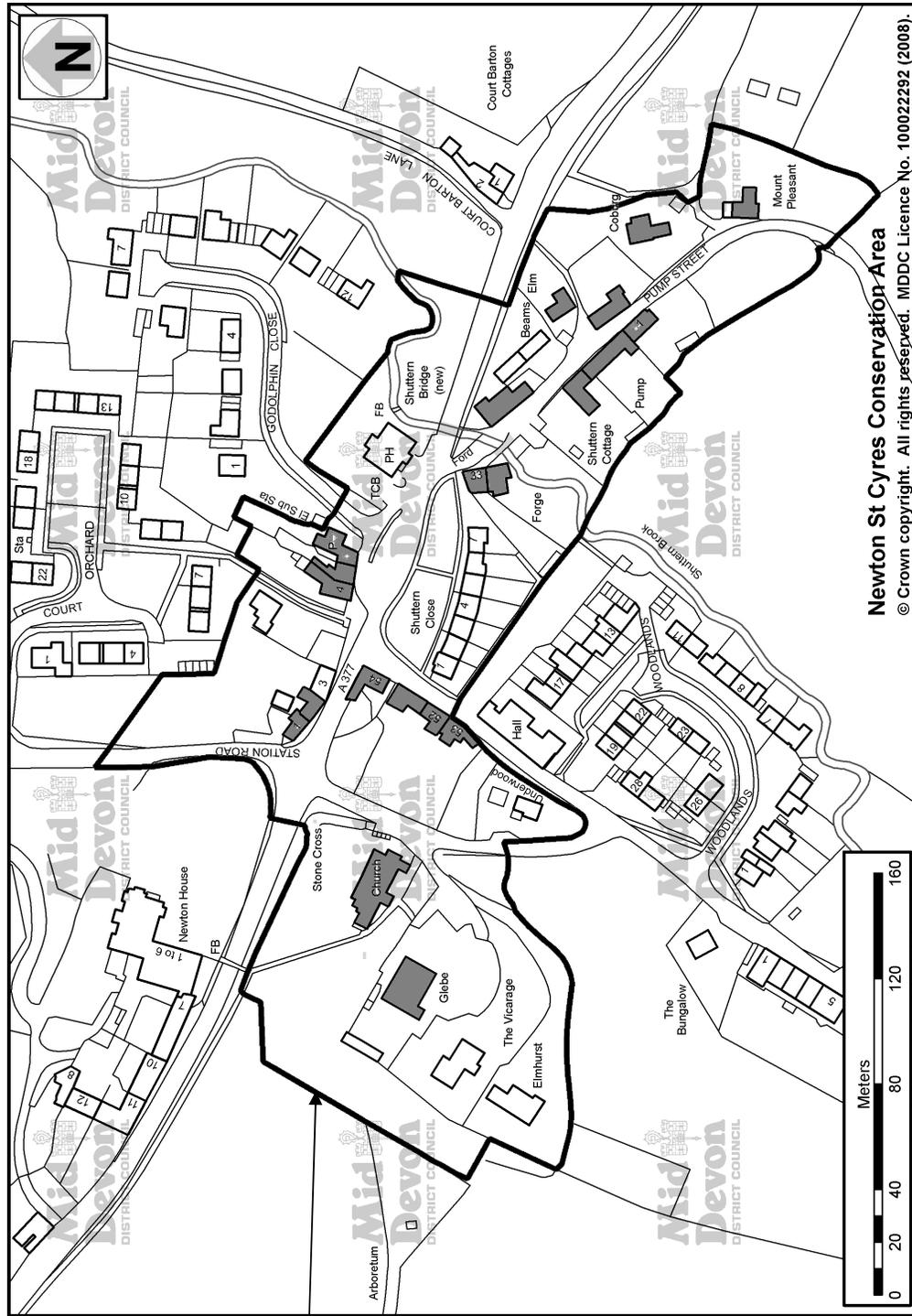
### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to further examine the ways to promote improvements to the footpath network and its maintenance, possibly by appointment of a Parish Footpath Warden and liaise with the Ramblers Group to suggest ways in which the network should be improved and then seek to implement the proposals.
- Ramblers Group to approach the shop and other retail outlets in the village to stock and sell the present MDDC leaflet on walks in Newton St Cyres.

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to explore with MDDC, the Ramblers Group and local landowners the possible production of a comprehensive map of footpaths in the parish and the possibility of identifying additional circular walks.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to call an open meeting or set up an Action Group for further discussion on possibilities for future development of the Village Green and to seek to implement recommendations made.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to continue to take initiatives to reduce litter and dog fouling by (a) continuing in 'Best Kept Village' competition, (b) organising a voluntary clean up day and (c) negotiating with MDDC to install more litter and dog waste bins and appropriate notices.
- Newton Wonder to conduct a publicity campaign to improve awareness of problems with litter and dog fouling in order to improve social responsibility and increase awareness of penalties, possibly leading to 'naming and shaming'.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to encourage Police to take action to enforce by-laws relating to litter and dog fouling and to provide advice on the best approaches to ensure that regulations are adhered to.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council and MDDC take particular note of landscape aspects when considering planning applications.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council and MDDC to explore possibilities for achieving further statutory protection of the landscape in the parish.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to set up an Action Group of interested parties in the parish to explore possibilities for restoration of the arboretum.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to set up and support an Action Group to carry out an audit and appraisal of the potential of renewable energy sources within the parish and to make recommendations on the way forward.



View of Newton St Cyres from Church tower



Conservation area

**Newton St Cyres Conservation Area**  
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**Plan of Newton St Cyres Conservation Area**

Map supplied by Mid Devon District Council

## **Health**

The response regarding difficulty in accessing health services indicated that most parishioners had no problems. However, 32 indicated difficulty in getting to a Doctor's Surgery and 31 to a Dentist, whilst 24 respondents had problems collecting doctor's prescriptions. A number of comments referred to the reliance on others for accessing facilities and getting prescriptions and to difficulties presented by the absence of a bus service to the surgeries in Crediton. Whilst the number of people affected at present is not large, health issues are so important to individuals and with the ageing population in the Parish the problems are likely to increase.

There were only eight responses to the question relating to the services in respect of Home Help, Care Manager, Meals on Wheels or Day Care, not sufficient to draw any conclusion.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council together with the Newton Wonder to further publicise the services, such as Ring and Ride, available to help parishioners access health services and obtain prescriptions

## **Retail**

### **Post Office Counter**

18% of respondents replied that they used the village post office counter at least three times a week and 31% at least once a week. Thus 287 people, or 49% of respondents, use the post office counter weekly. Several people commented that they relied on others to do their Post Office business. These figures emphasise the importance of the Post Office for the Parish.

### **Village Shop**

26% of respondents used the village shop at least three times a week and 27% once a week, so 318 people or 53% of respondents visit the village shop weekly or more. 36% visit less frequently. Suggestions included increasing opening hours, increasing the size with a small supermarket layout and stocking more locally produced food. Again, these figures indicate that the village shop is extremely important for the Parish.

### **Use of Local Retail Outlets**

Locally produced food was popular with respondents. 36% professed to visiting the farm shop, 27% the local farmers' markets, 16% the local minimarket and 8% subscribed to a vegetable box scheme. Attention was drawn in comments to other sources and to the importance of local tradesmen. A further comment noted the scattered nature of these outlets, causing access problems for some.

The village pubs were popular with 415 people (67%) saying they used them for meals and others using the pubs for drinks. The mobile shop is less popular with only 9 people using it. Ignorance of this service was admitted.

### **Allotments**

At present only 14 persons or 2% of respondents rent an allotment. 37 persons or 6% of respondents expressed an interest in doing this in the future. The possibility of sharing was raised. 2 respondents pointed out that access to the allotments is both difficult and dangerous.

## **Local Produce**

A large number of people (57%) would welcome improved availability of local produce in the village. 15% of people thought the current availability was satisfactory.

## **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council should encourage the retention of the Post Office counter as an integral part of the village shop
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to be encouraged to set up a forum of local interested commercial parties and consumers to improve the availability and access to locally produced fresh food for villagers
- Newton Wonder to look into the service operated by the mobile shop and see if advertising this is appropriate
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to press for a safe footpath to the allotments

## **Leisure and Recreation**

### **Extra Outdoor Activities**

There were at least 20 people interested in each of the seven sports listed in the questionnaire. Bowls (70) and Archery (65) had the most responses. There are, though, clubs for these activities in Crediton and it may be better to promote these local clubs rather than seeking to set up similar facilities in Newton St Cyres. Netball (33), Croquet (27), Basketball (25), Hockey (22) and Rugby Union (21) also had support, but with, in most cases, the need for sufficient people to establish teams and the premium on sports space in the village, it may be difficult to establish viable teams or facilities in the Parish. A number of suggestions were made for Pétanque or Boules, possibly in Court Orchard.

### **Extra Indoor Activities**

With regard to indoor activities, Keep Fit (99), Badminton (91) and Yoga (82) brought the most interest. With substantial support also for Pool (47), Snooker (37), Short Mat Bowls (36) and Volleyball (22). Although not on the list in the questionnaire, several respondents indicated interest in Pilates and Tai Chi.

### **Improved Facilities at the Recreation Ground**

Of the 390 people expressing an opinion, 40% felt the facilities were already appropriate but there was substantial support for a better children's play area (23%) and a better clubhouse (22%). Only 14% thought there was a need for better sporting facilities.

### **Out-of-School-Time Facilities for Young People**

Nearly three quarters (71%) had no opinion about out of school facilities. However, of those expressing an opinion 76% (138 people) felt the facilities were poor, 18% reasonable and only 6% good.

### **Formation of New Clubs**

A large number of respondents indicated that they would take part in activities if a club was formed in the village. Most support was given to a Cinema Club (94 people), followed closely by Gardening Club (88), History Society (65), Photography (60) and Dance (55). There was also interest expressed in activities such as Drama (46), Whist (23) and Beetle Drives (21) which have previously been held in the village, but failed through lack of support. The interest in the possibility of a Seniors Club (33) and Youth Club (23) was surprisingly low.

### **Improvement to Village Hall**

Responses to the question on the Village Hall showed over half (56%) didn't have an opinion, 20% thought it needed a facelift, 4% thought it needs improvement and 6% wanted it to be enlarged. However, 20 people commented that it was fine as it is. This was not an option in the series of questions posed, but doubtless that view would have been held by many of those not expressing an opinion. The suggestions for improvement related mainly to the need to improve the kitchen facilities.

### **Paying for Use of Facilities at the School**

Paying to use the School after hours had a large but rather negative response. 49% had no opinion, 35% would not pay for it and 16% would pay to use it if it was available. Respondents commented that their attitude would depend on the particular facility and the price charged.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Parish Hall Committee and the Recreation Ground Association should take initiatives to further establish the demand for new outdoor and indoor activities and new clubs and take steps to help initiate appropriate new activities. Special attention should be given to ways of improving facilities for young people.
- Newton Wonder and the Parish Website should provide details of clubs and organisations in the area that provide facilities that are not in Newton St Cyres, but for which a demand has been demonstrated through the survey questionnaire.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council should liaise with the District Council about the possibility of providing Petanque or Boules in Court Orchard
- Parish Hall Committee should consider actions needed to provide a facelift for the Hall

## **Transport**

### **Bus Services**

The majority of responses showed that residents experienced little or no difficulty in transport from the Parish. Only 8% (44 people) often experienced problems whilst 28% occasionally experienced difficulty. It is probable that those experiencing most problems are the most vulnerable people in the community and that with an ageing population that proportion will increase.

The bus services were important to 32% and essential to 19% but there were still 28% who did not use the bus service and a further 16% for whom the service is not important. These figures were borne out by the feeling from some 63% that the bus service was good or reasonable. Improvements, however, were suggested with price being the most important (36%). Other ideas in preference order were better reliability (16%), better timetabling (14%), more bus routes to outlying areas (11%) and a Ring & Ride service (3%). The bus shelter at Tytheing Close was thought by some to be the wrong way round as people waiting for the bus got wet on rainy days.

### **Train Services**

62% of respondents did not use the train service whilst only 5% thought the service was essential to the village, 11% that it was important and 22% stating that it is not important. Answers to how the service could be improved resulted in 28% wanting the Station to be a Request Stop and a similar number (27%) wanting a more frequent service. Poor access to the trains from the platform (13%), pricing (13%) and lack of car parking (6%) were reasons given for lack of use.

### **Cycle Tracks/Footpaths**

There was very strong support for a footpath and cycle track from the village to Exeter and Crediton with 72% favouring such a development. This would both help transport and improve fitness of villagers.

### **Parking**

A total of 515 people responded to this question. Of these, the majority (77%) never had a problem with parking in the village, 20% had an occasional problem and only 3% often experienced problems. The black spots appeared to be: outside the school or Post Office, Woodlands, the village car park when a big event was held in the Hall and Tytheing Close.

There is, though, a substantial problem associated with the delivery and collection of children to the school. Some 329 people indicated that better car parking at the school was needed with 8 people expressing very strong views in their comments. The absence of good parking facilities results in risks to safety of children and their parents and problems for local residents and emergency services when access is disrupted by cars parked temporarily in inappropriate locations.

### **Safety on the Roads**

Safety on the roads is clearly a major concern. 68% thought there were danger spots on the Parish's roads and only 5% considered there were no danger spots (23% expressed no opinion). Some 70% of the replies to the questionnaire made a comment on road safety with many blaming speed and bad driving for the majority of the problems. Only 26 people (4%) considered that speeding was not a problem. 55% were in favour of speed restrictions with 22% against and others not expressing an opinion. The locations most frequently suggested for lower speed limits were the A377 from the School to the Farm Shop (47 comments), Station Rd and Sweetham (21), the A377 from Newton St Cyres through Smallbrook towards Crediton (20) and West Town (8).

Danger spots named most frequently were the village centre, including junctions with the main road and the area round the Post Office (87 comments), the area around the School and exits to the main road from Sand Down Lane and Tytheing Close (64), the A377 generally (30), Castlands/Half Moon (29), Station Rd (especially by the bridge) (24) and Smallbrook (22).

Respondents were equally divided about the action to be taken in the village centre with 49% wanting speed cameras/electronic signs and 47% wanting a Pedestrian Crossing, whilst 32% would like to see traffic calming measures introduced [respondents could indicate more than one option].

### **Street Lighting**

More street lighting was only an issue for 15% and some 48% were happy with the present situation and 37% not expressing an opinion. Extra lighting was suggested for Tytheing Close, Sweetham, Station Road, Sand Down Lane and Pump Street. Many replies wanted less intrusive street lighting to preserve the rural atmosphere.

### **Cyclists and Pedestrians**

There was strong support for improved facilities for cyclists with 55% supporting that option, 35% not expressing an opinion and only 9% being opposed. Facilities for pedestrians were generally considered to be better with 51% thinking facilities were good or reasonable, 20% not expressing an opinion and only 28% wanting improvements. These improvements included a footpath to the Station, cutting back the road hedges, widening the path from the village to the School to accommodate buggies and improving the footpath to Quicke's Farm Shop.

## **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with Bus Service providers to improve bus services to outlying areas of the Parish
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Friends of Newton Station to liaise with First Great Western regarding better services to Newton Station, to look at car parking and passenger access.
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with Upton Pyne Parish Council and Crediton Hamlets Parish Council to look at the feasibility of a possible footpath and cycle corridor from Crediton to Exeter
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Governors of the School to prepare an Action Plan to improve facilities for children to be dropped off and collected from the School
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to produce an Action Plan for improving safety within the Parish and then to lobby the relevant authorities to ensure action is taken
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council needs to liaise with the Street Lighting Authority to ascertain where more appropriate lighting is required and to look at the environmental impact of current street lighting
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Ramblers Group to prepare an Action Plan to improve footpaths and cycle ways within the Parish and then ensure this Action Plan is activated (see also Action suggested in section on Environment)

## **Information**

### **Library Service**

By far the highest proportion of responses regarding the mobile library service voiced no opinion - 508 people, representing 82% of respondents. These probably never make use of this service. Of the other 18% who actually use the mobile library, 47 are happy with the current situation (one person commented that they were extremely pleased); 52 think it is a reasonable provision and 13 consider it could be improved. Eight people commented that they were unaware that we had a visiting library van.

### **Amount of Information about Parish Affairs**

The majority are fairly happy with the current situation; with 174 people (28%) considering it is good and a further 265 (43%) thinking it is reasonable. 71 respondents (11%) thought the amount of information made available is poor and a further 110 (18%) gave no opinion.

### **Parish Magazine**

Many people were quite happy with the balance of information in the Parish Magazine, with 243 (39%) voicing contentment. 146 people (24%) would like to see more information on local events, 87 (14%) wanted to see more on sports and pastimes, 83 (13%) thought the Parish and District Councils should be better reported and 67 (11%) would like to have events from outside the Parish given better coverage.

136 people (22%) voiced no opinion on the Parish Magazine.

### **Internet Café and Copying Facilities**

The vast majority of those who responded said they would not use either facilities – this was 435 people, which represents 70% of respondents. A further 73 people (12%) gave no opinion.

There was definite interest in the provision of copying facilities with 66 people (11%) in favour. The Internet Café idea was not quite so popular with only 38 in favour representing 6%.

### **Information from Local Authorities**

In descending order of preference the favoured options were the Parish Magazine (59%), the Village Shop/Post Office (47%), Village Noticeboards (42%), Internet (23%), Mail (20%) and E-mail (20%). Respondents could indicate/tick more than one of the options suggested.

### **ACTION**

- Newton Wonder to publicise dates and times of Mobile Library
- Newton Wonder to encourage local organisations and clubs to advertise their events and produce regular reports
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to provide regular reports including details from the District Council
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at the current location and size of the notice boards to ensure they are large enough to take all the notices, they are in the right location and are regularly updated
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with Local Authorities regarding receiving enough copies of the relevant information and to disseminate this appropriately
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with Newton Wonder to prepare, make available to parishioners and, in due course, update a Village Directory providing contact points for accessing services and organisations

### **Religious Buildings**

Respondents could indicate several reasons as to why the Parish Church was important to them. Some 57% indicated its importance as a historic building, 29% for baptisms, weddings and funerals, 27% the rather vague option of 'because every parish should have one' and 19% for Sunday worship. Nine people noted in comments that the church was not important for them and 5 drew attention to the importance of the church as a quiet place for meditation and contemplation.

The Church is already used for concerts and there appeared to be considerable, but not overwhelming, support for continuing this type of activity. In response to the question on whether religious buildings should be used for functions other than religious services, 51% had no opinion, 24% thought it should be used for other purposes and 24% said it should not.

### **ACTION**

- Parochial Church Council in conjunction with Newton St Cyres Parish Council should investigate a financial structure to ensure the Church is maintained
- Parochial Church Council should be encouraged to continue to use the church for selected activities in addition to religious ceremonies

## **Local Government**

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council was publicising its decisions reasonably well to 37% of the parish population, but not very well to 28% whilst 30% had no opinion. Only 6% of respondents thought the Parish Council were publicising its decisions very well. Following on from this, 56% did not know whether their representatives were aware of their needs and only 23% thought they were aware of their needs. 15% felt their representatives were not aware of their needs and some questioned who their representatives were.

### **Cowley and Three Horseshoes**

Cowley and Upton Pyne are in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Newton St Cyres and the catchment area for Newton St Cyres School, but not in the Civil Parish of Newton St Cyres. Only 11% thought the Parish should be expanded to include Cowley and Three Horseshoes while 45% were against the idea. 44% had no opinion on the matter. Comments queried the implications and/or benefits from such a change. It appears that more information is required before a balanced view on this possible change can be made. A sample of residents in Three Horseshoes and Cowley were also surveyed and their responses are in Appendix 1.

### **An Expanded Exeter**

An emphatic 77% thought the Parish should not become part of an expanded Exeter and only 3% thought this was a good idea. Several comments expressed very strong views on this issue.

### **Planning**

On the question of whether the Parish Council should have a greater influence on planning issues, 62% thought they should and 12% thought they should not, citing lack of expertise of the Parish Council and possible biased views. 26% had no opinion on the matter.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at ways in which it can better publicise its decisions
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at how it can interact with its parishioners in a more positive manner
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to vehemently oppose any expansion by Exeter to include the Parish
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to work with the current Planning Authorities to ensure that there is a greater local influence on planning issues
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council and Upton Pyne Parish Council to form a Liaison Group to look at the future of Three Horseshoes and Cowley and the future development of local government in the area

## **Community Safety**

### **Service Provided by Community Police Officers**

Only 43% of respondents expressed a view on the service provided by community police officers. Of these 15% thought the service was good, 36% that it was reasonable and 49% that it was poor. It was thought that the Police could improve this situation by a more obvious and active presence, an occasional 'Surgery' published in the Newton Wonder, and periodic and visible police presence.

### **Should the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme be Improved?**

Again, the percentage of people expressing a view was low at 47%, but of these there was strong support for reinventing the scheme with 83% of them supporting this view.

### **Crime and Safety Concerns**

There was a big response to this question, with 61% (380 people) expressing concern about speeding traffic, with burglary (40%), lack of police presence (34%), vandalism (21%) and antisocial behaviour (21%) also concerning many people. Comments were, however, made that this is a relatively safe village and we did not peruse statistics on crime rates in Newton St Cyres compared with other locations. It may be the correct policy for the police to provide more effort and more visible presence in areas with a higher crime rate, but they should be informed of our concerns.

### **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with the Police regarding regular 'Surgeries' in the Village and to provide regular updates for the Newton Wonder including the provision of crime statistics
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with the current Co-ordinators and the Police about reinventing the present Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Action concerning traffic problems has been highlighted under the Transport section.

## **Development**

### **How should Money be Raised to Implement this Parish Plan?**

Responses to the question on how money should be raised for implementation of the recommendations from the Parish Plan were equally divided (approximately one third each) between modest increases in Council Tax, Fundraising and Sponsorship. Comments were made on 21 forms to the effect that more efficient use of Council Tax should be looked at rather than increases from the current levels. Several pointed out that the appropriate approach to funding would vary with the particular initiative being considered.

### **How should the Parish be Developed?**

Future developments within the Parish showed a third of those responding were happy with the Parish as it is and 54% indicating that any development should allow the Parish to grow as a mixed community, implying the need for a balance in age structure and in social classes. There was virtually no support for development as a retirement community (1%) or a commuter community (2%).

### **Suitable Areas for Development**

Whilst 35% of people would not like to see any development, 23% saw possibilities for development in Station Road, 15% in Tytheing Close and 14% in the Station/Sweetham area. Several commented about possibilities between Sand Down Lane and Lilly Farm. It is significant that 11 people offered the comment that the development should be by sensitive infill, rather than new estates and others stressed the need to keep a largely green area between Exeter and Crediton.

### **How Many Houses to be Built in the next 10 Years?**

There was considerable variation in opinion with 24% wanting no development at all, 24% up to 10 houses, 36% 10-20 houses and 16% more than 20 houses. It would appear that small developments, particularly for affordable housing should be the way forward, bearing in mind that 61 people are looking for affordable housing.

## **ACTION**

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council should initiate discussions with District and County Councils on the most effective use of Council Tax to implement recommendations from this report
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council should initiate discussions with District and County Councils on formatting a policy to ensure that the Parish develops as per the recommendations of this report. Included in this should be any future housing developments

## **Vision for the Future**

**A number of themes recur throughout the different sections of this Plan. They suggest a vision for the future that is widely supported by parishioners.**

### **Key features are:**

- **The need to keep the rural character of the Parish with only limited development of new housing and this being principally by sensitive infill.**
- **The need to address traffic problems, to maintain good public transport facilities and to improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, with aspiration for the provision of cycle and walkways from the village to Exeter and Crediton.**
- **The need to maintain and enhance the Parish environment with maintenance of the Conservation Area and actions to protect the visual landscape, to increase renewable energy production and to reduce problems from litter and dog fouling.**
- **Concern that the present population is ageing. There is a need for actions: (a) to improve the opportunities and facilities for young families, including direction of new housing to the affordable sector (b) to cater fully for the needs of the large proportion of older people in the Parish.**
- **The need to maintain and enhance village facilities and services. The village is fortunate to have a School, Church, Post Office, Village Shop, Public Houses, a Recreation Ground and Parish Hall. These are key facilities that are much used by parishioners and others in the locality and will provide the foci for additional activities suggested in the Survey.**

***Survey of  
Businesses  
&  
Organisations***

## Survey of Businesses and Organisations

### ***The use of village facilities by people who do not live in Newton St Cyres***

#### ***Introduction***

Facilities in Newton St Cyres are used by residents from neighbouring villages and towns. This is relevant to long-term planning for the village, but no information was available on the extent of this usage

A questionnaire was sent to organisations based in the village and to businesses with a retail function. There was an excellent response with 25 out of 28 survey forms returned – non-returned were not chased. The questionnaire and the detailed responses are given in Appendix 3 and the results are summarised below.

#### ***Residence of customers/members***

Taking a simple average across the responses, **35% came from Newton St Cyres, with 26% from Exeter, 16% from neighbouring villages, 15% from Crediton and 8% from elsewhere.** The % from outside of Newton St Cyres varied from only 16% for the Church and for Keep Fit up to 100% for the Cub Scouts and hire of football facilities from the Rec (Recreation Ground) Club. **The % from outside of Newton St Cyres was above 50% for 17 out of 25 respondents.**

Exeter was particularly important for the Cricket Club (55%) and for hire of Football facilities from the Rec Club (67%). The neighbouring villages were particularly important for Newton Nippers (30%), the Tennis Club (39%) and the Cub Scouts (80%), whilst Crediton was important for NSC Golf (30%), for hire of Football facilities from the Rec Club (33%), hire of Cricket facilities from the Rec Club (35%) and Bingo (40%). The % from 'elsewhere' was particularly high for the Bird Club (35%) and the Art Group (40%).

#### ***Why do you [the service provider] consider non residents use your service***

The number of responses in the different categories is summarised below:

	<b>Quality of Service</b>	<b>Convenience #</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Very important	16	9	9
Important	9	15	11
Unimportant	0	0	5

# Not completed by one respondent

**This stresses the importance of the quality of service provided and convenience in attracting users from outside of the village.** A number of other points were returned as being particularly important.

- The informal and friendly atmosphere with village organisations and businesses.
- The availability of reasonable convenient parking facilities.
- The pleasant surroundings of the Recreation Ground and low cost of the facilities make it attractive for use as a home ground by outside football and cricket clubs.
- The ability to cater for people with a wide range of abilities (Cricket and Table Tennis).
- The importance of a good junior coaching programme with qualified coaches (Tennis Club).

### ***Actions to consider for inclusion in Parish Plan***

Suggested actions are summarised at the end of Appendix 3, grouped according to the headings in the main survey questionnaire. Several issues were raised in more than one response:

Parking Several respondents referred to problems with parking on some occasions with the Rec Ground the Parish Hall and the School all being cited.

Road Safety The issue of road safety near the Hall was noted by the Parish Hall, the Bird Club and Newton Nappies. The Ramblers referred to hazards where footpaths join the main road.

Signs Improved signage for the Rec ground was requested by the Tennis Club and footballers.

There were three major possibilities raised in individual responses:

Sports Hall The School suggested that consideration be given to a sports hall for combined school and community use.

Separate building for Playgroup Newton Nippers noted the need for a facility which could offer full day care and suggested a separate pre-fab building.

Community Officer The Parish Hall indicated that they would strongly support the recruitment of a Community Officer to reduce the workload on voluntary officers in village organisations.

### ***Concluding comments***

This survey confirmed the substantial and important use of village facilities from people outside of Newton St Cyres. Quality of service and convenience were for most respondents the key factors in attracting members or customers from elsewhere. In some cases this occurred because of the absence of the facilities in neighbouring villages. The large participation of people from Crediton and Exeter for some services reflected the positive aspects of the village atmosphere, coupled with good facilities and convenience of access.

**Participation from people outside of the village is extremely important as in many cases it is probable that the organisation or business would not be viable if it was reliant only on Newton St Cyres residents.** Thus, for instance, the Football Club would not have sufficient members for a team. The club would fold and our villagers would have to travel elsewhere for football. Without non residents, the school would have only half the number of pupils and, presumably half the number of classes and teachers. It is also clear that people from outside of the village play a full part in the management of voluntary organisations based in Newton St Cyres, thus making an important contribution to the village - 11 out of 16 respondents from organisations live outside of the parish.

This survey provides a strong indication that:

- **In developing the Parish Plan, it is important to consider the requirements of non-residents who use village facilities.**
- **The planning and funding of, particularly recreational facilities, should consider an area greater than a single parish.**

## **ACTION**

The Steering Group considered the points made in this Survey. Aspects relating to traffic hazards and parking are dealt with elsewhere in this Plan. The possible development of facilities at the school for combined use by the community and the school is noted and is relevant to the Actions proposed in the Leisure and Recreation section. Two important points have not been covered elsewhere in the report and should be included in the Action List.

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to negotiate with the Highways Authority for the provision of direction signs from the A377 to the Recreation Ground
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council together with the Parish Hall Committee, the Recreation Ground and other interested parties to consider the possibility of obtaining funding to appoint a Community Officer to help with the organisation and development of Parish activities



Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

# ***Detailed Action Plan***

## Detailed Action Plan

The following pages list the detailed actions together with the Lead Organisations, Partner Organisations and Timescale.

The continuing role of the Steering Group is to ensure that the Actions are undertaken and the parishioners receive regular updates.

**Key to abbreviations:**

NSC PC = Newton St Cyres Parish Council  
 DCC = Devon County Council  
 MDDC = Mid Devon District Council  
 EDDC = East Devon District Council  
 CCD = Community Council of Devon  
 NW = Newton Wonder Magazine  
 CCAG = Crediton Climate Action Group  
 P.O. LTD = Post Office Ltd  
 FGW = First Great Western  
 NWR = Network Rail  
 UP PC = Upton Pyne Parish Council  
 CH PC = Crediton Hamlets Parish Council  
 PCC = Parochial Church Council  
 VOL ORGS = County Voluntary Organisations

**Timescales:**

SHORT – within 9 months  
 MEDIUM – within 18 months  
 LONG – over 18 months

### Household and Personal (page 9)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to investigate whether the needs of its parishioners are being met including provision for young people, the disabled and the retired and to take action if required.	NSC PC	DCC MDDC VOL ORGS	SHORT & ONGOING

### Employment (page 9)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to set up a working party with interested parties to explore the possibility of setting up craft workshops	NSC PC	MDDC CCD	MEDIUM

### Environment (page 10)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to further examine the ways to promote improvements to the footpath network and its maintenance, possibly by appointment of a Parish Footpath Warden and liaise with the Ramblers Group to suggest ways in which the network should be improved and then seek to implement the proposals.	NSC PC	DCC RAMBLERS	MEDIUM & LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Ramblers Group to approach the shop and other retail outlets in the village to stock and sell the present MDDC leaflet on walks in Newton St Cyres	RAMBLERS	LOCAL RETAIL OUTLETS	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to explore with MDDC, the Ramblers Group and local landowners the possible production of a comprehensive map of footpaths in the parish and the possibility of identifying additional circular walks	NSC PC	MDDC DCC RAMBLERS LANDOWNERS	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to call an open meeting or set up an Action Group for further discussion on possibilities for future development of the Village Green and to seek to implement recommendations made	NSC PC	-	SHORT & MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to continue to take initiatives to reduce litter and dog fouling by (a) continuing in 'Best Kept Village' competition, (b) organising a voluntary clean up day and (c) negotiating with MDDC to install more litter and dog waste bins and appropriate notices	NSC PC	MDDC	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton Wonder to conduct a publicity campaign to improve awareness of problems with litter and dog fouling in order to improve social responsibility and increase awareness of penalties, possibly leading to 'naming and shaming'	NW	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to encourage Police to take action to enforce bye-laws relating to litter and dog fouling and to provide advice on the best approaches to ensure that regulations are adhered to	NSC PC	POLICE MDDC	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council and MDDC take particular note of landscape aspects when considering planning applications	NSC PC	MDDC	SHORT- MEDIUM- LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council and MDDC to explore possibilities for achieving further statutory protection of the landscape in the parish	NSC PC	MDDC	SHORT- MEDIUM- LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council set up an Action Group of interested parties in the parish to explore possibilities for restoration of the arboretum	NSC PC	QUICKES CHURCH	LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council set up and support an Action Group to carry out an audit and appraisal of the potential of renewable energy sources within the parish and to make recommendations on the way forward	NSC PC	MDDC CCD CCAG	MEDIUM & LONG

### Health (page 14)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council together with the Newton Wonder further publicise the services, such as Ring and Ride, available to help parishioners access health services and obtain prescriptions	NSC PC	NW	SHORT

### Retail (page 14)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council should encourage the retention of the Post Office counter as an integral part of the village shop	NSC PC	P.O. LTD.	SHORT & MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to be encouraged to set up a forum of local interested commercial parties and consumers to improve the availability and access to locally produced fresh food for villagers	NSC PC	LOCAL ORGS	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton Wonder to look into the service operated by the mobile shop and see if advertising this is appropriate	NW	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to press for a safe footpath to the allotments	NSC PC	DCC MDDC LANDOWNERS	LONG

### Leisure & Recreation (page 15)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Parish Hall Committee and the Recreation Ground Association should take initiatives to further establish the demand for new outdoor and indoor activities and new clubs and take steps to help initiate appropriate new activities. Special attention should be given to ways of improving facilities for young people	NSC PC	REC. GROUND  HALL	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton Wonder and the Parish Website should provide details of clubs and organisations in the area that provide facilities that are not in Newton St Cyres, but for which a demand has been demonstrated through the survey questionnaire	NW	NSC PC	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council should liaise with the District Council about the possibility of providing Pétanque or Boules in Court Orchard	NSC PC	MDDC	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Parish Hall Committee should consider actions needed to provide a facelift for the Hall	PARISH HALL	-	MEDIUM - LONG

**Transport (page 16)**

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with Bus Service providers to improve bus services to outlying areas of the Parish	NSC PC	STAGECOACH DCC TURNERS	MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Friends of Newton Station to liaise with First Great Western regarding better services to Newton Station, to look at car parking and passenger access	NSC PC	FRIENDS OF NSC STATION FGW NWR MDDC DCC	MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with Upton Pyne Parish Council and Crediton Hamlets Parish Council to look at the feasibility of a possible footpath and cycle corridor from Crediton to Exeter	NSC PC	UP PC CH PC MDDC DCC	MEDIUM – LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Governors of the School to prepare an Action Plan to improve facilities for children to be dropped off and collected from the School	NSC PC	SCHOOL GOVS DCC POLICE MDDC	SHORT - MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to produce an Action Plan for improving safety within the Parish and then to lobby the relevant authorities to ensure action is taken	NSC PC	POLICE DCC MDDC SCHOOL	MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council needs to liaise with the Street Lighting Authority to ascertain where more appropriate lighting is required and to look at the environmental impact of current street lighting	NSC PC	MDDC DCC ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS	MEDUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with the Ramblers Group to prepare an Action Plan to improve footpaths and cycle ways within the Parish and then ensure this Action Plan is activated (see also Action suggested in section on Environment)	NSC PC	RAMBLERS MDDC DCC	MEDIUM - LONG

### Information (page 18)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton Wonder to publicise dates and times of Mobile Library	NW	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton Wonder to encourage local organisations and clubs to advertise their events and produce regular reports	NW	LOCAL ORGS	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to provide regular reports including details from the District Council	NSC PC	DCC MDDC	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at the current location and size of the notice boards to ensure they are large enough to take all the notices, they are in the right location and are regularly updated	NSC PC	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with Local Authorities regarding receiving enough copies of the relevant information and to disseminate this appropriately	NSC PC	DCC MDDC	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council in conjunction with Newton Wonder to prepare, make available to parishioners and, in due course, update a Village Directory providing contact points for accessing services and organisations	NSC PC	NW	MEDIUM

### Religious Buildings (page 19)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Parochial Church Council in conjunction with Newton St Cyres Parish Council should investigate a financial structure to ensure the Church is maintained	PCC	NSC PC MDDC	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Parochial Church Council should be encouraged to continue to use the church for selected activities in addition to religious ceremonies	PCC	HALL REC. GROUND NSC PC	MEDIUM

### Local Government (page 20)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at ways in which it can better publicise its decisions	NSC PC	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to look at how it can interact with its parishioners in a more positive manner	NSC PC	-	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to vehemently oppose any expansion by Exeter to include the Parish	NSC PC	DCC MDDC	SHORT- MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to work with the current Planning Authorities to ensure that there is a greater local influence on planning issues	NSC PC	MDDC	SHORT- MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council and Upton Pyne Parish Council to form a Liaison Group to look at the future of Three Horseshoes and Cowley and the future development of local government in the area	NSC PC UP PC	DCC MDDC EDDC BOUNDARY COMMISSION	MEDIUM - LONG

### Community Safety (page 20)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with the Police regarding regular 'Surgeries' in the Village and to provide regular updates for the Newton Wonder including the provision of crime statistics	NSC PC	POLICE	MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to liaise with the current Co-ordinators and the Police about reinvigorating the present Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	NSC PC	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICE NW	MEDIUM

### Development (page 21)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council should initiate discussions with District and County Councils on the most effective use of Council Tax to implement recommendations from this report	NSC PC	DCC MDDC CCD	MEDIUM - LONG

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council should initiate discussions with District and County Councils on formulating a policy to ensure that the Parish develops as per the recommendations of this report. Included in this should be any future housing developments	NSC PC	DCC MDDC CCD	MEDIUM - LONG

## Businesses & Organisations (page 24)

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council to negotiate with the Highways Authority for the provision of direction signs from the A377 to the Recreation Ground	NSC PC	DCC	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Newton St Cyres Parish Council together with the Parish Hall Committee, the Recreation Ground and other interested parties to consider the possibility of obtaining funding to appoint a Community Officer to help with the organisation and development of Parish activities	NSC PC	REC. GROUND HALL CCD	LONG



Newton St Cyres station

***Newton St Cyres  
Parish Plan***

***Appendix 1***

***Cowley &  
Three Horseshoes***

## **Newton St Cyres Parish Plan – Cowley & Three Horseshoes**

Although Cowley and Three Horseshoes are not in the parish of Newton St Cyres, they are in the school and church catchment areas. They were therefore surveyed independently using the Newton St Cyres survey questionnaire. It was not distributed to all residents, but 12 forms were returned with responses from 20 individuals. There are some 70 dwellings in Three Horseshoes and Cowley, so this small survey, although providing indications, cannot be considered to be a comprehensive and robust expression of the views of this community.

The majority of the properties surveyed indicated that 83% were owner occupiers. Garaging and car parking appeared to be less of a problem than in Newton St Cyres but a higher percentage (25%) required some form of caring. The number of people looking for alternative accommodation was in line with the results from Newton St Cyres.

### **Employment**

50% of those surveyed are retired and 20% are self employed. 20% work at home and 40% work within 10 miles of home and 50% would welcome some small scale industrial development.

### **Environment**

40% felt that footpaths were generally suitable and of those surveyed, 27% felt better signposting could improve the footpaths and 36% felt better footpath maps would help. The general response for keeping Cowley clean and tidy was thought to be by entering the Best Kept Village competition and providing more litter bins. 45% felt that some additional enforcement should take place regarding dog fouling. 95% felt that the visual landscape was very important. With regards to Renewable Energy, 35% felt that water power should be considered and the remainder favoured either micro generators or solar energy.

### **Health**

Only 10% of those surveyed had difficulty in getting to a doctor, hospital or dentist and only 5% found difficulty in collecting prescriptions.

### **Retail**

The Post Office and the shop were visited less than once per week or never by 85% of those surveyed. 45% used the Farm Shop, 40% visited local Farmers' Markets and 85% used the village pubs for meals. 85% were not interested in allotments, 55% would welcome improved availability of local produce.

### **Leisure and Recreation**

Of those surveyed the majority did not use the Recreation Ground and had no opinion regarding out of school facilities. 15% would be interested in a Gardening Club and 15% in a History Society. 95% had no comment to make regarding the Village Hall. 35% would be prepared to pay for the use of the school outside of school hours.

### **Transport**

There appeared to be little difficulty with transport facilities with 55% feeling that the bus service was either important or essential. 60% thought the bus service was good or reasonable. 55% felt a need for a footpath and/or cycle track on the A377. 40% felt a need for better car parking for dropping off children at the school and 70% felt there were danger spots in the parish. 50% wanted a pedestrian crossing at Three Horseshoes and 55% wanted better speed cameras or electronic signs. 60% felt the need for further speed restrictions.

### **Information**

35% felt that the balance for the Parish magazine was already good and 20% felt there should be more information from Parish and District Councils and 30% wanted more information about local events. 90% would not use an Internet Café. 65% of those surveyed would like to obtain most of the information via the Parish magazine.

### **Religious Buildings**

80% felt that the Parish Church should be maintained as an historical building. It was felt that Cowley Church should be used for community activities.

### **Local Government**

50% had no opinion about the Parish Council's ability to publicise its decisions and 30% felt it did not publicise them well. 55% of those surveyed felt that Three Horseshoes and Cowley should be part of Newton St Cyres and 80% felt strongly that it should not be part of an extended Exeter.

### **Community Safety**

A large percentage of those surveyed (60%) had no opinion about Community Police Officers or Neighbourhood watch. People's main concern regarding crime and safety was speeding traffic (80%).

### **The Future**

A mixed community appears to be the best development for Newton St Cyres and 55% would like to see small developments over the next 10 years of no more than 20 houses. There needs to be greater links between Cowley and Newton St Cyres.

### **ACTION**

Recommendations are made here only for aspects that relate closely to Newton St Cyres

- Newton St Cyres Parish Council to work with Upton Pyne Parish Council re possible footpath and cycle corridor from Exeter to Crediton
- Newton St Cyres Parish Council and Upton Pyne Parish Council to form a Liaison Group to look at the future of Three Horseshoes and Cowley plus the future development of Local Government

Both of these proposed actions are included within the main body of the Parish Plan

***Newton St Cyres  
Parish Plan***

***Appendix 2***

***Questionnaire –***

***Your Comments***

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON PARISH PLAN SURVEY FORMS

Questions for which a specific comment box was provided in the Survey Form are indicated by \*; otherwise the comments were made 'freestyle' on the forms. (Rec = Recreation Ground)

<b>Abridged and grouped comment</b>	<b>Number comments</b>
<b>*Q3 Is the dwelling?</b>	
Business owned	1
Temporary ag-tie property	1
<b>Q6 Do you have responsibility of caring for someone?</b>	
Children	3
Have resident housekeeper and carer	1
<b>Q11 If over 55 do you require sheltered housing or to downsize?</b>	
Already in sheltered accommodation	2
Not yet	1
<b>Q12 Do you require affordable housing?</b>	
Affordable housing needed for village vitality	1
I will one day	1
<b>*Q13 If unable to move to required accommodation is this because of?</b>	
No wish to move	5
Unable to sell	1
Lack land to purchase	1
Moving other area	1
<b>*Q14 Are you at present?</b>	
Part time	5
Business owner	1
Maternity leave	1
Non-stipend minister	1
Early retired to act as carer	1
<b>Q16 Small-scale light industrial workshops and offices</b>	
Depend on site and detail	3
Small numbers	1
Strongly against	1
<b>*Q18 Suggestions for improving footpaths</b>	
Footpath by main road Smallbrook to Half Moon (or stretches of this)	18
More footpaths	8
Better management required (overgrown etc)	6
Footpath main road to Sweetham	3
Dog bins near footpath	2
Better stiles	2
Path school to allotments	2
Make wider for wheelchairs	2
Cut grass at bus stops	2
Better availability of maps for sale	2
None/ do nothing	2
Remove wild boar	1
Bike path	1
Turn into bridleways	1
School Hill cleaner and tidier	1
Improved access through gates; not locked	1
Lighting	1
Present satisfactory	1

Clear Creedy of debris	1
<b>*Q19 Improvements to village green</b>	
Leave as is	36
Cut more; take away grass	6
More seats	2
Didn't know there was one	2
2 large native trees	1
Lots of maple and birch	1
Duck pond	1
Ensure hedges and walls in good order	1
Fruit trees for children to pick from	1
Play areas for children	1
Sensible maintenance	1
Stop litter when bins put out early	1
Shield from road; make safe from road	1
Grow veg. For sale to villagers	1
Border	1
<b>*Q20 New open spaces for recreation and children's play</b>	
Centre village/Woodlands/West Town	22
Tytheing/School	8
Extend/improve Rec (Recreation Ground)	6
Sweetham	3
Half Moon	3
Skateboard at Rec	2
We already have rec. grounds	2
Area for dog walking not affecting others	2
Anywhere in village where sport can be played	1
Arboretum	1
<b>*Q21 Do you think the Parish should be kept clean and tidy by?</b>	
Not problem in my area/or generally	6
Continued publicity/encourage responsibility	4
Prosecute/name and shame	3
Extra litter bins provided emptied regularly	3
Up to District Council to sort out	3
Problem with rubbish thrown out of cars	3
Dog waste bins	2
Some cottages in West Town/Centre village need clean up	2
Sponsored clean up	1
Screen Half Moon lay-by	1
Residents take responsibility for surroundings	1
People can't be bothered to use bins provided	1
Review refuse collection/recycling	1
Dog warden with 'teeth'	1
People on dole should keep village clean and tidy	1
Flowers and plants in station area	1
Station Rd a problem area	1
Post office outside gives village run-down look	1
Problems damage to bags put out for collection	1
Periodic skip	1
<b>*Q22 What should be done about dog fouling?</b>	
Strategic dog bins	7
Publicity (Newton Wonder)	6
Notices	4

Sand Down Lane/Lilly Lane awful	2
Restrict areas where dogs allowed	2
This is a very big problem	1
Not a problem in my area	1
No problem except in West Town Lane	1
Smallbrook Lane a problem	1
No dog waste bins!	1
Need dogs toilet areas	1
Wouldn't be a problem if people picked it up	1
A village dog warden	1
Footpaths over farmland should not be treated as dog toilets	1
Surveillance cameras to identify owners	1
What about cats?	1
<b>Q24 Should the Conservation Area be changed?</b>	
Don't know what it covers or what it means	6
Conservation and Mid Devon are at odds	1
Don't spoil the village any more	1
<b>Q25 Would you welcome restoration of arboretum and access for public</b>	
Don't know much about it, but sounds a good idea	2
If better access from village possible avoiding burial ground	1
This would be a real and easily achieved improvement	1
Please specify cost first	1
Limited access for a trial period initially	1
Responsibility should not fall on Quickest	1
Restoration, but not 'access for the public'	1
Like it like it is and already access via churchyard	1
Discourage tramps from living there	1
<b>*Q26 Should there be renewable energy initiatives in Parish</b>	
Support if economically viable and real contribution	5
Very keen on renewable resources	3
Capture flow of river	2
Solar energy if supported	2
Nuclear only way forward	1
Community heating	1
Cut down unnecessary lighting (lamp by parish hall)	1
Rainwater collection	1
Don't know what you want	1
Renewable energy totally inadequate	1
Solar panels on s facing church roof	1
Need to consider all possibilities	1
<b>Q27 Do you have any difficulty getting?</b>	
Reliance on family	4
No bus to doctors surgery	3
Have a car, but would be difficult without	3
School vehicles obstruct access for emergency services	1
<b>Q28 Problems in collecting medicine on prescription</b>	
Difficult if I am ill and my husband is away	1
<b>Q29 Use of care services in Parish</b>	
Didn't know services existed (home help; voluntary car service)	3
Would like more home help, but it's expensive	1
<b>Q30 How often do you use village Post Office counter?</b>	
Rely on others to do PO things for us	1
Importance of friendly service	1

<b>Q31 How often do you use the Village Shop?</b>	
Importance of friendly service	2
Improved shop and later opening	2
Rely on others	1
Need more local and reasonably priced food	1
<b>*Q32 Do you use the following?</b>	
Mobile library	3
Pub for drinks	3
Beautician	2
Not aware of mobile shop or mini-market	2
Sonia's cuisine	1
Rec for events	1
Local tradespeople	1
Window cleaner	1
Garden maintenance	1
Angie Delve's market garden	1
For visitors	1
Would welcome wider range in farm shop	1
Would use more if increased mobility	1
On line	1
<b>Q33 Interested in renting an allotment?</b>	
Share?	1
Would be tended by younger relatives	1
<b>Q34 Would you welcome improved availability of local produce?</b>	
We grow our own	2
No	2
<b>*Q35 Which outdoor activities would you participate in if available in village?</b>	
Tennis	3
Petanque/Boules	3
(Ladies) Running group	2
Fishing	2
More would be good for village	2
Bicycle club	2
Clay pigeon	2
Riding club	1
Junior cricket	1
Girls cricket	1
Swimming pool	1
Rounders	1
Cross country running	1
Ice skating	1
Handball	1
Walks	1
<b>*Q36 Which indoor activities would you participate in if available in village?</b>	
Pilates	6
Tai chi	4
Evening keep fit	3
Bridge	3
More would be good for village	2
Computer/internet classes	2
Swimming	2
Line dancing	2
Poker	1

Whist	1
Aerobics	1
Taekwondo	1
Table tennis	1
Dominos	1
Card/board games	1
Ice skating	1
Squash	1
Circuit training	1
<b>Q37 Should the facilities in the Recreation Ground be improved?</b>	
Outdoor basketball court	1
Better sporting facilities for others	1
Facilities potentially very good – access and inclusiveness is the issue	1
Does the village deserve better – more support needed	1
<b>Q38 Adequacy of out-of-school-time facilities for young people</b>	
Poor organised – great informal resources	1
I suspect pretty poor and I think young people need to be occupied	1
Not bad, but really important to have good facilities	1
Are there any?	1
<b>*Q39 Would you take part in activities if club formed in village?</b>	
Bridge	3
Metal detecting	1
Bird watching	1
Dance for beginners	1
Reading/book club	1
Scrabble group	1
Snooker	1
Spanish twinning	1
Chess	1
Village trips	1
Artificial ski slope	1
Village should have a youth club	1
Would need transport to participate	1
<b>*Q40 Does the Village Hall need improvement?</b>	
Fine as it is	20
Need to improve kitchen	5
Main door to side or back	2
Possible development as centre for health care activities	1
2 storeys	1
Replace wooden tables	1
Need a bar	1
Cramped for school plays	1
More power points in main hall	1
Fencing around hall should be renewed	1
Use better energy efficient heating	1
Good facility that is under-used. Could be used for most activities in Q 39	1
<b>Q41 Would you be prepared to pay to use facilities of school outside school hours?</b>	
Would be willing to pay if wanted facilities	2
Residents of Sand Down Lane should strongly oppose increase in use of school outside of school hours	1
<b>Q43 How important is the bus service to you?</b>	
Cannot use buses – mobility problem	2

Very important – only transport we have	1
There if we need	1
Because trains are infrequent	1
No bus to Sweetham	1
Children cannot use bus because of danger crossing main road	1
Bus was important, but gave up after 2 years because of poor service and bought a second car	1
<b>Q45 Improvements in the bus service</b>	
Bus to surgery	2
More information at bus stops	1
Ring and ride ok	1
First bus for bus passes should be 9.01	1
More comfortable seating	1
Expensive, particularly for couple of stops	1
Would like buses that take wheelchairs	1
Bus shelter at Tytheing to be reversed	1
Bus to Station Rd	1
Bit of a rough ride	1
Have experienced problems with all factors listed	1
<b>Q46 How important is the train service to you?</b>	
Effectively no rail service	3
NSC rail not important, but use St Davids	2
Might use if more frequent	1
<b>Q47 Improvements in the train service</b>	
Train service times very poor	3
Action on all things listed would encourage me to use	1
Forget about rail station at NSC and concentrate on buses	1
<b>Q48 Need for footpath and cycle track from village to Crediton and Exeter?</b>	
Emphatic yes	6
Use old railway track	2
Cyclists should not be on footpath for walkers	1
Need footpath on A377 in both directions	1
Cycle route Crediton to Exeter would reduce traffic congestion	1
Cloud cuckoo	1
<b>*Q49 Do you have problems parking in the Parish</b>	
Post Office	10
Tytheing/School	9
Public car park/Parish Hall	7
Woodlands/West Town	6
Church	1
<b>Q50 Better car parking needed for school delivery and collection?</b>	
Emphatic yes	8
Should use path and existing car park	2
Somewhere else	1
<b>*Q51 Any 'danger spots' on roads in Parish?</b>	
Centre village (inc junctions, PO)	87
School and Sand Down Lane, Tytheing junctions	64
A377 generally	30
Castlands/Half Moon	29
Station Road	24
Smallbrook	22
Approach village from Crediton and Farm Shop	15
West Town, Parish Hall	12

Too much speeding	9
Langford Rd	8
Sweetham/Beer Engine junction	4
Church to Main Rd	3
Newbridge	2
Pump St	2
No, if you drive carefully	2
Crossing to Court Barton	1
Sweetham to Norton Cross	1
Roads dangerous for cyclists	1
Traffic will increase with Tesco in Crediton	1
<b>Q52 Action to improve road safety in village centre</b>	
No	5
Traffic calming important	2
Pelican crossing/lights safer than pedestrian crossing	2
Speed camera essential	1
By Post Office	1
Toucan crossing for Half Moon	1
And noise	1
<b>*Q53 Further speed restrictions in the parish?</b>	
Main Rd some bit from school to farm shop	47
Station Rd/Sweetham	21
Limits need enforcement	20
NSC to Crediton/Smallbrook	20
West Town	8
Half Moon/Castlands	4
Speed cameras	3
Langford	3
Main Road generally	3
Pump St	2
Sand Down Lane	2
Speed signs	2
Need better arrangements when diversions in event of A377 being closed	2
Problems from bad driving; need driving lessons	2
Calming	1
Max. 30 on all rural roads	1
Sweetham – Norton Cross	1
20 mph too dangerous	1
Need general reduction in speed limits	1
Better road surfaces	1
<b>*Q54 More street lighting in Parish?</b>	
Sweetham	7
Station Rd	7
Less lights	6
Parts of Tytheing Close	5
West Town	4
Top of Pump St	3
Half Moon	2
Langford	1
Turning to Langford Rd	1
Riscombe Hill	1
Up to Lilly Farm	1
Home farm to Smallbrook	1

Sand Down Lane	1
Need cut trees around existing lights	1
Only if environmentally friendly	1
<b>Q55 Improved facilities and provisions for cyclists?</b>	
Better cycle path to Crediton	2
Cycle circuit for children around Rec Ground	1
We need cycle paths	1
Station Rd should be resurfaced - dangerous	1
Doesn't matter – ride on the pavements anyway	1
Not on walkers footpaths	1
No, at what expense to others	1
<b>*Q56 Facilities and provisions for pedestrians</b>	
Footpaths by main road	33
Better crossing in centre village	19
Station Rd	16
Need cycle paths	5
Better school pathway	4
Better crossing school/Tytheing Close	4
Moore footpaths	3
Generally better footpaths by roads	4
Pavement on main road to allotments	2
More lighting	2
Foot and cycle paths along railway line	1
Get road hedges cut back	1
Central refuge Newbridge to bus stop	1
Better crossing to bus stop at Smallbrook	1
List is endless and not feasible	1
<b>Q57 Service provided by mobile library</b>	
Didn't know we had one	8
Do not know when comes	1
Not enough time [in NSC]	1
Haven't used	1
Very good	1
<b>Q58 Information about what is going on in Parish</b>	
Update Sweetham board as much as the one next to the village hall	1
<b>Q59 Should the Parish magazine include more items on?</b>	
Forthcoming events from further afield	1
<b>Q60 Would you use Internet Café or copying facilities</b>	
We are self sufficient	1
Would use cafe, but not for internet	1
<b>*Q61 Where would you like to obtain information from local authorities?</b>	
Leaflets through door	2
Pubs	2
Radio (Devon)	1
Village newsletter (delivered)	1
Is there a parish website	1
I use a selection of above	1
Cannot assume people have all these	1
Not bothered – too much time and money wasted on pointless info.	1
MDDC Recycling and Refuse Calendar is excellent	1
<b>*Q62 Is the Parish church important to you?</b>	
Not important	9
Quiet place for meditation/contemplation	5

Community meeting point	4
Heart of village/village resource	3
Support for others	3
Aesthetics	3
Bell ringing/tower	2
Prayer and Christian teaching	2
Already used for concerts/recitals	2
Community building	1
School celebrations	1
Attend cathedral because services in NSC only every 2 weeks	1
<b>*Q63 Use of religious buildings for other functions</b>	
Concerts/recitals	36
Meetings/get-togethers/community gatherings	10
Exhibitions	6
Variety social and cultural	6
Flower festival	4
Lectures/talks	4
Plays	4
Choir/singing	4
Celebrations/parties	3
Films	2
Sunday school	2
Arts and crafts	2
No, not a community building	2
Fetes and pageants	2
Meetings of non-religious nature	1
Non C of E marriages	1
Mums and toddlers	1
Rock concerts	1
More school activities	1
Bible study	1
Yoga	1
Private hire	1
Under guidance of parish priest	1
Don't feel welcome – go elsewhere	1
<b>Q64 How well does Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities?</b>	
Not at all	2
<b>Q65 Are elected representatives on Parish Council sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?</b>	
Who is it?	2
Younger members?	1
But what real powers do they have?	1
<b>Q66 Should Parish boundary be extended to include Three Horseshoes &amp; Cowley?</b>	
What are the implications?	3
What are the benefits?	1
<b>Q67 Should the Parish be part of an expanded Exeter?</b>	
Emphatic no	6
What are the benefits?	1
<b>Q68 Should Parish Council have greater influence on planning issues?</b>	
Less power to District Councils and more to Parish Councils	1
Unaware of how much influence they have	1
Lack of expertise on Parish Council	1
I trust MDDC	1

Yes, but worried about Q 74 on areas for development	1
It depends what their views are!	1
<b>Q69 Service provided by community police officer</b>	
Never seen one/who?	16
Harassment of working parents at school	1
Handing out silly letters rather than getting to root of problems	1
<b>Q70 Should the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme be improved?</b>	
Don't know about current scheme	3
Needs a shake-up	1
Neighbourhood Watch a bit outdated	1
<b>*Q71 What are your main Crime and safety concerns</b>	
Lack of police presence/response	5
Speeding traffic	3
Parking problems	3
A relatively safe village	3
Antisocial behaviour	2
Dog fouling	1
Vagrants	1
Car theft	1
Fly tipping	1
Litter thrown from cars	1
Cameras in and around village	1
<b>*Q72 Where should money come from if suggestions require funds?</b>	
More efficient use of existing Council Tax – not an increase	21
Central government	8
Grants	4
Don't know	3
Parish levy	2
EU	2
Lottery	2
Would depend on what for	2
Community asset transfer	1
Voluntary workers	1
Village car boots	1
Highways Agency should pay for walk/cycle route	1
Combination	1
Against increase simply to make safe	1
Not for pensioners	1
No extra expenditure has been proposed	1
<b>*Q73 How would you like the Parish to develop</b>	
As a younger community	2
Need housing development for younger people to stay in parish	1
To develop naturally	1
More relaxed community	1
Vibrant community using local environment	1
<b>*Q74 Areas suitable for development</b>	
Sensitive infill; single dwellings not estates	11
Need keep as green area between Exeter and Crediton	4
Wherever there is room; housing big problem	3
Half Moon	3
No more building until traffic problems sorted out	2
Question divisive with examples of areas for possible development associated with previous council estates	2

Need affordable houses	2
Note Station area and Sweetham on floodplain	2
Court Orchard - affordable	2
Between Sand Down Lane and Pump St/Lily Farm	2
Buildings should conform with traditional local exterior	1
West Town	1
Rec. Ground/Station	1
Towards Crediton	1
Between SWW and Tytheing Close	1
School field as car park	1
Did you mean housing development	1
<b>How many new houses in next 10 years?</b>	
Affordable; for young people	4
Small developments	1
Existing houses should be used to full potential	1
No development until road situation improved	1
<b>Comments made on 'Further Comments and Suggestions' page that do not relate to individual questions</b>	
<b>OUR COMMUNITY</b>	
Resist urbanisation; maintain green area between Exeter and Crediton	5
Need mixed community, with increase in young people and facilities for them	4
Planning decisions don't adequately protect quality of environment	1
Make it easier for homes to be built in keeping with the village	1
Must increase number of affordable houses	1
Future of village is responsibility of all inhabitants	1
Setting up a holiday complex would improve economy of village	1
Place for a Youth Council to represent views	1
Langford Rd and Half Moon never feel part of parish	1
<b>THE ENVIRONMENT</b>	
Need to remove garden , farm and house eyesores and parked 'for sale' cars in village centre	5
Fortunate to live in very beautiful village	2
Improve environmental sustainability of village	1
Plant trees along road to reduce pollution	1
Make better use of orchards	1
Need boards to notify dangers of the river	1
<b>FACILITIES</b>	
Shop with wider range of goods and open longer hours	3
Better use of recreational facilities/single focus	2
Need better recycling facilities	2
Make available a list of approved tradesmen	1
An ice skating rink would put village on map	1
<b>TRANSPORT/COMMUNICATION</b>	
Traffic severe problem for cars and other road users; need improvement before further development	7
Importance of improving train service	2
Priority for foot/cycle path Exeter to Crediton	1
Bridge required over railway at Sweetham for children to access rec. facilities	1

***Newton St Cyres  
Parish Plan***

***Appendix 3***

***Questionnaire &  
Responses***

***Businesses &  
Organisations***

**NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH PLAN  
APPENDIX 3**

**Survey of Businesses and Organisations  
The Questionnaire**

***Use of facilities, services and clubs by people who do not live in the village  
(non-residents)***

Name of company or organisation	
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**Residence of customers/members** (give **either** as numbers or percentages – only need rough figures)

	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Newton St Cyres (includes Half Moon, Langford, Sweetham, Smallbrook)		
Neighbouring villages (Cowley, Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Brampford Speke, Stoke Canon, Shobrooke)		
Crediton		
Exeter		
Other		

**Why do you consider non-residents use your 'services'?** Please tick in boxes

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Unimportant</b>
Quality of service/facility			
Convenience			
Cost			
Other (please detail below)			

Detail of other factors:

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***Actions to include in Parish Plan***

Are there any features you would like included in the Parish Plan to further improve the attraction of your services/facilities for people from outside of the village (eg improved parking, better transport, improved tidiness, better Parish Hall, better recreational facilities)?

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Thank you for your help. Please return to Roger Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane, Newton St Cyres, Exeter EX5 5DF, (01392 851337) by 21 April

### Questionnaire responses

#### *Residence of customers/members (%)*

	<b>NSC</b>	<b>Neighbouring villages #</b>	<b>Crediton</b>	<b>Exeter</b>	<b>Others</b>
<b><i>Clubs and voluntary</i></b>					
Rec Clubhouse##	60	9	24	7	0
Rec hire football	0	0	33	67	0
Rec hire cricket	10	20	35	25	10
Tennis club	25	39	4	13	19
Football club	16	16	20	43	5
Cricket club	11	2	14	55	18
Parish Hall (occasional hire)	46	15	13	13	13
Table tennis	63	19	4	7	7
Art Group	4	16	18	22	40
Bingo	6	10	40	40	4
Cub Scouts	0	80	0	20	0
Exe Vale Bird Club	10	5	5	45	35
Newton Nappies	20	20	7	40	13
Keep fit	84	0	0	8	8
Newton Nippers	20	30	10	40	0
Ramblers	80	10	0	10	0
Twinning Circle	82	6	6	6	0
School	50	15	10	25	0
Church	84	3	3	10	0
<b><i>Businesses</i></b>					
Post Office and stores	60	15	15	5	5
Quickes Farm Shop	###	###	###	###	10
PR Cars	5	5	25	50	15
NSC Golf	5	15	30	50	0
Crown and Sceptre	45	5	25	25	0
Wyke Hill Gardens	60	20	15	5	0

# Cowley, Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Bramford Speke, Stoke Canon, Shobrooke

## Darts and skittles teams

#### These four account for 90%

Rec = Recreation Ground Club

**Why do you consider non residents use your service?**

	Quality service	Convenience	Cost	Other	Details other
<b>Clubs and voluntary</b>					
Rec Clubhouse##	3	3	3		Many are people who retain an interest in the village or still have relations in the village
Rec hire football	3	2	2		Use Rec as it is more personal than council-provided facilities
Rec hire cricket	2	2	3		
Tennis club	3	2	3	3	Junior coaching programme with LTA qualified coaches; friendliness of members
Football club	3	2	1		Facilities provided are of good quality, supported by the Rec Club. However, it is the volunteers that make the scheme work. If their support ceased then I am afraid that the Football Club as it exists at present would fold
Cricket club	3	3	2	3	We are a very friendly club playing Devon league cricket, all be it in the lowest division. There is something for all abilities because we also play Tuesday evening league cricket and lots of friendlies.
Parish Hall (occasional hire)	3	3	2		See below
Table tennis	2	2	1	2	Ability of group to cater for wide range of ages and abilities
Art Group	2	3	3		
Bingo	3		2		
Cub Scouts	2	2	2		Small pack –no other near cub scout pack
Exe Vale Bird Club	2	2	2		
Newton Nappies	3	2	2	3	Opportunity to be and get involved in the village community/social events etc
Keep fit	3	2	3		Of two ladies from outside, one had attended a previous class elsewhere and other was recommended to class by a friend
Newton Nippers	2	2	2	3	School

Ramblers	2	2	1	3	Visual landscape around NSC is great and makes for attractive walking for others in area. Also the informality of the group and the walks makes it good for friends of villagers to join in
Twinning Circle	3	3	3		Sociable
School	3	2	1	3	Good reputation of school
Church	3	2	1		NSC is now one of 11 churches in the Mission Community and interaction between parishes (church services/social events/training etc) is paramount
<b>Businesses</b>					
Post Office and stores	2	3	2		Ease of parking and a good pull in off the road; not such long queues as at the PO in Exeter or Crediton
Quicke's Farm Shop	3	2	2		Park outside; support of local produce
PR Cars	3	3	3		
NSC Golf	2	2	3		
Crown and Sceptre	3	3	2	3	Use as a meeting place; for families to get together in the summer using the large garden
Wyke Hill Gardens	3	3	3	2	Beautiful location and proximity to Beer Engine attracting customers

***Suggestions made on Actions to include in Parish Plan***

**Environment**

New footpaths and maps (Ramblers)

Development and promotion of circular walks starting in village centre (Crown and Sceptre)  
*Although not listed as an action, many organisations referred to the beautiful location being an important reason for people from outside of the parish using the facilities in Newton St Cyres*

**Leisure and Recreation**

Sports Hall at school for school and community use (School)

Separate play group pre-fab building (Nippers)

Multi-purpose floor in any re-vamp of Parish Hall (Table Tennis)

Community officer to help run village organisations (Parish Hall)

### **Transport**

Improve parking at Recreation Ground Club, School (School), Parish Hall (Parish Hall, Bird Club, Bingo, Nippers)

Reduce hazards by Parish Hall (Parish Hall, Bird Club, Bingo, Nippers) and where footpaths meet A377 (Ramblers)

Provide road signs on A377 to the Recreation Ground (Football, Tennis)

### **Information**

Improve village website (Parish Hall)

### **Religious Buildings**

Provide loop PA system for church and re-construct toilets (Church)

### **The Future**

Consideration should be given as to whether the village sees itself as a traditional country village, providing facilities and events just for the village and its near neighbours, or as a centre of excellence attracting the wider community (Football)



Newton St Cyres Village centre

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***Appendix 4***

***Analysis  
of  
Survey Results***

## Newton St Cyres Parish Plan Survey - results

### Q1 How many females/males lived in the household

	Female	Male
0-4 years old	12	15
5-10 years old	16	13
11-16 years old	32	19
17-21 years old	24	18
22-39 years old	42	53
40-59 years old	106	99
60-64 years old	41	42
65-74 years old	47	39
75+ years old	44	31

### Q2 Where did the household live

	Number	%
Centre of Village	98	33%
Smallbrook	15	5%
Station/Sweetham	46	15%
Tytheing Close/Sand Down Lane	48	16%
Half Moon/Langford	49	16%
Other	45	15%
Total	301	100%

### Q3 Was this dwelling

	Number	%
Private rented	30	10%
District council rented	31	11%
Housing Association rented	1	0%
Owner occupied	216	73%
Shared equity	1	0%
By virtue of employment (eg tied)	11	4%

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County farm	0	0%
Other	4	1%
Total	294	100%

**Q4 Where were the households vehicles normally parked**

	In your garage		In another garage		Off the road		On the road		In a public car park		No vehicles owned	
	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%
Where household's first vehicle normally parked	92	31%	1	0%	144	49%	22	7%	8	3%	27	9%
Where household's second vehicle normally parked.	34	23%	4	3%	98	66%	9	6%	3	2%	0	0%
Where household's third vehicle normally parked.	10	25%	0	0%	26	65%	3	8%	1	2%	0	0%
Where household's fourth vehicle normally parked	2	17%	1	8%	9	75%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

**Q5 Were any of the household**

	Number
Housebound	2
Infirm	4
Registered disabled	24

**Q6 Did anyone in the house have the responsibility for caring for someone**

	Number	%
No	262	89%
Outside home	13	4%
At home	20	7%
Total	295	100%

**Personal Section**

**Q7 Sex of respondents**

	Number	%
Female	322	53%
Male	282	47%

**Q8 Age of respondents**

	Number	%
11-16 yrs old	44	7%
17-21 yrs old	34	6%
22-39 yrs old	92	15%
40-59 yrs old	197	33%
60-64 yrs old	77	13%
65-74 yrs old	88	15%
75+ yrs old	74	12%

**Q9 Were respondents looking for alternative accommodation**

	Number	%
Yes	33	7%
Present accommodation not suitable	2	0%
Present accommodation suitable	457	93%

**Q10 If Yes, where did respondents want to move to**

	Number	%
Elsewhere in Parish	21	64%
Outside Parish but within 10 miles	18	55%
Over 10 miles away	11	33%

**Q11 If respondent over 55, did they require sheltered housing**

	Number	%
Sheltered accommodation	4	1%
Downsize	18	7%
No	252	92%

**Q12 Did respondents require affordable housing**

	Number	%
Yes	61	13%
No	414	87%

**Q13 If respondent unable to move to accommodation of type needed was this because of:**

	Number	%
Price	52	8.4%
Lack of suitable houses to buy	38	6.1%
Lack of local authority housing	13	2.1%
Lack of other rented accommodation	16	2.6%
Other	5	.8%

**Q14 Was respondent**

	Number	%
Employed	216	36%
Self-employed	87	14%
Unemployed	7	1%
In a government training scheme	4	1%
In full-time education	72	12%
Wholly retired	181	30%
Un-waged wife/husband/partner	18	3%
Permanently sick/disabled	8	1%
Other	8	1%

**Q15 Where was respondents main place of work or study**

	Number	%
At home	72	13%
Elsewhere in the Parish	25	5%
Outside Parish, but within 10 miles	200	37%
Within 11-30 miles of home	49	9%
Over 30 miles from home	40	7%
Not applicable	151	28%

**Q16 Respondents reaction to proposals for small scale light industrial units**

	Number	%
Would support offices	185	29.8%
Would support craft workshops	275	44.3%
Would support light industry	149	24.0%
Against	97	15.6%
No opinion	157	25.3%

**Q17 Did respondents think the network of footpaths generally suitable**

	Number	%
Yes	399	64%
No	124	20%
No opinion	97	16%

**Q18 Did respondents have any suggestions for improvements to footpaths in the Parish**

	Number	%
Better signposts	80	24%
More footpath maps	110	33%
Appoint a Parish Footpath Warden	39	12%
Tidier streams	40	12%
Other	67	20%

**Q19 Did respondents think the Parish Council should undertake any of the following:**

	Number	%
Plant trees	152	24.5%
Plant shrubs or flowers	239	38.5%
Other	42	6.8%

**Q20 Did respondents think new open spaces were required for recreation and play**

	Number	%
Yes	103	17%
No	225	36%
No opinion	292	47%

**Q21 Did respondents think the Parish should be kept clean and tidy by:**

	Number	%
Paying for a litter warden	37	6.0%
Putting up notices	51	8.2%
Continuing in "Best Kept Village" competition	251	40.4%
Voluntary 'Clean Up' days	154	24.8%
Other actions	26	4.2%
More litter bins	157	25.3%
Litter not a problem	151	24.3%

**Q22 If respondents thought dog fouling a problem what should be done about it**

	Number	%
Enforce bye-laws and fines	242	39.0%
Pay for dog warden	22	3.5%
Name and shame	173	27.9%
More dog waste bins	202	32.5%
Other actions	14	2.3%
None of these	13	2.1%
Dog fouling not a problem	132	21.3%

**Q23 How important was the visual landscape to respondents**

	Count	Column N %
Very important	488	82%
Quite important	93	16%
Not important	15	3%

**Q24 Did respondents think the conservation area in the middle of the village should be changed**

	Count	%
Be abolished	3	1%
Be reduced	7	1%
Remain as it is	357	61%
Be increased	93	16%
Don't know	124	21%

**Q25 Would respondents welcome restoration of the arboretum near the church and access for the public**

	Number	%
Yes	367	59%
No	22	4%
Didn't know it existed	132	21%
No opinion	99	16%

**Q26 Did respondents think there should be renewable energy initiatives in the Parish**

	Number	%
Community wind turbines	146	23.5%
Microgenerators on houses	119	19.2%
Solar energy capture	286	46.1%
Community methane generation	107	17.2%
Water power	151	24.3%
Other	11	1.8%
Initiatives not appropriate	153	24.6%

**Q27 Did respondents have any difficulty getting to the following:**

	Number	%
Mental health services	0	.0%
Family planning services	1	.2%
Counselling services	0	.0%
Local Social Services office	0	.0%
Hospital	10	1.6%
Doctor	32	5.2%
Chemist	9	1.4%
Chiropodist	9	1.4%
Optician	4	.6%
Dentist	31	5.0%
Other medical facility	2	.3%

**Q28 Did respondents have problems collecting prescriptions**

	Number	%
Yes	24	4%
No	467	75%
Do not collect medicine on prescription	72	12%
No opinion	57	9%

**Q29 If respondents had used following services, how good were they:**

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Home help	1	.2%	2	.3%	0	.0%	617	99.5%
Care manager	0	.0%	2	.3%	0	.0%	618	99.7%
Meals on wheels	0	.0%	0	.0%	0	.0%	620	100.0%
Day care	1	.2%	2	.3%	1	.2%	616	99.4%

**Q30 How often did respondents use the Village Post Office counter**

	Number	%
At least 3 times per week	104	18%
At least once per week	183	31%
Less Frequently	248	42%
Never	56	9%

**Q31 How often did respondents use the Village Shop**

	Number	%
At least 3 times per week	157	26%
At least once per week	161	27%
Less Frequently	215	36%
Never	62	10%

**Q32 Did respondents use the following:**

	Number	%
Farm shop in village	226	36.4%
Mobile shop	9	1.4%
Village mini market	99	15.9%
Local farmers' markets	165	26.6%
Vegetable box scheme	48	7.7%
Village Pubs for meals	415	66.8%
Other services	15	2.4%

**Q33 Would respondents be interested in renting an allotment in the Parish**

	Number	%
Yes	37	6%
No	526	85%
Already rent allotment	14	2%
No response	43	7%

**Q34 Would respondents welcome improved availability of local produce in the Village**

	Number	%
Yes	354	57%
Current availability satisfactory	92	15%
No opinion	174	28%

**Q35 Which of the following outdoor activities would respondents participate in:**

	Number	%
Archery	65	10.5%
Basketball	25	4.0%
Bowls (outdoor)	70	11.3%
Croquet	27	4.3%
Hockey	22	3.5%
Netball	33	5.3%
Rugby Union	21	3.4%
Other	22	3.5%

**Q36 Which of the following indoor activities would respondents participate in:**

	Number	%
Badminton	91	14.7%
Billiards	14	2.3%
Short Mat Bowls	36	5.8%
Judo	6	1.0%
Keep fit	99	15.9%
Pool	47	7.6%
Chess	11	1.8%
Snooker	37	6.0%
Volleyball	22	3.5%
Yoga	82	13.2%
Other	32	5.2%

**Q37 Did respondents think facilities in the recreation ground should be improved**

	Number	%
Better sporting facilities	56	9.0%
Better clubhouse	87	14.0%
Better children's play area	90	14.5%
Facilities already appropriate	157	25.3%
No opinion	240	38.6%

**Q38 Did respondents think out-of-school facilities for young people:**

	Number	%
Good	11	2%
Reasonable	32	5%
Poor	138	22%
No opinion	439	71%

**Q39 Would respondents take part in any of the following activities if a club was formed in the Village**

	Number	%
World Wide Twinning	37	6%
Beetle drive	21	3%
Cinema Club	94	15%
Choral society	27	4%
Dance	55	9%
Drama	46	7%
Gardening Club	88	14%
Craft Club	37	6%
Womens Institute	35	6%
History Society	65	10%
Music society	28	5%
Painting & drawing	36	6%
Photography	60	10%
Quilting	10	2%
Seniors Club	33	5%
Youth Club	23	4%
Whist drive	23	4%
Other	13	2%

**Q40 Did respondents think the Village Hall needed improvement**

	Number	%
Requires enlargement	34	5.5%
Requires facelift	123	19.8%
Could be improved	23	3.7%
No opinion	353	56.8%

**Q41 Would respondents be prepared to pay to use the facilities of the school outside school hours**

	Number	%
Yes	99	16%
No	217	35%
No opinion	304	49%

**Q42 Did respondents experience transport difficulties from the Parish**

	Number	%
Often	49	8%
Occasionally	149	24%
Never	352	57%
No opinion	70	11%

**Q43 How important was the bus service to the respondent**

	Number	%
Essential	116	19%
Important	197	32%
Not important	97	16%
Do not use the bus	174	28%
No opinion	36	6%

**Q44 Did respondents think that bus services in the Parish were generally:**

	Number	%
Good	197	32%
Reasonable	191	31%
Poor	41	7%
No opinion	191	31%

**Q45 Would respondents like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to:**

	Number	%
Ring and Ride	20	3.2%
Timetabling	86	13.8%
Price	223	35.9%
Buses to outlying areas	71	11.4%
Reliability	98	15.8%
Service is adequate	118	19.0%
No opinion	155	25.0%

**Q46 How important was the rail service to respondents**

	Number	%
Essential	30	5%
Important	63	11%
Not important	130	22%
Do not use the train	365	62%

**Q47 Would respondents like to see improvement to the train service with regards to:**

	Number	%
Making the Station a Request Stop	173	27.9%
Improve car parking at Station	39	6.3%
Better access to trains from platform	81	13.0%
More frequent service	167	26.9%
Better pricing	79	12.7%
Service is adequate	20	3.2%
No opinion	266	42.8%

**Q48 Did respondents think there a need for a footpath and cycle track from the Village to Exeter and Crediton**

	Number	%
Yes	449	72%
No	57	9%
No opinion	114	18%

**Q49 If respondents had a vehicle did they have problems parking in the Parish**

	Number	%
Often	16	3%
Occasionally	101	16%
Never	398	64%
No response	105	17%

**Q50 Did respondents think better car parking was needed for dropping off children at school**

	Number	%
Yes	329	53%
No	33	5%
No opinion	258	42%

**Q51 Did respondents think there were any danger spots on the roads in the Parish**

	Number	%
Yes	419	68%
No	60	10%
No opinion	141	23%

**Q52 Would respondents support action to improve road safety in the Village by:**

	Number	%
Pedestrian crossing	293	47.2%
Speed camera/electronic signs	305	49.1%
Traffic calming	199	32.0%
No opinion	88	14.2%

**Q53 Would respondents like to see further speed restrictions for traffic introduced in the Parish**

	Number	%
Yes	343	55%
No	134	22%
Speeding not a problem	26	4%
No opinion	117	19%

**Q54 Would respondents like to see more street lighting in the Parish**

	Number	%
Yes	91	15%
No	297	48%
No opinion	232	37%

**Q55 Would respondents welcome improved facilities for cyclists in the Parish**

	Number	%
Yes	343	55%
No	58	9%
No opinion	219	35%

**Q56 Did respondents think facilities for pedestrians in the Parish**

	Number	%
Good	44	7%
Reasonable	274	44%
Need improvement	176	28%
No opinion	126	20%

**Q57 Did respondents think the service provided by the mobile library:**

	Number	%
Good	47	8%
Reasonable	52	8%
Poor	13	2%
No opinion	508	82%

**Q58 Did respondents think the amount of information about what is going on in the Parish was**

	Number	%
Good	174	28%
Reasonable	265	43%
Poor	71	11%
No opinion	110	18%

**Q59 Did respondents think the Parish magazine should include more on**

	Number	%
Parish & District Councils	83	13.4%
Sports & Pastimes	87	14.0%
Local Events	146	23.5%
Events from further afield	67	10.8%
Balance already good	243	39.1%
No opinion	136	21.9%

**Q60 Would respondents use an Internet Cafe and copying facilities**

	Number	%
Internet cafe	38	6.1%
Copying facilities	66	10.6%
Would not use	435	70.0%
No opinion	73	11.8%

**Q61 Where would respondents like to receive information about their local authorities:**

	Number	%
Digital television	21	3%
Interactive digital television	11	2%
Internet	145	23%
E-mail	122	20%
Telephone	31	5%
Village noticeboards	261	42%
Library	20	3%
Mail	123	20%
Parish magazine	364	59%
Local newspaper	99	16%
Village shop/Post Office	292	47%
Other	6	1%

**Q62 Was the Parish church important to respondents:**

	Count	%
For Sunday worship	119	19%
For baptisms, weddings & funerals	181	29%
As an historic building	357	57%
Because every Parish should have one	166	27%
Other	37	6%

**Q63 Would respondents like to see religious buildings used for other functions**

	Number	%
Yes	138	24%
No	137	24%
No opinion	290	51%

**Q64 How well did the Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities**

	Number	%
Very well	35	6%
Reasonably well	227	37%
Not very well	175	28%
No opinion	183	30%

**Q65 Did respondents feel that their representatives were aware of their needs**

	Number	%
Yes	140	23%
No	92	15%
Don't know	349	56%
No opinion	39	6%

**Q66 Did respondents think the Parish should be extended to include Three Horseshoes and Cowley**

	Number	%
Yes	68	11%
No	282	45%
No opinion	270	44%

**Q67 Did respondents think the Parish should be part of an expanded Exeter**

	Number	%
Yes	17	3%
No	479	77%
No opinion	124	20%

**Q68 Did respondents think the Parish Council should have greater influence on planning issues**

	Number	%
Yes	385	62%
No	76	12%
No opinion	159	26%

**Q69 Did respondents think the service provided by community police officers**

	Number	%
Good	41	7%
Reasonable	96	15%
Poor	129	21%
No opinion	354	57%

**Q70 Did respondents think the neighbourhood watch scheme should be improved**

	Number	%
Yes	243	39%
No	50	8%
No opinion	327	53%

**Q71 What were respondents main crime and safety concerns**

	Number	%
Burglary	250	40%
Vandalism	130	21%
Antisocial behaviour	131	21%
Personal safety	62	10%
Noisy neighbours	46	7%
Speeding traffic	380	61%
Lack of police presence	214	34%
Other	18	3%

**Q72 Where did respondents think money should come from to implement suggestions from the survey**

	Count	%
Private contributors	89	14%
Moderate Council Tax increases	190	31%
Higher Council Tax increases	8	1%
Fundraising	240	39%
Sponsorship	212	34%
Other	59	10%

**Q73 How would respondents like the Parish to develop**

	Count	%
As a working community	108	17%
As a retirement community	6	1%
As a commuter community	14	2%
As a mixed community	334	54%
To stay as it is	197	32%
Other	5	1%
None of these	2	0%

**Q74 Which of the following areas did respondents think were suitable for development**

	Count	%
Station/Sweetham	88	14%
Tytheing Close	93	15%
Station Road	145	23%
No development	218	35%
Other areas	27	4%

**Q75 How many houses did respondents think should be built in the next 10 years within the Parish**

	Number	%
Up to 10 houses	132	24%
10 to 20 houses	192	36%
20 to 50 houses	65	12%
More than 50 houses	19	4%
No development	131	24%