**Parish Plan Questionnaire –Results (%)**

Dear Resident

Responses and Distribution

As at the closing date there were **210** replies- 22 Electronic and 188 hard copies.

There were **400** hardcopy questionnaires delivered to dwellings in January 2013; 360 in Sutton Benger and 40 in Draycot Cerne with a further 73 questionnaires requested from the Post Office. In addition, electronic copies were sent to residents with known e-mails and were made available from the Parish Council Website. Given that many families completed only one per dwelling, the response rate could be estimated at approximately **35%** of households, which is slightly above initial expectations.

Results and Comments

The results detail the percentage of respondents ticking each box. All comments made have been transcribed fully from the survey form and grouped together where possible. In some cases words have been added by the editor so as to make it clearer to the reader- these are all in brackets.

It is worth reminding the reader that whilst is likely that the opinions contained in the survey will be taken into account; it is not always possible to respond immediately as there may be legal, constitutional or other issues that need to be taken into consideration.

No doubt readers will be able to form their own conclusions from the data and opinions, but some of the more interesting results are as follows:

* The best thing about Sutton Benger is easy access to the motorway and a sense of community
* Residents might leave Sutton Benger if it is over developed or because of limited shopping facilities
* Speeding and dog mess are persistent issues with over-grown hedges a surprising annoyance
* 75% of the respondents believe the church remains an important part of the Village life
* The questions with the least opinions were related to the mobile library and child protection
* 94% of residents will probably use the Post Office in the next 6 months. Remember-*use it or lose it!*
* Perhaps predictably, over half respondents strongly disagreed with further large developments
* The VH should focus on providing toilets for Rec users, playgrounds and encouraging new groups
* The Variety concert and particularly the Firework display remain important events in the village
* Pavements, weeds and public transport/cycle routes should be priorities for the PC

Whilst there are a number of issues to be addressed, it was encouraging to see that much of the survey confirmed that residents appreciated living in Parish and its sense of community. This of course is largely due to the tremendous amount of effort that Villagers expend undertaking voluntary work as Governors, Trustees and Councillors. Let’s keep it up!

Want more Information?

As well as this summary, the results are contained within an Excel spreadsheet which is available to download on the Parish Councils website. <http://www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk/> other details can be obtained from [john@carlyon.eu](mailto:john@carlyon.eu)

Many Thanks for participating

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|  | **Safety and Policing**  **%** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 1 | The volunteer speed cameras have been effective and should continue | 39 | 36 | 12 | 7 | 6 |
| 2 | Speeding within Sutton Benger is still a problem | 50 | 35 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| 3 | Chestnut Road and similar minor roads should have a 20mph speed limit | 43 | 27 | 10 | 11 | 9 |
| 4 | I have experienced crime in Sutton Benger/Draycot but not reported it | 3 | 4 | 36 | 6 | 51 |
| 5 | I am concerned that children play on the road near the school | 31 | 25 | 27 | 7 | 10 |
| *6* | *Neighbourhood Watch* is an effective scheme | 19 | 41 | 27 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | Installation of CCTV around the village should be considered | 7 | 20 | 20 | 14 | 39 |
| 8 | Teenagers hanging around the Village Hall is a problem | 11 | 20 | 42 | 14 | 13 |
| 9 | The Village is becoming safer | 2 | 20 | 66 | 11 | 1 |
| *10 Please comment on any of your answers:*  **Speeding**   * Suggest a sign that flashes actual speed or flashes 30 mph. Alternatively, traffic calming such as priority traffic flow * We need proper not (a) token crossing. * An effective(enforced) 30mph limit on the High St * As we live at one end of the village -Gate Cottage- we see the speeding cars and Lorries first hand. I don’t feel that it’s safe to let children out on their own * I would like to see the 30mph signs on Seagry Rd moved up past Seagry Hill, making Seagry Hill a safer place to pull in and out of. * Also a raised path to replace the white lines up to the motorway * Suggest we continue to petition for an electronic sign that states actual speed or a 30 mph sign that flashes up if someone is exceeding the limit. * Speeding through the village is a major problem. * Road safety is paramount with the new development in the factory site. * I see speeding in the High St as a major problem * Speeding down Seagry road NEVER gets consideration. Traffic Calming? Rumble strips? 30MPH sign in road? * This is a classic Tombstone- imperative i.e. nothing will be done until someone is killed * Persistent car parking on the High St can cause a traffic hazard and is unsafe as well as partially blocking both the road and the footpath. For example one car is nearly always parked on the high St between the Wellesley and Manor Farm Drive and causes grave danger to vehicle joining the high St from Manor Farm Drive Weather permitting; I walk from DC to the PO three times a week. Many vehicles are still exceeding the speed limit * Where is the evidence? * No results yet published. Two questions here- difficult to give a view * Traffic calming measures should be considered * 20mph -if you do that speed sign will go up and spoil the village. * Some speed enforcement measures, other than the volunteer cameras are required for the High Street and Seagry road, as speeding is still as issue. We live on Seagry Road and experience speeding vehicles on a daily basis, which are quite dangerous near the Church and La Flambe Restaurant * Visible Cameras slow down some drivers * There is still speeding through the village, we should have the speed measure displayed at the either end of the village, this would slow people down. Also the worst offenders are the dustbin lorries. * There are an increasing number of young drivers who race down chestnut road. Also some parents of children who have been dropped off at school exit the village too quickly. * Volunteer speed cameras would be better placed near the chicken factory where double bends obscure visibility and are potentially more dangerous. * Traffic is becoming more dangerous, especially HGV's * Chestnut road and school only (for 20mph) * People still speed when volunteer camera is not in operation * The traffic coming out of the chicken factory development(which is on a bend) will cause additional problems unless a roundabout or other speed reducing measure is introduced there is already a problem coming out of chestnut road * The volunteer speed cameras should continue and are effective they are manned- however once they have departed the traffic speeds up noticeably * I am unaware how effective the volunteer speed cameras are as no results are published. * Lorries travel too fast and too many through the village Size of vehicles is also an issue. Speed on B4122 also an issue-should seek 50mph max * Cars travelling through the village often travel @over 40mph. I notice that resident of the village are much more careful. It was good to see a police officer and speed gun checking before Christmas. * Speed through the village by HGV commercial traffic, why wait for a fatality before action. * Speeding along High St and petty vandalism remain significant problems. * An electronic sign, showing speed of travel would help a lot * As one who walks around village almost every day – the speed of traffic in High Street is still much too high. Obviously slows down when speed-watch is in action. * All credit to those who volunteer for this scheme. We must push for a pedestrian crossing – and soon! * Road safety is a big issue especially on Seagry Road where there are no marked pedestrian pathways * Not sure 20mph is necessary but 50% of vehicles passing through village don't keep to 30mph. This needs to be addressed. Would like to see flashing speed sign. * Do not know how effective cameras are? * Consider limiting parking to one side of the road only. Safety issue if having to change sides as you drive down chestnut road * Not effective but probably should continue * Despite denials by council theorists, SB has a speeding problem. Entering or exiting the High St from adjacent properties, walking on the pavements and crossing the road and becoming too dangerous for every life. Present action to control speed consists of gates, cameras and crossing points. The gates are pretty and useless, the camera is too predictable and infrequent and the crossing points are a sick joke. Pedestrians are lured into thinking they are safe but no warning is provided for drivers. It is incredible that such a flawed design could survive any analysis. The money spent on these half-baked cosmetic schemes could have been used to fit self financing proper speed cameras which are proven to curb speeding * Speed through the village is too high, many go well over the 30MPHSpeed of traffic in the High St is a major concern, as is the state of the road and the large number of HGV's which use the road inconsiderately. * Would like to see a speed limit by the VH and school * Lorries on the High St need to be controlled Re speed and numbers * Speeding cameras are very effective when manned, otherwise is strong "no" but with speed on one section of B4069 regularly exceeding 50mph. * Attention required at the t-junction of chestnut Rd and Queens Close particularly at school time * Speeding is the biggest issue and although volunteer speed cameras have helped, there is still a huge issue as they are not present 24/7! * Speeding cars are a MAJOR PROBLEM. The crossing has been a waste of time. We should be like Oxfordshire- its brisling with cameras! * Traffic calming measures would be better than speed guns * When the chicken factory site is redeveloped, how will the increased traffic be managed? * Stopping distance at 30 is 6 car lengths. At 20 it is 3 car lengths. Around houses line of sight is rarely is ever 6 car lengths so safe drivers will already be doing 20mph. Whether setting a 20mph will change those who thrash down chestnut road is another question. * The parking of vehicles in the area of Queens Close and Chestnut (the school)road is a problem * Please see comments concerning SB speed problem * Speeding - lorries and heavy vehicles do drive fast along the main road with little consideration to pedestrians * The volunteer speed cameras are only effective when they are in use, so this doesn't solve the speeding problem but are a temporary deterrent. * Large lorries driving through village are a concern * Speed camera volunteers are effective when they are there. * Drivers must be encouraged to be more aware around the estate. * The current lack of safe crossings has led to a segregation of the village. * My son has friends who live on the opposite side of the main road and the traffic speeds make it dangerous for him to meet and socialise with them. * Cars do speed along that area, which does concern us, especially young drivers.   **Crime and Safety**   * More police patrols required. They need to be seen * Church Roof (in Draycot)tiles stolen * I live in the village and have my company offices at Satr Farm which were broken in to and had a number of expensive items stolen which was reported to police * I am aware of damage to property * Question on crime misleading * Overall SB is a safe village. Have seen minor vandalism e.g. broken glass on notice boards and graffiti- should be brought to notice by mention in newsletter * What is safer? * Personal intimidation/Car Theft/House Burglary=low risk( but) Uneven pavements/traffic accident=low/med risk * I have experienced crime in SB twice and have reported it. No crime since alarm fitted My short time in SB has not raised serious concerns but time change and we do need to keep on top of crime/concerns therefore extra safety policies have to be regularly reviewed and adjusted * I don't know if there is a NW scheme in the village and have been here over 10 years. I was unaware of the village being unsafe www.police/crime suggests relatively low levels of crime. * Am extremely concerned about (petty?) crimes around the village – which could easily escalate. This is often around the village hall and it’s gutting for those of us to raise money for the hall to see funds eaten up by repairs (which are required as a result of pathetic youth-crime). * There seems to be a problem with littering and vandalism. * It is natural that safety will reduce as the village grows. * Neighbourhood watch issues should be more timely by using e-mail distribution or having regularly updated slots on PC website * No figures given on which to be objective * (Is the village safer?) presupposes that the village was dangerous * NHW- is only effective is the members of it give a toss * Was (the village) unsafe in the first place? * With respect to the village becoming safer, I have heard nothing recently about drug abuse or theft. * The only crime I have experience is anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and some years back damage on trick or treat. * Empty premises such as Faccenda and Arms Farm is a concern regarding crime * Experienced road rage from a speeding motorist on High St * Litter is on the increase * I have never felt unsafe in the village * Safety - always felt safe around the village   **CCTV**  Maybe   * Possibly CCTV near Village hall if there are incidents of crime or vandalism * This depends on the purpose of the cameras * VH/Rec installation of CCTV would address these issues and the abuse of the Rec facilities inc dog fouling in the Rec * Maybe CCTV around the VH would be good * CCTV around the village hall should be considered to deter vandalism and late parking of cars of dubious activity * CCTV around VH and Car park * I am reticent to strongly agree with CCTV per se but agree perhaps it would be useful around the Village Hall/Rec as a deterrent to vandalism and allowing dogs to foul on the Rec.   But   * CCTV to protect premises such as the Village Hall should be considered but CCTV around the Village with no ‘watched objective’ would be invasive. * CCTV likely to be cost prohibitive and requires monitoring. * CCTV may be useful for the Village Hall or using it to target any other problem areas I am unaware of but it does come at a cost and would need guidance to be in place about how to use it, who is in charge of it, and who can access the info. * While there may be some merit in having CCTV on the high St, the expense would need to be borne by the PC. It is therefore considered not practicable * Although I am strongly against CCTV, I would reconsider if the culprit who leaves dog mess all round my home could be caught and fined   **Children on Road**  OK   * Children playing is a slight danger but most people will slow down so not a big issue * We live opposite the school, I don't find it a nuisance that children play there, however, I wish there was somewhere safer for them to skate. * Children playing on the road are no problem * Children play on the road near the school because they choose that place-as have preceding generations for many years * Children should be allowed to play (on the road )around the school * I have no wish to stop children playing outside instead of sitting inside in front of a games machine. * Children playing by the school to us is not a big problem at all, there is nowhere else for them to use their scooters - it is after school hours anyway.   But   * The slope by the school was a very bad decision as it has created a danger- PC to look at providing a skate park of a kind that would appeal to teenagers * Children should have somewhere designated to play with their skateboards scooters and bikes * Worried a child will be knocked down outside the school as they play on the road regularly * Children play where there are suitable facilities or they improvise i.e. use a ramp at school and VH car park * An accident waiting to happen * Ideally an area where children can play safely with ramps etc would be better -perhaps constructed on the far side of the cricket nets on the Rec * Because they don't move out of the way when they can see cars coming cars have to slow down or stop before they move sometimes * Children playing in Chestnut road is a disaster waiting to happen * Sign of lack of proper play area * Children need to be given alternative places to meet/cycle/use scooters which is safe and accessible/attractive to them. As there is currently no such place then play on the road near the school * The children playing by school is dangerous, their parents should know better and advise them to use the Rec as it is far more suitable.   **Teenagers by VH**   * There is a problem which currently ignored. There are nights when no group is using VH ...youth gather outside -youth club on certain nights * Where else would teenagers gather? We could open a youth club for them * Where else would the youth meet? * I have not been aware of the teenagers hanging around the hall * The VH should be for everyone inc teenagers * I have always felt SB to be a safe village. However, the problem with not only teenagers-but unknown adults and cars(at VH) often very late at night is cause for concern * Older children need somewhere to play away from the High Street, the VH is a good place for this. * I think teenagers need a suitable outlet * PC could fund a youth club where teenagers could meet where they could focus on hobbies * Teenagers could do with an undercover meeting place on the Rec * I have no problem with teenagers hanging around the VH if they are behaving themselves. Unfortunately it is the bad apple who cause trouble and ruins it for the kids who are just hanging out   **Other**   * I have only lived in the village for 2 months and this is reflected in my answers All answers given reflect the fact that I have only recently moved to SB (approx 2 months) * I have little knowledge or experience of the above (DC resident) * Draycot resident hence don't know to most questions * Need Shop-Priority * To whom do I report if excessive speeding if it is a crime? * Have been a victim of crime and reported it to Police so where should I put the tick? * First question is two questions on one * Road signs need removing by alleyway next to Bell. People have been stuck and have to reverse on to main road. A serious accident waiting to happen. Clerk to council has been informed but not had the courtesy to acknowledge. | | | | | | |

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|  | **Neighbourhood Issues %** | | | | | |
| 11 | I am sometimes bothered by -bonfires around the parish | 5 | 17 | 25 | 12 | 41 |
| 12 | -noise or intimidation from dogs and pets | 8 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 36 |
| 13 | -noise from patrons of pubs/restaurants | 1 | 5 | 32 | 16 | 46 |
| 14 | -noise from users of the Village Hall or Rec | 2 | 8 | 33 | 15 | 42 |
| 15 | -overgrown hedges blocking pathways | 20 | 32 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| *16 Please comment on any of your answers:*  **Bonfires**   * With a recycling facility so (close)... It is inexcusable to light bonfires especially when the weather is warm washing is out windows are open. The most offensive culprits are those who own SB property but live elsewhere and still have a bonfire in the village. * The small BBQ is a greater nuisance than bonfires * Bonfires and late night smouldering BBQ coals are a nuisance in the house when windows are open in better weather and the fumes fill the house * More often than not somebody ruins a lovely sunny day in summer with a stinking bonfire. These people should be NAMED AND SHAMED in the parish news * If people need to light bonfires they should be encouraged /reminded to check wind direction to ensure other properties are not affected by smoke * Bonfires are unnecessary as garden waste collection is available. * Those that are lit are not properly controlled and show no consideration for neighbours.   **Pets**   * I am a dog owner but I find it annoying when just a few people don't clean up after their dog * Dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs * Owners who allow dogs to bark continuously late at night and early mornings are unsociable * Dog mess on Rec and along Chestnut road is at an unacceptable level. * Dog poo on pavements outside school and in Rec. (It )must be policed * Bothered by dog mess in public areas and cats in domestic areas * Litter and fouling an issue on pathways to DC * All dogs should be kept on a lead owners should take more responsibility and not let their dogs run into gardens or chase other animals. They should clear up dog mess on the paths around DC * The back garden (of a house) in Cowley Way is being used as a small holding which shouldn't be allowed in the middle of a residential estate because of the smell and vermin * It is not the noise from dogs which is a problem it is (the) fouling of rights of way, footpaths and roads and grassy areas. * Chickens and ducks cause noise   **Pubs**   * Do not live close enough to experience a problem but can imagine it being so when living close. We are bothered by very loud music from the skittle alley building belonging to the Wellesley Arms Pub. We have told them of this. It means that we cannot go to bed until the music stops as the music sounds in the house even if the windows are closed. We have told them quite a few times * Even if there is occasional noise from patrons of pubs etc (we live near la Flambe) their use should be encouraged, not discouraged as we need them to survive as businesses good and benefit of the village * The La Flambe restaurant can generate quite a lot of noise and parking congestion. However I feel that it is good for the village to have a thriving business and a good place to eat. * An unknown fact is that drink makes you deaf. That's the only explanation I have for the reason that people walking home from the pub need to SHOUT good night to each other when they part company on their meandering way home. This is most disturbing for those on the corners of roads of course as that's where more people Part Company. * Only when they pass my house after visiting pub or VH late on their way home * Living on the corner of Chestnut Rd and Cowley way We are regularly bothered by late night revellers who carry out really loud conversations right under our windows-sometimes up to 2 or 3am. I don't think they realise how loud they are especially when they have had a few drinks - it is mostly adults who are to blame * Measures available to rectify such problems   **Rec**   * Noise from the VH is only noticed on big events such as bonfire night/Diamond jubilee so although its noticeable it's not frequent and (therefore) acceptable * Backing onto the Rec when a function over runs in the VH can sometimes be a little too noisy and too late. This happens very occasionally * Bad language from the Rec can be heard from end of village. * We would never want to stop football being played on the Rec but the language is a problem- especially on a Sunday morning with our little boy in the back garden hearing it. * We hear noise but it is not a problem * ...noise a local problem at anti-social hours * The fireworks are very frightening for pets and the quiet ones could be used would make events more enjoyable.   **Hedges**   * Overgrown trees/vegetation blocks Seagry Brook= flooding * Not many overgrown hedges, but where there are, causes a problem * There are a lot of overgrown hedges and trees which should be cut back. People seem unaware that large trees growing near property can cause structural damage and the owners are liable * Since Faccenda left area of High street overgrown a bit * Currently one of the problems with overgrown hedges is near the Chicken factory entrance, as the pavement is narrow and the vegetation is at eye level * Pathways look messy with weeds * The path from Draycot to SB is often a problem * Overgrown hedges still a problem in places and the state of the pavements – especially in High Street – is appalling. Very dangerous and need sorting out. * I often notice that footpaths are not always kept clear or accessible. Particularly around Seagry Hill. I have reported this problem to North Wilts council occasionally. * Mainly the one in the alley leading from QC to the field and the fence might soon be a hazard **:)** * Over grown hedges next to the lane linking Park Place and Seagry Road are dangerous -eye injury and obscure pedestrians from passing cars * Hedges not cut by pathway to DC to SB   **Other**   * Travellers site growing -problems inevitably brewing * I think most villagers are considerate and we live in a great village. * We haven’t experienced any of these * No concerns Re- Neighbourhood issues * Individual fireworks can cause distress to pets * Basically most inhabitants appear thoughtful. * It's good to see activity around the village and it's important to be tolerant of other peoples activities. * Anyone agreeing with the issues listed should go away and live in isolation * The only thing that effects me is traffic speed * We live out of the village (DC) we do enjoy the ...fireworks (?) * Dumping garden rubbish over ones back hedge should be stopped and cleared away by the guilty, a great environment for rats and then "WHAT". The tip is only a mile away and what are the council garden rubbish bins for. Heavy fines for fly tipping * (no issues) Because we live in DC * POTHOLES!!! | | | | | | |

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|  | **Sutton Benger Church %** | | | | | |
| 17 | The Church is an important part of Village Life | 45 | 30 | 21 | 0 | 4 |
| 18 | I plan to have a baptism/wedding/funeral at the church | 17 | 5 | 52 | 3 | 23 |
| 19 | I plan to be buried by the Church | 17 | 10 | 40 | 6 | 27 |
| 20 | The church provides appropriate services/youth clubs for children | 13 | 24 | 51 | 8 | 4 |
| 21 | The Parish Council should contribute towards church repairs | 14 | 32 | 24 | 9 | 21 |
| 22 | I may attend a church service in the next 6 months | 23 | 32 | 22 | 10 | 13 |
| 23 | It would be good to hold mixed denominational services | 14 | 19 | 54 | 5 | 8 |
| *24 Please comment on any of your answers:*  **General**   * I don’t go to church much but it is a place where people turn to at different stages in life and is very important to our village and have always supported it. * The Church should lead the way to live with others therefore it should be the leading light in teaching in other religious ways so we can be more understanding and tolerant * Our denomination is Methodist so journey into Chippenham, however the church in the village should be the focal point and a point to where people can attend for consolation, assistance and just love in crisis * Discussions with PCC essential * As a regular Church goer I am obviously going to say that the church is an important part of my life. Would certainly be a shame if there was no church - even if most people only use it for baptisms, weddings and funerals – it must be maintained and stay a part of the village * For us, albeit Catholic Christians, the church should be the centre piece of our village community and not just from a faith point of view. Its relationship with the school, village hall, parish council and villagers in general should be integral at all times. * Have had (a funeral) in the past * I am not involved in the church so have no opinions except I think it is important for the village * A minority segment of village Community. What about other speciality groups * The church in the village looks after its own minority of the population with a distinctive belief. How does the church care for people of..this belief...now the re..of the population * A wonderful asset * Normally don't think about the church. Only if kids in junior school/funeral -which we do not have any plans about! * The church is the historic centre of the village and an important focal point. It attracts visitors especially to see the Green man and embroidery (all 3's) * Although I am not CoE I support the church and think it is a very relevant part of the community. * Although I have no baptisms or weddings booked at the church at the moment I have two daughters of that age who I know wish to marry in our church * I am a committed Christian but not Anglican, so do not attend this church. My view is that Christian gave as they should, the church (not specifically SB church) would have sufficient resources, the church does not exist as a social facility but as a place of worship for those who are committed and as a place of outreach to the members of the community who are not yet committed Christians, so I think that the PC should contribute   **Burial**   * Not religious - cremation favoured * Don't know/possibly ( if) places available * If living here it would be 'nice' to be buried in the churchyard. * These questions are a bit misleading and appear to have an underlying bias. As I am planning on being cremated, the burial bit is not of interest but it is for many and burial places should be held in respect and maintenance funded. * Is the provision of a new burial ground still under consideration?   **Youth**   * I'm not sure how much young people/teenagers are involved in the church * Only for youths that believe * The church provides appropriate church services but it would be unrealistic to expect church members to provide youth club facilities * (There are ) monthly Family Services - a youth club also exists * I don't see it is the duty of only the church to hold youth clubs, more areas of the village should try to help the youth of the village   **Repairs**   * It should not be the responsibility of the PC to fund the church. * (yes) If funds are available * Church Repairs should be funded by the church. They are a huge land owner in the country and they need to mobilise their assets to maintain/upkeep their churches. * When the Church commissioners begin to contribute, the assistance of the PC will not be required. Meanwhile church members have to pay * The church should self sustain NO input of finances from Parish * PC contributions towards the church would be like asking the PC to contribute to Labour party funds or into any self-interest group The PC should only contribute to church repairs as a last resort as the primary responsibility lies with the church. However, the physical building is important to keep for the ascetic look of the village. * (PC contribute to) cemetery maintenance only * It is appropriate that a Parish Council can debate and agree to fund the Church if due process is taken to make that decision. * Council and Villagers should not pay for something that the CoE and its healthy bank balance should pay for * All repairs and maintenance should be paid by the church authorities * The church is for church goers and should not benefit from taxation levied on all people including non-church goers * I am a non-ecumenical Christian, I do believe however that the ancient buildings are important historical assets this country should preserved   **Inter denominational Services**   * We also believe that there is a strong case for inter denominational activity and experience with other Christian churches in the area, especially with regard to Youth associations. * I feel that the village to offer interdenominational services trying to ...?? levels??.... v or Christadelphians is a mountain to climb * (It)should be for CoE to decide about (interdenominational) Service * We would welcome Catholic Mass * Mixed denomination or even community as well as religious services * There are no other denominational places of worship in the village. The church welcomes any other denominational members so we have Roman Catholics, Baptists, United reform worshiping with the Church   **Other**   * As an atheist my answers would be unfair (all answers left blank) * No religion. No opinion * We are not Church goers(No opinion given) * Removal of (some of) the pews would open up the church to many more community uses- it’s the largest public building in the village * The Church should be illuminated. Costs would be self supporting if linked to a sponsor/charge scheme. It would serve as a revenue earner for the church. * Fundraising and newsletters are too focused on church activities which are only of interest to a minority of the population | | | | | | |

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|  | **The Parish Council (PC)**  The PC raises £18 per household as part of the Council Tax which enables it to represent the community on different issues. It also provides money for the grass cutting of the Rec and maintenance of communal area. **%** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 25 | Villagers are adequately informed of what the parish council is doing | 17 | 35 | 7 | 26 | 15 |
| 26 | The Parish Council generally do a good job | 18 | 41 | 29 | 6 | 6 |
| 27 | I know at least one councillor | 41 | 24 | 14 | 9 | 12 |
| 28 | The PC would be justified in raising the council tax to provide more services | 7 | 27 | 18 | 27 | 21 |
| 29 | If a councillor resigns, the new councillor should be co-opted (rather than hold a by-election) as it is cheaper | 10 | 15 | 30 | 14 | 31 |
| 30 | I would support a large housing development in 10 years time | 2 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 51 |
| 31 | The parish housing development boundary should be increased | 4 | 8 | 20 | 16 | 52 |
|  | Parish Council should focus their resources and grants on: | | | | | |
| 32 | * Improving the pavements | 36 | 38 | 11 | 13 | 2 |
| 33 | * Improving the footpaths to Christian Malford | 20 | 26 | 28 | 15 | 11 |
| 34 | * Assisting the Village Hall to improve Recreational facilities | 29 | 42 | 18 | 7 | 4 |
| 35 | * Securing affordable/social housing | 10 | 21 | 29 | 20 | 20 |
| 36 | * Removing weeds growing around the village | 24 | 44 | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| 37 | * Increasing flower beds and displays | 14 | 34 | 26 | 18 | 8 |
| 38 | * Securing better public transport and cycle routes | 30 | 44 | 17 | 8 | 1 |
| 39 | * Encouraging more street lighting | 14 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 16 |
| 40 | * Encouraging green issues and CO2 reduction | 16 | 29 | 27 | 13 | 15 |
| 41 | * Encouraging the integration of the new residents from the chicken factory development with free events etc | 10 | 20 | 31 | 17 | 22 |
| *42 Other priorities or/comments on the above questions*  **Councillors**   * Information in the parish newsletter about CM PC is very informative and useful. Why doesn't SB PC have a similar entry in each newsletter, written in easy to understand language and informing parishioners what their PC is doing * Not adequately informed so don't know if they are doing a good job * Information is available but don't want to put the effort to access (it) * How does the village Population decide (?) * The PC does an excellent job in difficult times * Might know a councillor, but not sure * SB itself may be adequately informed of what the PC are doing but Seagry Hill are frequently forgotten "unfortunately" * A newsletter of each parish meeting should be delivered to each household possibly with Parish Magazine   **Council Tax**   * Question must be specific * (Increase OK) subject to services to be provided. £18X 63(houses) +£1134= One good party! * (no increase) not in today's climate * To be more effective the PC needs more powers, and possibly a larger budget * £18 is very little in relation to the overall CT bill. Raising it to £40 to improve the village seems very worthwhile * What Services?, - Which services * More tax should = better services * I would want to know what services before agreeing * If the council tax was raised to provide new services it would need to be clear how the money was spent and what benefits this would give villagers.   **Co-Option**   * (Cheaper)!!! Not the point. Do you know the meaning of Democracy?? * (This is about) about preventing a clique of friends becoming the PCC * Not sure what co –opted v by-election entails * Only a bye-election if a choice of candidates * Whatever works * Co-opting Councillors may be cheaper but is not democratic * As worded with the reference to cost, this question looks like an attempt to steer the answer. The additional cost of an election is marginal to the village. * Co-option allows for recruitment from under represented areas of the parish which election does not * Often don't know candidate anyway   **Development**   * There is already planning for chicken factory. * (The) Village couldn't cope with any more * ( Support large development) including chicken factory -but no more * More housing would be detrimental to village life-if we wanted more we would choose to live in a town and social housing brings in people with social problems * The chicken factory development will cause major issues on such a small village * What is the definition of a large housing development? 50+ , 100+ or Cepen park scale * The more the village grows it will lose its identity, mass housing WILL NOT HELP and where will the line be formally drawn. I do agree something needs to be done with the chicken factory site. * We have recently seen flooding problems by the bridge to C M more houses in the area is only going to make the problem worse with additional run-off * Large housing development would increase traffic and safety issues on main road. Keep small village atmosphere * SB works very well as a lively, active and friendly village at the size it is now – I don’t think it will be the same with any more houses and would not support more development after Faccenda site has been done. * In principle I would support housing development but plans would need to be scrutinised to minimise the risk of creating further flooding problems * The Chicken ‘Factory’ development will introduce enough new families to the area – any further new housing should be resisted until the impact of that development is understood. * Depends on size/type of development, access etc * Must follow legal requirements, What is large 10,20,500?Infill for now before new growth, There is a Wilts Council plan....-new roads * No (more development) if the chicken factory/Hazelwood plans go ahead * My answer to the question on large housing development would depend on your definition of "large", and boundary increase by "how much" * Depends on developments leading up to 10 years * What is being planned? * Before any development is proposed the sewage system will want to be upgraded * Two large housing developments are proposed for this year!! * Any changes/proposed developments should not start before proper consultation is completed with those affected. Especially regarding changes/building to the Rec * Social Housing provision in the village already exceeds its needs. The Faccenda development would increase supply. SB should not be providing social housing beyond what it needs * We have entered no opinion because we would need to understand more about specific plans and reasons before offering a view. * SB is a village-not a small town * SB has already met the quota for new housing and affordable housing and is now large enough-including the two new developments   **Facilities**   * We would support additional facilities for pre-teens in the form of a skateboard and cycling area * The roads on the existing housing areas are looking un-kept should be maintained and improved * buyers need affordable flats/housing in this village otherwise they will have to move from where they grew up * (Social housing) for Residents of the Village (i.e. Children of inhabitants) * The main road surface and its underlying services need more monitoring and pressure to keep in good repair * If this was a costly outcome we could organise a 'weed free day' spring and autumn to combat this. * (Pavements)- With partnership funding with WC only * The PC should also support additional speed enforcement measures for the High St and Seagry Road (Repeat) * ( cycle routes)-Yes!! * Improve the footpath/cycling to K Langley and reduce the number of times you need to cross the road * Get a proper zebra crossing * There should be some recognition and support towards the heritage and conservation of the village. * Flower beds and street lighting are suitable for suburbia not a rural village * The pathway on the High Street is too narrow (opposite Park Lane) – rush-hour traffic particularly poses a hazard to those using the High Street to get children to School etc. * Christian Malford had a plan to improve footpath and cycle links to SB. This should be pursued * Why only to Christian Malford? Seagry Road needs a footpath * Better cycle routes and footpaths would be good * I am not convinced that the PC is doing enough to reduce the carbon footprint in SB especially as the average resident with oil heating and two cars is well above the nation average in terms of CO2 emissions * The PCC (should not be)exceeding in (its) green remit * The footpaths in the main estate need urgent renovation which should reduce the ghastly weeds that seem to ever present and should be targeted by the PC * As SB has little in the way of facilities and public transport, this village is not a good destination for people needing social housing * A light from the top of Cowley way into Queens close would be beneficial would like to see a reduction in street lighting after 23:00 * Street lighting is not good have twisted my ankle many a time due to poor lighting * Despite regular promises to improve them, SB footpaths are a disgrace. For details, try to walk a child buggy through the High St on a wet day and at any time an HGV thunders past 18 inches from your shoulder. Some pavements are so broken they are returning to mud. What happened to the safe-to-school improvements promised in 2009? * Would be nice if all villagers kept their part of village free from weeds themselves I agree with improving what we have re the footpaths but attempts by the PC to provide gossip areas was a dismal failure, so extra displays and flower bed night go the same way * Rights of way in top condition * Perhaps people could be encouraged to take responsibility for weeding etc outside their own homes? * (weeds) Down to all residents-Britain in Bloom-look at SB... * (Transport)This is one of the main targets of improving village life * Installation of signs for on the spot fines for dog fouling improvement of playground and supply of activities to older children * New play area (needed) * Flood prevention Seagry Road   **Integration**   * ...Shall happen anyway! * New residents want to integrate and will attend village events- they do not need them to be free. Younger couples/first time * Not free events- they can attend the usual village events * Encouraging integration should be done on a personal basis by visits from Parish Councillors and other committed residents * I do not feel it necessary to focus free events for new residents in the C Factory developments-this would encourage them/us- it should be an event for all residents soon after the development if necessary -everyone being invited and treated the same * New residents should be welcomed (welcome pack?) and attendance at events should be encouraged but not be subsidised – PC’s money is better spent elsewhere * A little premature to be thinking about free events for the integration of chicken factory development residents. Surely more pressing issues? * Free events still have to paid for by someone! * Not the right way to do it. Villager groups should be open to new residents * Subsidised (not free events) * (Events) should be funded by developers * Are there residents on the chicken factory already? * I am not quite sure what is meant by the last question. Surely people wish to be involved in a community they will be happy to contribute either by paying or by helping-as is the custom * What new residents? Let’s concentrate on existing problems first. I'm sure they'll fit in fine… when they come!   **Other**   * Most of the No opinions are because we don't live in the village * (Qu 32 Priorities)This would have been a better question if there was some sort of prioritisation approach. PC could do all these things but how does it choose what to do first? That is the issue - yes, the PC needs ideas on what to spend its money on but out of several choices, which ones are the most important for the Village. How do villagers make their choices be known? * ROAD SAFETY SHOULD BE KEY PRIORITYI would like the Parish Council to ‘think big’... Communities such as SB have the power to make exciting things happen if there are people who believe change/progress can be made. Whilst this survey goes someway to starting this process/dialogue it is a little limiting. So, how about we all start to think about ‘big projects’ we could aim for... I don’t know... how about we start generating hydropower off the Avon and feed it into the grid??!! Community schemes all over the UK make stuff like this happen. We could too. The Lottery is one way to fund this. It doesn’t have to be green issues. It could be anything. I just feel we have an ability as a community to make things happen – and some great people around to do that. You guys managed to get funding for the Hall, for example... so, it CAN HAPPEN. * PC should not duplicate with Wiltshire Council * The range of answers provided do not necessarily apply to the questions asked * The pavements are all to narrow to be safe to walk along In snowy / icy weather the pavement in Chestnut Road is very treacherous. This makes journeys to school / village hall / doctor's surgery very difficult and dangerous. The pavement needs gritting and / or snow cleared from the pavement by residents / council. * Mowing of green spaces is carried out to a very low standard. Collection of grass cuttings should be carried out after mowing. * A gardening group to plant up shared spaces would be very good. | | | | | | |

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|  | **Sutton Benger Primary School and Pre-school %** | | | | | |
| 43 | The schools affiliation to the Church of England is a positive relationship | 39 | 23 | 33 | 1 | 4 |
| 44 | There should be more -Parent Governors (Currently 3) | 13 | 18 | 56 | 9 | 4 |
| 45 | -Church appointed Governors (Currently 9) | 2 | 5 | 55 | 18 | 20 |
| 46 | -Independent Governors (Currently 1) | 19 | 22 | 54 | 4 | 1 |
| 47 | -Staff Governors (Currently 2) | 6 | 10 | 70 | 9 | 5 |
| 48 | There is adequate child care facilities/ childminders in the village | 8 | 13 | 71 | 7 | 1 |
| 49 | There is adequate provision for holiday clubs in the area | 1 | 6 | 79 | 8 | 6 |
| 50 | The school should expand to ensure all new resident children can attend | 25 | 30 | 27 | 12 | 6 |
| 51 | Child protection measures are adequate | 8 | 12 | 77 | 3 | 0 |
| 52 | School admissions policy should be based on - Religious affiliation | 6 | 13 | 38 | 15 | 28 |
| 53 | - Proximity to school | 55 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 0 |
| 54 | - Random/lottery | 0 | 1 | 35 | 14 | 50 |
| 55 | - Attendance of a sibling | 44 | 29 | 22 | 3 | 2 |
| 56 What are the reasons why parents send their children to other schools?   * More Choice? Better Teachers?? * Recommendation/religious affiliation e.g. Catholic/word of mouth if new to area * Good reputation (of other schools) * Lack of after school clubs * If a child is not developing/loss of self esteem -school not helping children with difficulties-staff not having training to recognise dyslexia or other learning difficulties. * Poor Ofsted assessments * Does not cater well for SEN Needs * Private Education? * Quality of education, mixed classes, large class sizes * Perhaps parents attended another local school themselves, preference of teachers in another school. * A more favourable OFSTED report in other schools * Green space -profile of Head Teacher * Most people are trying to get into SB school and a large number bring their kids to the school from Christian Malford which I’m told is not great * No wrap around child care provision. * Location of work, start and end of day provision. * Dissatisfaction with current school regime. * Perceived quality of education * Probably religious reasons or siblings at another school * They prefer the atmosphere and perhaps certain staff members * (Poor) Ofsted Report (?) * Policy on mixed age class i.e. some move up, others don't * Speaking from personal experience, when the headmaster/teachers aren't up to the job * Believe that other schools offer better learning environment, offer more sports facilities newer structures * Poor previous experiences? * Distance preference * Freedom of choice * Possibly because they prefer private education. * No knowledge of this school but generally I would expect a church/village school to be good. * Some parents opt for private schooling, if affordable; because they think it offers better all round education -not always the case! * Children not feeling safe at school due to bullying/violent pupil at school which is not being adequately dealt with   Other   * With such a good school I’m unaware that people do (send their children elsewhere). * Irrelevant to this questionnaire * Pass – case-by-case basis. * N/A- we send ours (to SB) * No opinion * Can’t comment would be speculating * Don't know * Who knows (?) * No comment * Not sure * No comment * Not happy with the running of the school, how teachers run their classes * Bullying * Higher ranking in league tables * School performance and facilities * Private education * no opinion * Our children already attend * The schools lack of understanding regarding special needs. * Pre-school is excellent but feel over the years the schools ethics have changed for the worst * private schooling / already attending other schools prior to moving here * Private education, faith reasons * Our children already attended another local school when we moved to the village | | | | | | |
| *57 Any comments on the school?*  **General**   * It’s an excellent school with a positive reputation * It has lost its connection with the village people as FOSBS is not so active * Too many female and no male staff. Too many part time staff. * Probably the most important facility as regards to the future of the village * Do not want it to whither. A thriving school=thriving community/new blood/increased gene pool * It is an excellent school and provides outstanding education * Prior ongoing record of achievement and behaviour should decide entry and continued attendance at the school * We had a very negative experience of the school. It lacks experienced teachers and takes too long to involve outside agency's who can be of great value (I) was never able to get hold of any governors so we moved to another village school which is great :) * (The School)is currently doing an excellent job * The school changed status to look after itself. It should do so * It’s a great school but as a non-Christian I find the large cross on the school slightly offensive The school seems well run -children well behaved * It’s a good school as long as parents don't consider it to be like a private school in respect to the way it is run * Fantastic Staff * The school provides an excellent education for my children and I am fully supportive and proud of its inclusive ethos * Should / could do more. PR / communication with the whole village and not just with current parents * Appears to be a happy environment but no personal involvement * Our experience of the school in the last six years has been very positive and I would recommend the school to others * There is far too much pressure on families of pupils to repeatedly donate funds * It is disappointing to have no choice but to travel out of Sutton Benger to another village school in order to access an educational setting which is open, honest and accepting. * It is a fantastic school and needs to be kept that way   **Governors**   * Representatives of the school population how does one achieve such a balance? Who are the eligible electors? * I no longer have school age children but it seems to me to be only democratic (British fair play if you like) that parents should have a large say in their children schooling (and not the church) and that the village school should be for the village * Time for a change of leadership. * The school has to abide by the terms of its trust deeds in liaison with the Diocese and Local Authority. This affects governors and admissions policy. * It would be good if governors were selected on merit rather than whether they are a Christians. There are many residents that would willingly become Governors but are prevented either because they are not religious or are not Christians which is really unacceptable in this day and age. * These questions are not very helpful. The number of governors is not decided by popular vote - it is an intrinsic part of the school's governing process not to be voted on by villagers. Are there issues about intake at the school? It would perhaps have been more useful to find if there were issues rather than assuming that these are them. * Better balance of governors: 5 Parents, 5 Church, 3 Independents, 2 staff * The way the Governing Body is comprised is determined by the Diocese as we are church school so these questions really are redundant in this context * It isn't easy for the church to appoint Governors although we have good ones at present. But this is the number evidently needed for the foundation status of the school. Once again the questionnaire is raising expectations without the full knowledge of the situation   **School Size**   * Need to be big enough for all local children to attend, but still aim to keep it's "village school" feel & culture * Children are the future, cherish them above all things * The school should cater for the village children, why should the school expand when 40% of the pupils come from away when they have local schools of their own. The parents have no interest for the local people * Planning needs to be arranged to predict places needed for children moving to new housing - not to take children from outside village once building has started- As it is financed with bums on seats maybe PC could help shorter with reduced money in until established * School expansion should not take place at the expense of providing quality education to the existing numbers of children * A valuable asset – current [small] class sizes must be maintained; any increase in Village population must be met with a concomitant increase in class rooms and staff. * Whilst there are spaces to fill at Christian Malford and Langley Fitz schools it is hard to justify expanding SB * Expansion of the school should be upwards. There is insufficient playground field space for lateral expansion. Any school expansion should include provision of an additional hall to allow sports clubs i.e. Gymnastics and hockey. This could be leased out to increase revenue and provide dedicated sports/production area whilst the existing hall provides space for lunch and active learning * With 40% of school population coming from outside SB, there is no need to expand the school   **Child Protection**   * For protection against what? Adultery, child abuse * How would we know? * No, as one specific child’s behaviour is making rest of children safety and schooling suffer * Child protection issues are for the school and pre-school to manage, extremely tight regulations are in place and all staff working with children should have safeguarding training. This is surely not the correct place for a question of this to be in the parish plan.   **Benger Bears and Child Care**   * Benger Bears need own premises for 5 day week care * (Child Minding).... on a very local exchange system * ...What would club provide (?) * Can’t answer knowledgeable child minding/ holiday clubs as not directly effected   **Admissions Policy**   * Admissions policy is set by the County Council * As the school is funded mainly from tax payers money, any child living SB despite their parents religious beliefs should have the right to attend * Baring pupils because they don’t have the right religion are certainly undemocratic and if it isn't illegal then it should be IMO (In My Opinion). * Thought the education Authority set these criteria. Is there a symbiosis between this and the PC? * SB primary school should firstly accept children based on proximity to school. People pay a premium to live in the village for many reasons, which a small school is one of them * On no account should school places be subject to religious affiliation * Lack of child care during school holidays for pre-school children in local area Priority should be given to local children (helping to avoid the car parking problem at collecting and dropping off time) * Where do special needs children fit in? * Resident children should have priority * Not easy to comment as have no children although believe local children should have first priority * Village children should be given priority over non-village children * Only children who live in the village can attend the school (none from other areas) * If Sutton Benger School accepted children from the village first they wouldn't need a bigger school even with new houses. There would also be less cars at pick up and drop off times, so no cars park dangerously outside school! We might even have a better community (and closer) as they might join in with more events in the village with living here.   **Other**   * Discourage parking in Queens Close especially large vehicles on pavements and on the junction with chestnut road * Parking is an issue- alternative measures need to be sought -Villagers discouraged from driving * Problem with private traffic at morning start and evening finish -due to too many children attending from outside * No children at the school- or any school so cannot comment * No children or grandchildren of school age living in village (mainly 3's) * These questions are outside the remit of a Parish Plan * Feel some of the above questions are N/A and misleading because it is a CoE school and it is not within the (remit?).. of the Parish Plan to change things * (I) have no children – and therefore no real views on the school. I am simply happy to know it’s part of the community and doing well in league tables. * N/A- No children * As I am retired, the school does not really affect me * No opinion * (Comments?)None * No children (no opinions) * My children did not attend the school, were educated elsewhere * Our children do not attend the village school so I cannot make comment * Working in a secondary school, I do have some opinions on our local school but most are no opinion (no opinion )due to lack of knowledge * No longer have school age children | | | | | | |

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|  | **The Village**.  **I like living in Sutton Benger/Draycot Cerne because it has: %** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 58 | Good access to the train station | 32 | 44 | 16 | 6 | 2 |
| 59 | Good access to the motorway | 69 | 27 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 60 | Good access to family and friends | 35 | 33 | 24 | 5 | 3 |
| 61 | Commutable employment opportunities | 31 | 31 | 31 | 4 | 3 |
| 62 | Good pubs and restaurants | 27 | 47 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| 63 | A good Primary school | 24 | 32 | 39 | 2 | 3 |
| 64 | A choice of good Secondary Schools in vicinity | 35 | 25 | 36 | 2 | 2 |
| 65 | An active Village Hall with user groups | 37 | 41 | 19 | 1 | 2 |
| 66 | Choice of active sports (Tennis, Rugby ,Cricket etc) | 28 | 35 | 30 | 4 | 3 |
| 67 | A sense of community | 50 | 34 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 68 | Other Reason- *Please state* Nice People   * I like my house * Low crime level * Access to countryside, low light pollution * It is a pleasant rural environment * Rural doctors surgery * I moved in 22 years ago because I love the countryside and found a house I could afford * Rural but not inaccessible * good access to footpaths and walks in countryside * The whole is larger than the sum of its parts * A lovely old church with friendly congregates * The 'look' of the village driving through... A traditional..community * Good Neighbourly attitude * Good views and so rural * Love the friendly nature of the village * Low crime * Post office and shop * Post office | | | | | |
|  | **The reasons that I might leave Sutton Benger/Draycot Cerne are: %** | | | | | |
| 69 | Limited State/Private secondary schools in the vicinity | 1 | 4 | 47 | 12 | 36 |
| 70 | Over development and increasing population | 20 | 32 | 20 | 18 | 10 |
| 71 | Lack of local employment opportunities | 6 | 13 | 47 | 22 | 12 |
| 72 | To be close to family/friends | 7 | 25 | 37 | 16 | 15 |
| 73 | More appropriate e.g. sheltered or cheaper housing elsewhere | 6 | 15 | 42 | 14 | 23 |
| 74 | For a change of scenery/lifestyle/live abroad | 12 | 30 | 28 | 13 | 17 |
| 75 | Limited shopping facilities within the village | 15 | 28 | 24 | 17 | 16 |
| 76 | Poor public transport | 9 | 28 | 27 | 22 | 14 |
| 77 | Lack of amenities and transport for teenagers | 9 | 18 | 50 | 11 | 12 |
| 78 | Poor recreational activities | 5 | 10 | 38 | 28 | 19 |
| 79 | Regular flooding | 8 | 16 | 35 | 20 | 21 |
| 80 Other Reason- *Please state*   * Influx of problem families, vandalism and crime * The sum of its parts is all there is * We are considering moving due to heavy HGV traffic * Winning the lottery * speeding in the village * Increase in crime * It would be good to have a local shop * Private schools * Been here for years! * Poor health or Death! * If it is over developed and loses its rural characteristics * Lack of facilities for elderly -e.g. coffee shop * With internet shopping become more the norm I can't see that lack of shops is a real issue in this day and age. For existing OAPs yes, unless they are silver surfers, but for future OAPs it will become increasingly rare not to have net and so all shopping could be done online. * No mains gas! Expensive heating costs. | | | | | | |
| *81 Please comment on any of the above or what key aspects we should keep or change to improve the quality of life in Sutton Benger?*  **General**   * Love the village * The only reason I would leave SB would be that it is difficult to downsize in the private housing market. Retirement size properties are rare in SB * A shop in the village would help older people * Entrance to new development must have careful planning -conservation type considerations so village does not lose its character. Also traffic onto main road needs to be carefully measured * I am content to stay in SB * I have lived in my lovely cottage in SB for 60 years and hope I can continue to do so * The best aspect of SB is the sense of community fostered through the various social groups using the village hall. Great care needs to be taken that the large housing (development) does not damage this. * Keep Village Hall and current user groups – very important for sense of community. Pubs/hotels are also a part of the village and important to keep them. Local shop – I would use – and very important to keep a Post Office. * There is nothing I particular I would change about Sutton Benger. * Speaking personally the immediate vicinity of our property has changed significantly in the 12 years we've been in the village with infill and development on green land. So it's not the environment which we bought the house for anymore. * Sutton Benger has a fantastic and active community at its heart. This is comprised of many types of people and many different interests. Long may it continue. The challenge, going forward is to ensure that as many people are engaged with the community as possible – and that we all contribute to its continued development and success. On the whole, SB is a pleasure to live in. * I am pleased you mention flooding... this, in my opinion, will become more and more of an issue. We’ve e already seen at least one house-hold have to leave home and rent elsewhere for up to 9 months. It’s terrible... And, every household needs a 4x4 to be assured of getting home. * We need to ensure that with extra development – there’s a sufficient storm-water drainage system in place, AND our local farmers MUST be made to dig out ditches etc. This is crucial. People in Seagry road are most affected. * Village has become out of balance with the loss of the chicken factory and increasingly sale of family cottages to commuters * Tennis! * Moving to Sutton Benger has been very positive for our family. It’s very friendly and has good amenities.   **We Want..**   * A Shop! * More care of grass in the kids playground (and) more activities for older kids * It would be nice to have a village green and pond within the new development * Better shopping facilities * A general shop to buy general necessities. * Only a gradual increase in the village population * Schools would have been an influence when I moved here but as my children have grown up they aren't now which is what the question asked (not why I chose SB).SB is a great village with so many good things as mentioned above (good schools, access, transport links, church, school, post office, doctors, pubs, restaurant + sociable villagers) A lovely little corner shop for milk, bread, coffee and newspapers would be the icing on the cake! * A good place to live, just missing a local shop! * More community activities-especially offered to new villagers * It would be nice to have a bowling green * Really miss my local shop! * SB has a great community spirit. * Proper village shop(as per Christian Malford) * Keep Village population small- do not overdevelop a small convenience shop would be welcome * Continue with the good community/focal points. What galvanises a village? Fund events e.g. Ball's, summer/xmas fayres? * Buses for teenagers * Traffic calming measures on Seagry Rd and High Street are needed * Traffic Calming on the High Street, Seagry Road would be welcome. Suggest a sign that flashes actual speed or flashes 30 mph. Alternatively, traffic calming such as priority traffic flow The continued problem of speeding traffic (especially lorries) has a detrimental effect on village life and makes it problematic for children wanting to cross the main road. * Safety * A village shop would be helpful * A basic village shop would be very welcome, particularly if the population grows over the next few years * There is so much going on i.e. organised events but a lack of informal activities i.e. play area, meeting areas for teenagers, fitness trail across Rec etc. * A village shop would benefit the village. A new development on the chicken factory site should be made to provide this facility. * Install recreational facilities e.g. skate park for children and youth. * Village Shop would be good * I would like better transport links to Bristol airport * We desperately need a social outlet for our younger teenagers e.g. youth club where they can hang out with their friends and get non-alcoholic drinks, Wi-Fi connectivity etc or skate park/ramp * Developing the PO is desirable * Activities for teens might help * I think the children would benefit from a skate/scooter park * (Public Transport is important) when not having own transport * If the village population is to increase substantially then transport is vital. * Village shop that sells necessary amenities e.g. milk, bread. * Better facilities for child's play area * Slowing down the speed of traffic through the High Street and reducing the amount / size of traffic i.e. a weight restriction for lorries. * Village shop / more updates on web site * Improvements would include better indoor facilities / clubs for youngsters and a shop.   **We want to Avoid..**   * Used to commute- now travel for pleasure think I would have or would still do this from wherever I live * Keep the "Village" Community * (The) sighting of bus stop in village .... Factors affecting the flow of traffic through village * We do not want more housing in DC, People chose to live here because of its location quietness and is a small community * Flooding in lane to DC!! * I would consider leaving the village if it lost it's close village community spirit * Avoid excessive expansion as this would negatively alter the character of the village. There is balance between keeping the village small /friendly and ensuring facilities are viable. I sense the inevitable chicken factory redevelopment will comfortably maintain this balance for the foreseeable future. * The Village should not be overdeveloped, as the local infrastructure will not support it * We think the boundaries should be maintained   **Other**   * Litter adjacent to the school entrance -there is too much of it! The school should try and push the message to pupils/staff and parents * Should the Faccenda development be completed, there may be more employment prospects * If more houses on Chicken farm (Factory) bigger shop and school/petrol station and doctors * May move for better secondary schools * We don't want the village to get much bigger than it is-it will lose its charm and the reason we moved here in the first place * Traveller site at edge of village is a concern as it is growing rapidly. Kids from there already regularly stealing from shop. Kids from there recently threatening other kids with a knife at CM fireworks * The village is looking very tatty. Locals are not taking enough pride in where they live. Posters are for notice boards not pinned anywhere. Example Residents could look after the area from the front of their property * Restrict access to HGV above a maximum weight of 7.5 tonnes * SB misses a heart and soul. There are lots of groups but rarely do they all come together for one purpose. Although Sherston is much bigger they have a fabulous community and so much going on. | | | | | | |

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|  | **Church Piece Charity**  This is the charity that owns the money that arose from the sale of land next to the church. Half the £5k annual income is allocated to the church, the remainder to Village groups and individuals who apply for funding/support.  **%** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 82 | I feel adequately informed of what the Charity is doing | 9 | 22 | 15 | 27 | 27 |
| 83 | I would probably know where/how to apply for a grant | 17 | 23 | 12 | 18 | 30 |
|  | As well as organisations within the village, where do you believe other funds should be focused: | | | | | |
| 84 | * Young people who have an educational project/tour | 14 | 28 | 25 | 16 | 17 |
| 85 | * Young people who have a sports tour | 10 | 22 | 29 | 18 | 21 |
| 86 | * Any low income individuals who need assistance | 18 | 33 | 25 | 14 | 10 |
| 87 | * Village Hall/Parish Council projects | 24 | 44 | 19 | 6 | 7 |
| 88 | * Other – *please state*   Bone fide village organisations  Green energy projects  Helping over 70's with heating and food  Help with people with disabilities to access services  Playground  Individual user group projects | | | | | |
| *89 Please comment on any of your answers:*  **General**   * Well done CPC doing a fine job * Operation of C P Charity and distribution of income is at strict control of charity deeds and charity commission * We are lucky to have this charity- long may it continue * (Trustee says)The Church Piece supports all areas suggested in the questions except (grants to)the parish Council as it is not in the scheme set-up by the charity commissioners for the charity * One of us is a Trustee of the CP Charity and we both feel that it has to be operated in a better more transparent way.   **Knowledge of charity and Grant Application**   * Let's see some annual reports published by the charity - let's find out where their money goes, let's advertise how to apply, and how about a presence on the SB PC website? * One of us is a Trustee of the CP Charity and we both feel that it has to be operated in a better more transparent way. * I don't know much about this charity. It may benefit my son! * Why not publish in Parish Magazine what grants have been given and for what purpose. It may encourage others to get involved. Obviously in some cases confidentiality of applicants may need to be taken into consideration i.e. Hardship cases, disability related cases but people could still be informed but names not included * As I said before, Seagry Hill is rarely informed of affairs this includes CP Charity which I know nothing about * I am completely unaware of the Church Piece Charity * (Grant information is in) Monthly SB Newsletter * I have never seen a notification of their AGM, nor minutes or accounts in the public domain, so have no real understanding of its function and feel unable to give an opinion * There is currently no disclosure of what funds are held / distributed and who has benefitted. * It would be useful if minutes of the meetings for the above were published in the Parish Mag.   **Priorities**   * We support low income assistance for sport/education/etc (but only for) specific projects * With growing population funds should benefit all residents not focus on certain age brackets * Awards should go to groups not individuals * Surely it depends on the Trust's remit? * Not sure how the charity decides who gets funding – is it first come first serve – or is there a waiting list? * Applicants should be means tested * It's hard to be dogmatic as all cases are different however some educational projects seem to be more of a nice holiday funded by someone else and IMO (In My Opinion) not worth of money. I guess the same may be true of sports but I don't have any knowledge of that and with the GB Olympic success I look more favourable on those. * Keep it simple and within SB * Day for a top coaching session -rugby/cricket/netball/tennis/music recitals? Artist? * New recreational equipment, Revamp the Park/Rec. More for cyclists e.g. path around Rec. Zip wire/climbing wall * The allocation of funds should be based upon the individual merits of the application so that the benefit/impact and need can be valued and decision made accordingly. * I think the charity should evaluate each application on its merits but perhaps the overall criteria for eligibility should be widened. * Funds should be available for any deserving villager for a good cause e.g. mobility scooter for elderly to hire, a village start-up company e.g. village shop/consortium * I do not believe children should be given grants to go on school trips or sports tours e.g. Barbados as the educational/sporting element is quite small. If grants are given out it should be to those on low incomes. It would be best to stick to recognised or new user groups rather than individuals. Better still give to the village Hall for one of their projects. * Should make grants to non-commercial village groups and clubs in the early development phase * Has to benefit wider community not purely individuals * Ref question 86 People that aren't on benefits * Each of the above could benefit from a grant and should be looked at on an individual basis * Funds could be used to plant up shared spaces * Educational and sports projects and tours should be assessed for their merits. * Every application to be considered on its own merits   **Other**   * These questions are outside the remit of a parish plan | | | | | | |

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|  | **Sutton Benger Village Hall (VH) and Recreation Ground (Rec):**  This is the charity that owns the Village Hall and Recreational field. There are 5 elected Trustees as well as 8 nominated Trustees from the User groups. The objective of the charity is to promote recreational and village Hall activities for parishioners.  **%** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|  | **Projects:** Should money become available, and if feasible, the focus should be on: | | | | | |
| 90 | * Extending the main hall | 9 | 18 | 41 | 18 | 14 |
| 91 | * Extending the Kitchen | 20 | 26 | 33 | 12 | 9 |
| 92 | * Provide a glass canopy over the patio | 12 | 28 | 35 | 14 | 11 |
| 93 | * Extend playground facilities and/or cover with matting | 20 | 33 | 35 | 9 | 3 |
| 94 | * Reducing Village Hall rental charges | 9 | 17 | 43 | 19 | 12 |
| 95 | * Provide more accessible toilets for users of the Rec | 14 | 41 | 32 | 9 | 4 |
| 96 | * Develop a path around the Rec, perhaps with exercise equipment | 24 | 28 | 26 | 12 | 10 |
| 97 | * Installing Solar panels and other green initiatives | 20 | 36 | 22 | 11 | 11 |
| 98 | * Building a cycle track/park | 25 | 23 | 24 | 15 | 13 |
| 99 | * Encouraging different Village Hall user groups/sports clubs to form | 24 | 40 | 31 | 3 | 2 |
| 100 | * Improving the Multi-sports/Tennis area | 20 | 29 | 37 | 10 | 4 |
| 101 | * Extending the car park | 7 | 25 | 31 | 21 | 16 |
| 102 Other – *please state*   * Skate park * Increased maintenance provision * It is not good that the changing rooms open up to the female toilets. Build a small extension off the gable end of the changing rooms, with new entrance to changing rooms plus access to 1 x newly installed toilet. Have locks on inside door to girl's toilets so essentially the changing rooms and new toilet can be hired out separately from rest of Hall. Would reduce child protection issues, knowing that changing rooms could be completely separate from separate events with children going on in the Hall. Would be of benefit for those sport clubs that only need access to changing space and toilet. * Building a separate sports pavilion would free up the changing room areas for expansion or bigger kitchen meeting room. * A relaxing park for elderly * Convert meeting room into Kitchen and build a new meeting room as an extension * Build a dedicated pre-school hall allow greater access and improved teaching * More storage required but not individual sheds | | | | | | |
| *103 Please comment on your answers:*  **General**   * Having been on the VHC for a couple of years, I would implore them to attempt to make decisions, take action more quickly, they agreed to install a wheelchair access at rear over 3 years ago, it never happened and a child who would have used it at BB was seriously affected, it also took 2 years to put latches on playground gate * I would like a safe cycle path between SB and CMI think encouraging people to participate in any sport is good * Keep the Rec as a multi use green space. Enjoyed the playground * We need more substantial benches -encourage memorials? Too much litter is left lying around. * More maintenance is urgently needed e.g. broken slabs, new boot brush near side door, varnish bench seats (inc in playground) * Have more leisure facilities and public green space is good. Another possibility is land purchased for a community wood * Youth Club is an obvious gap in VH user groups, however would there be demand in this digital age? Get VH house in order before venturing on new projects * If the VH built an extension/another room, the preschool could lease it from them on an on-going basis as sole user which would free the main hall for other user groups and offer more flexibility * More focus on facilities etc for the teenagers of the village * There is very little for children over the age of 7 to do at the Rec – no challenging play/fitness equipment which is why lots of children hang around near the road/school and play on bikes/scooters * The Rec should be an area for all ages * Better activities for 9 -15 year old children are needed - youth clubs, skate park etc   **Main Hall**   * Unfortunately the Village Hall was not designed for expansion and any extension will not look very good or have great utility for the money spent. * The VH is big enough. Take away the stage and purchase a demountable one for 5/6 nights a year * Don't see a problem with the village Hall. Always been good enough * Rotate hall 180 degrees put the stage to north end. Open south end onto patio and link with potential extension/glass canopy. Have option to partition hall in two * Most of the time the VH and Rec serve their purposes very well and should be subject to maintenance only * When using the VH or Rec I have never felt it was lacking anything * I think the VH is fine and doesn't need much improvement * There is a need to identify what ... Extension is required. * It serves its purpose well and needs no extension * Extending the hall would have to include a substantial increase in storage facilities for ALL user groups * The village hall provides good access to sports / clubs for a village   **Kitchen**   * The hall was poorly designed with an inadequate kitchen * Extend Kitchen and get rid of silly add-on kitchen in meeting room * Kitchen is too small and this should be priority   **Glass Canopy**   * A glass canopy over the patio will be beneficial for summer events when the weather is poor * Why Glass? * A canopy over the patio would be useful but not necessarily glass * Maybe not glass, but something (would be good) * Not a glass canopy but some sort of sun shade. * A glass canopy, no, as patio is a sun trap in summer and would like a greenhouse, but a canopy of some sort, yes   **Playground Facilities**   * Surely (there is) H&S matting in play area (already)? * The playground is in desperate need of modernisation. All-weather use is a must – pathways around equipment must be provided. I am led to believe that a playground up-date is imminent. * Playground facilities need updating * Major development of play area -see John Coles Park and Jubilee lake for examples -include assault courses * Significantly improve play facilities and make it suitable for a wider age range * The playground facilities are very poor and only cater for under 7's. I would like to see the park improved with facilities like those at Yatton Keynell, and more suitable facilities for 8-13 years   **Rental Charges**   * Make (charges) more appropriate to attract use * (Reduce charges) for Benger Bears   **Toilets**   * I thought there were tentative plans to extend loos / changing rooms etc? Might be a good idea. * VH & Rec are predominantly for village users all of whom are within walking distance so no need to provide additional toilets * Better facilities in ladies toilets needed as it is used by children and play group and is inadequate for so many * Who would clean them- additional finance needed   **Path**   * Path a good idea. CM are doing that - as long as dog walkers don't use it. Accessible toilets would be effectively public toilets which would present problems * A new footpath around the circumference of the park(Rec) to provide walking area when muddy elsewhere * A perimeter path would not be very expensive yet would allow all year round use of the rec as would covering the play area For sports teams-separate from facilities used by VH users * A running or cycle track will attract more and perhaps motorcycles.   **Solar**   * Is the VH South Facing? * Solar panels would be very worthwhile both in terms of reducing CO2 and getting a very good rate of return –they would pay for themselves * Solar panels are dubiously green. How much C02 is created making them and shipping then compared with what they save. They are only cost effective because they are funded by a tax paid by other electric users. Any useful generation scheme would fund itself. I'd like a (Very strongly disagree) for solar panels. * (Agree) If cost effective * I would definitely not be in favour of wasting money on solar panels * Solar PV if investment returns are favourable * Green technologies. My view is one needs to be very careful about solar / solar PV. Current technologies are insanely expensive, and payback periods too long. In five or ten year’s time, much more efficient and unobtrusive technologies will be available and capable of delivering savings without the upfront costs. If you are looking at general energy efficiency, suggest ALL lighting is reviewed and boiler controls too. Am happy to discuss this / advise further (I specialise in marketing in this sector).   **Cycle Track**   * It is a good idea to consider further facilities - cycle track on Rec might be appropriate * Only if it is for youngsters * Mini skate park/ramps/jumps to keep children off chestnut road * Provide skate park for older children to discourage from road on rear school/ It needs an area with some ramps * More facilities for children/teenagers would be welcome. * Many play in the road opposite the school. * Lets have a BMX track and skateboard area! * There is an excellent cycle track / park at Stanley park so no need for one so close. Would be a 20 minute cycle.   **New Groups**  -  **MUGA**   * MUGA equipment often damaged especially tennis nets * MUGA fence needs urgent repair. * I think the MUGA and recreational ground provide adequate facilities for a village this size.   **Car Park**   * Car park extension good idea but not too much more space is needed * There are (only a)few occasions when the car park is full; due to position any extension of the car park will result in loss of other amenity at the rec. * I believe it is almost inevitable that the car park will have to expand –especially if the shop is built. Planning has already been obtained in the original Planning permission Car parking is a bit limited if the hall was used more.   **Other**   * New to village so not enough knowledge (to answer questions)(All 3's) * Unqualified to answer as Draycot Cerne Resident * I don't use the VH to know enough to comment. * The Rec is already used by dog walkers from other villages * Again, these questions would have been improved if there was some sort of prioritisation approach. i.e. list your choices 1 - 10 or if you had £10K what split would you give between these options. * Only used hall for fitness classes for one term when newly built so cannot comment on need for extension etc * How to improve the layout to provide better facilities for most functions ...will serve the future. A lot of improvements which would optimise the use of the VH from 106 (grant) * Other than for voting, I am not aware of the facilities offered at the VH, cannot comment (DC resident- no opinion) * Why has the commemorative plaque, presented by the villagers to the committee who raised the funds to build the village hall been removed? | | | | | | |
|  | **Village Hall Issues %** | | | | | |
| 104 | The November Variety show is important and should be continued | 26 | 33 | 33 | 3 | 5 |
| *105* | The Firework event is important and should be continued | 53 | 32 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| 106 | It would be worthwhile paying an extra £2 entry for a better firework display | 21 | 16 | 30 | 21 | 12 |
| 107 | The primary aim of the Firework evening should be to raise money | 19 | 29 | 19 | 24 | 9 |
| 108 | Events like the Jubilee celebrations are worth doing even if they lose money | 34 | 41 | 11 | 8 | 6 |
| 109 | Dog mess is still an issue on the Rec | 41 | 21 | 31 | 5 | 2 |
| 110 | Dog’s should be banned from the Rec | 24 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 30 |
| 111 | Maintenance of the Village Hall and Rec are adequate | 11 | 36 | 36 | 11 | 6 |
| 112 | Use of the VH by Benger Bears restricts new user groups being formed | 6 | 15 | 51 | 16 | 12 |
| 113 | The gap in the hedge from the rec to the field should be a formal right-of-way | 26 | 21 | 40 | 6 | 7 |
| 114 | Access to the MUGA/Tennis courts should be restricted to subscribers | 8 | 18 | 27 | 26 | 21 |
| 115 | The MUGA/Tennis courts should have a formal booking system | 11 | 31 | 38 | 12 | 8 |
| 116 | The *Benger Bears* should have their own premises even though charges would increase | 10 | 13 | 50 | 15 | 12 |
| 117 | If the school ever really needed to expand, it would be acceptable for the VH to consider selling a small portion of the Rec near the school | 17 | 29 | 19 | 10 | 25 |
| 118 | If there was ever a real need to raise money for a big village Hall extension or sports pavilion, selling a small part of the Rec could be an acceptable option | 11 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 39 |
| 119 | If there was ever a possibility of increasing the size of the Rec by purchasing adjoining land to the south (perhaps to provide more sports pitches) this would be a worthwhile investment | 31 | 33 | 20 | 8 | 8 |
| *120 Do you have any comments on the question above?*  **General**   * Many of the schemes suggested here would place unrealistic financial burden on the residents * The problem with the VH is lack of availability for ad-hoc use. * Gap in hedge should not be a formal right of way as diagonal path across adjacent field is not a right of way. The only RoW is from the footpath between 19/21 Queens Close Sports * During summer months the bins are sometimes overflowing at the Rec * We love the events put on in the hall and Village Rec. Well done we enjoy attending and helping out a great chance to meet villagers **Variety Show** * I feel the variety show has probably run its course and perhaps it is time for a change? Pantomime However, the idea of involving all user groups is still a very important concept and a good way to bring people together! * Variety show should continue only if there is demand from performers and spectators. Time for a new format? * The variety has been an important part of village social life but is due a makeover!   **Fireworks**   * Can we have a guy on the bonfire, that's the object of bonfire night * The firework display is excellent as it is. There is no point in trying to be like CM. Better to be different than to be better * Could be a shorter display with a bigger range of fireworks * Fireworks should have a professional organisation. Budget is adequate for large display * (Fireworks) Should be self funding * Primary aim of all functions would be directed at making money. * Don't attend Fireworks as I think fireworks a waste of money! -Anywhere * The fashion for replicating the sound of WW1 trench shelling. (on).. Bonfire night. Is it beyond the expertise of organisers to opt for visual effect rather than crudity? It is surprising that country folk have so little respect for animal welfare * (It must) remain an affordable night for families. * The firework display is as good as it needs to be for a village and should pay for itself and no more * The firework display is excellent- it is good to enjoy events as community fun, without having to raise money all the time - as long as it covers costs * Investment should be made in firework t purchase suitable equipment i.e. BBQ outlay would be recouped by use at other events. * Benger blaze is long enough and good enough, to increase the price would put families off. As long as costs are covered it doesn’t have to be profit making * I would enjoy the firework display if the quiet fireworks were used. At present it is very upsetting, distressing for pets if you live close to the Rec. * Not everything has to be about making money. Some things are worth doing to maintain a community that is involved and committed to its village * The last event was well organised and value for money. Charges should be left to the organising committee. * (Events) Depends how much (they lose)   **Dogs**   * As a responsible dog walker myself I would be very upset if dogs were banned from the Rec; but I am fully supportive of any initiative to deter irresponsible dog owners from not picking up their dog’s mess which I agree is still an issue in the village * Dog mess on the Rec is unacceptable- with plenty of walks in areas there is no need for dogs to be walked in the Rec! * Most dog walkers are good and are welcome by the people of Seagry Hill, However, there are a few that spoil it for us by leaving us to clear up behind them * Dog mess on the verges at Seagry Hill is an issue from people walking through. A council sign and maybe a bin would be helpful to us. I always clear-up after my dogs and believe others should do the same. * Dogs should be banned -children play, need to feel safe not wonder whether a dog will run towards them or if they will tread in mess * Close the Rec to dogs "YES" about a third of users come from villager where dogs are banned * Most dog owners are responsible, but certain lazy individuals who cannot be bothered to pick-up their dog mess are giving the rest of us a bad name and will make us suffer * Dog mess on the Rec is not a reason to ban dogs. It is a reason to educate dog owners to clean up or fine them * Restrict to one area- as in town parks * Dogs are not the problem -the owners are. Dogs should be allowed on the Rec - but only if on a lead * Maybe (ban)the owners (from Rec) * Dog mess is mostly removed by the majority of responsible owners but there is a very small minority who don't pick-up (have witnessed an elderly male leaving mess) A lot of residents own dogs and enjoy walking them in the park and meeting up with other owners. It would be huge shame to ban dogs from the Rec * Dogs off the lead should be banned * I'm a dog walker on the Rec but the dog's mess is getting beyond a joke. I would refer to see a ban it stops the mess. It is all over the pavements too. * Regarding dogs in Rec I think it is perfectly alright as long as it is made clear that there is a ban on using the centre of the Rec * Dogs should certainly be banned from Rec as it is used as a sports ground – not a field. Plenty of footpaths around so no need for dogs to go there at all. * As a dog owner it really annoys us that we are all accused of dog fouling. The large number of dog owners do pick up their dog mess. The extra bin at the end of the Rec is very much welcomed though in the summer the bins around the Rec were overflowing with bagged dog mess (which goes to show we don’t all allow fouling) and need emptying more often. * Have an area in the Rec for dogs to go only * The dog mess is not just around the Rec it is also around the village pavements and having young children in a buggy and walking we often have mess on our shoes and heels. it would be good to have someone fining people who do allow their dogs to mess - maybe those guilty will think twice!!!   **Maintenance**   * Grass cutting in the play area doesn't seem to happen often enough * Pitches are used by outsiders not local villagers "TATTY". The VH and surrounds are in poor state and have been for some time * Village Hall chairs are wearing out * During the Summer it would be desirable for the Cricket Club if the grass were to be cut on the designated day of the week every week, otherwise it can be extremely long which makes playing cricket difficult. * Maintenance of the VH /rec should be improved * Grass should be cut at the Rec more often in the summer allowing for better cricket. Also after being cut grass clumps should be removed / raked to one side   **Benger Bears**   * Benger Bears is a great facility for people with young children- I do think the parents should contribute more to the fundraising for the VH and not just for Benger Bears * What charges (will rise)? The VH (or the BB)? * Pretty loaded questions about Benger Bears....... * Child care charges should be subsidised to keep low * (BB) Always has been an issue and will continue to be * Back when I had young children Benger Bears was mornings and not every day. I understand that is now much longer hours so I can see that it blocks other groups. BB is an important part of the village but so are other groups so BB should be a allowed a fair share of hall time but probably less that it has at moment if this is displacing other groups. * Are there any group that have been turned down? * BB may fold and provision would be lost * Could BB be incorporated into such an expansion (of the school)? * Move the BB so the hall can be used by a wider variety of groups in the daytime * Dedicated premises for Benger Bears would be much more expensive for the BB and increase rates for VH users – probably a very foolish move for both parties * Could use grant from developers of the chicken factory site and locate (a new BB building)on the development site * A flexible daytime use of the hall would be welcome, as many interests benefit from daylight, evening meetings not always suitable. Vocational or non-vocational (users) should not be confined to evenings and rare daytime slots * Benger Bears is good income. * BB Preschool provides an important vehicle for children to go on to the SB primary school. It must aid recruitment. On behalf of the PC, some years ago we did a survey of rental charges for equivalent pre-schools in the area and BB were being charged more than most. They occupy the hall in the day when other rentals are more unlikely * Benger bears generate regular income but monopolies VH * Conduct a proper investigation over Benger Bears- you don't want to lose this resource and then find the hall not used * I do not have an issue with Benger Bears. It’s an excellent source of regular income for the hall. They should be encouraged and looked after! * Who consulted with the pre-school on this questionnaire? * Re Benger bears question 116, grants should be available.   **MUGA**   * How (would you book)? * Not necessarily paying members but some scheme? * Establish a VH lottery fund .. For subscription plan * Fewer children will use the MUGA if restricted to subscribers- they have as much opportunity for exercise as possible. MUGA Access -Good idea but how would it be policed and by whom? * Practicality is the key. Who will run the restricted use/formal booking of MUGA? * How (would it be) managed? * Thought there was a system.   **Selling/Buying Rec**   * Hard to answer the last few without knowing context * For most part the Rec is not used during the day by sports groups. The school needs more field space to expand. The Rec is large (so) no more space needs to be purchased. * The Rec is a major asset to the village and should be left alone. It is not saleable anyway. * No, let the school use Rec for sports just provide access directly to field at back of school * It would make sense for the school to expand into its own playing field then use the Rec as a sports field * The managing Trustees do not have the power to sell the Rec. The PC is the custodian Trustee to protect and retain the facilities for the village * Really tricky to answer these as is it part of the VH's remit to consider selling the land? Has the school asked for this? I guess it may be a possibility but a very complex question to ask. * (Sale to school) -Didn't think the Rec could be sold * Land should not be sold under any circumstances and I believe that under the terms of the Trust, if there is even one objection, then land cannot be sold * We cannot reduce the size of the Rec but purchasing land would than allow the VH expansion which would be fine. The land for the Rec was given to the people to SB and DC and Seagry in perpetuity as a Rec , No building or sale * The Rec is plenty big enough for village and sports events * Always worth expanding the sports and recreational facilities for all age groups * The sports pitches are adequate for the village currently but it may need to be revised following building on chicken factory * The size of the playing field is adequate for a village of SB size. However with the football cricket and rugby pitches it could not be any smaller so would not support the sale of part of the field. A small strip alongside the school could be considered for sale * Rec land must never be sold for any building * Last question may change the answer to the other 3 (i.e. if more land was purchased sell ing some could be acceptable) * Open land for recreation is very important. We should never reduce this by sale for unrelated use. If we can extend, for greater use by future generations, we should do so. * Should not be sold. * (Sold )only if replacement land was acquired e.g. rear field * (Buy more is a )good idea as there could be segregation of sports pitches and dog walking areas to prevent current problems with dog mess * Could allow (school to)use for sports etc * Not for housing * If ever considered (selling)would like to see the Rec expand to south simultaneously * We should protect the limited green space-especially if the village is growing * Green open spaces are the lungs of the community especially for the young and should be protected from encroachment from school expansion or future building projects * Are there not restrictions on selling the recreational field? * Was tried in 2000 and is not allowed under terms of charity. * What about selling land / giving to build pre-school / add an extension to house pre-school or other user groups. Plus increase storage for user groups.   **Other**   * The online form asks the sell Rec to the school question twice. * I have observed that after the Rec has been used for sports activities there has been considerable rubbish left. EG on one occasion I counted 8 plastic bottles. I have also noticed several items, gum shields, socks, shoes jumpers, crisp packets, tin cans, these items could be a potential problem to young children and young dogs * Money raised from Village events over many years must be mounting up is there any way we can find out how this is spent and then to know what is left to use for improvements? | | | | | | |

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|  | **Parish Amenities**  **%** | Strongly Agree | Slightly Agree | No Opinion | Slightly Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 121 | There will be enough demand in Sutton Benger to justify a new shop | 47 | 38 | 8 | 3 | 4 |
| 122 | I would support raising the Council tax to support a new shop | 15 | 20 | 10 | 24 | 31 |
| 123 | I would support raising the Council tax to keep the Post Office open | 23 | 23 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| 124 | I will probably use the *Post Office* in the next 6 months | 84 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| 125 | I would be concerned if one of the three “pubs” in SB were to close | 31 | 22 | 23 | 14 | 10 |
| 126 | I will probably visit one of the local pubs/restaurants in the next 6 months | 73 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 127 | It would be better to have one big summer fete rather than 3 separate ones | 33 | 20 | 29 | 12 | 6 |
| 128 | Doctor’s appointment after work/convenient time are usually available | 19 | 19 | 47 | 9 | 6 |
| 129 | It is important to have a pharmacy attached to the surgery | 67 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| 130 | The current broadband speed is adequate | 9 | 23 | 22 | 16 | 30 |
| 131 | The mobile library should visit more frequently | 2 | 11 | 74 | 8 | 5 |
| 132 | I would switch to gas if ever Sutton Benger was connected to the gas main | 40 | 18 | 22 | 10 | 10 |
| 133 | Mobile phone reception is inadequate | 31 | 23 | 13 | 19 | 14 |
| 134 Which provider are you with *(if inadequate)?*   * I'm not that bothered about mobile since I have a landline but I know that I can only get mobile near a window and better still near a window upstairs. * The exchange is ADSL 1. ADSL 2 is available which would improve speeds and is only an equipment change at the exchange. The rest of UK has gone from ADSL 1 to ADSL 2 and now to FFTC (Fibre to the curb) so SB is 2 steps behind. Where we have 8Mb as a maximum, ADSL2 would 24MB and FFTC is 68MB or more. At least we could have the next step up of ADSL2. Instead we have a grade D performance according to http://www.speedtest.net/, 75% of the UK has better than SB. * Outside Parish Control so irrelevant * (All networks mentioned-further analysis to undertaken) | | | | | | |
| *135 Please comment on any of your answers:*  **Shop /Post Office**   * How does raising the Council Tax lead to keeping a PO in the Village? The PO is a business concern which villagers choose to support. If it can't run as a business then how does increasing a tax suddenly make it a working business? * "Week" would have been a better word (question) Stupid question -used weekly! * Completion of Faccenda development could encourage a new shop * More residents needed to support a village shop * A loaded Question * Must sell more variety of stuff * Planning restrictions can be too restrictive and this may be stifling development and progress * Should not subsidies PO as a company it should put more money in itself * Combine Post Office in new shop? * Shop & Post Office are commercial ventures and need to be viable commercially rather than sustained by an increase in Council Tax. * I'd use the Post Office if it were attached to a shop (and) had a pelican crossing * PO needs to expand stock or face extinction. * A shop in the chicken factory sight would be very good idea it could be food gifts, cafe, thrift shop all in one. This would be good for the people to meet other than going out to the pub also great for teenagers to hangout/work/volunteer * (Use PO) 5 days a week * If Allington can create demand for a good quality shop, so can SB * A new shop would be beneficial but would people support it? * I visit the PO daily * I don't feel C.tax should fund private enterprise e.g. Shop-PO * A new shop would benefit the village greatly * Would consider (subsidy) if finance (??)suited * PO essential. * Council tax should not be used to subsidise loss making PO's, Pubs or shop. All commercial enterprises must be viable in their own right * The PO invaluable but the village would benefit enormously by a shop * The PO is valued. If the village grows it will help sustain & perhaps develop a shop alongside. * A shop is always nice but it must be entrepreneurial and not be a charity case. * Post office. The post office is a key part of the village and Peter works very hard (with no holidays...) to keep it all together. I applaud that. I think we should all do all we can to support him and his business. Also, I would have thought the question missing from above is ‘How often do you use the Post Office? * (Good demand for shop) if new houses are built * Use it (PO) several times a week. * Why would Council be used to support a shop? * I've no idea about the support of a new shop would receive * I expect most people use it several times per week. And, hence it becomes critical to us All. * Any business premise should be profit-making and therefore self-sustaining. Should (a) subsidy of a business be a necessity, then a shop (rather than a Post Office) would be the sole one that I would support. * I suspect there is not enough demand for a shop now but just possibly there will be after the developments take place. * Asking if you use the PO/pub in the next 6 months is a waste of time. You should ask how often you use them * The post office is very popular but it would be great if good bread was available too. * the need for a convenience store has to be a high priority, particularly for the older people who have problem travelling out of SB * Any shop / post office needs to be self funding. * A community shop would possibly attract better support.   **Pubs**   * Didn't know there were 3 We only have 2 pubs * There are not 3" pubs" in SB 1 pub, 1 restaurant and 1 hotel * Pub opening hours has sent us elsewhere outside the village. * (Use Pub)- once a month * 3 pubs is unrealistic in one village- better to support and develop 2 well   **Fetes**   * Rarely go to fetes-maybe they need better marketing otherwise become incestuous * Agreement on sharing out income.(is needed) * I don't see a problem with several fetes as if the weather/time permitting is favourable people will attend * Fetes at different times will make more money than one big one * More events would be good to bring community together, people may not all be able to attend one event   **Doctor/Pharmacy**   * Dispensary not Pharmacy * As no shop we have to go to Chippenham so could pick-up Meds * Doctors surgery should be open for appointments until 7:00pm in the evening at least one or two days a week * Pharmacy much valued * Doctor’s appointments are difficult to get as the phone is always engaged. Do not automate the phone system! * Developing the Doctors surgery needs consultation with new partners * Dr's appointment - it is very difficult to get an appointment currently and will be impossible if more residents are in SB * The surgery is fantastic.   **Gas**   * Could new development of 200 houses sponsor the gas main if combined with other sources of income /grants * I wouldn't switch to gas as we just had a new oil system fitted. * Start a campaign for natural gas supply. It is important that gas supplies are available so the advantage of joint tariff can be taken. LPG is too expensive as is oil * Gas... Now wouldn’t that be nice. But, I suppose it’s a pipe-dream (to use a little word play...!) * I would switch to gas only if significantly cheaper than oil due to cost of changing hardware   **Mobile/Broadband**   * Very slow broadband speed in DC under 2MB (Local Exchange KL!!) * The broadband service is ARCHAIC and the worst thing about SB- Awful, Atrocious DIRE! * (Poor mobile reception) across all providers, Virgin is the best mobile provider in the village-questionable in the wider area. * Had to buy a signal booster * My priorities are improvements to transportation(footpaths, cycle paths and public transport) and improvements in high speed internet * Broadband is a real issue. There’s no way I could re-locate my business activities to SB from Bristol. It’s unreliable and frustrating. Particularly at peak times. Awful!! * Is this a survey for a mobile phone network company? * Don’t use (a mobile) * Believe any new development will make broadband slower - suggest upgrade paid for by the developers * Broadband is AWFUL * Improve broadband speed. If new homes, can the BT exchange provide new lines? Could the new development help SB get cable etc * Provide good coverage in the village   **Other**   * Mobile Library doesn’t stop at Seagry Hill so didn't know it visited SB * We need to make more use of mobile library -not likely to increase visits. | | | | | | |

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|  | **Parish News And Information %** | | | | | |
| 136 | I often get information from-The *Gazette and Herald* | 30 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| *137* | -Parish Newsletter | 71 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 138 | -Parish Council website | 2 | 7 | 29 | 18 | 44 |
| 139 | -Village Hall website | 1 | 4 | 31 | 19 | 45 |
| 140 | -School website | 3 | 7 | 35 | 18 | 37 |
| 141 | -Notice boards | 24 | 49 | 12 | 7 | 8 |
| 142 | -Word of mouth/personal e-mails | 32 | 45 | 11 | 4 | 8 |
| 143 | I am usually fairly well informed of village activities and news | 20 | 45 | 15 | 14 | 6 |
| *144 What improvements could be made?*  **G&H/Parish Magazine**   * Difficult to keep up with technology -Parish magazine goes to all households so should be used for village notices -but not everyone reads it. * The G&H should include more than the WI, Benger Bears, Toddler Group and Green man draw * Rarely take the Gazette now as stopped the Swindon cinema notices! * We no longer get it delivered and miss it (Parish Newsletter) * A regular newsletter (with PC meeting details) needed to be delivered to each home * Better use of Parish Newsletter to inform residents of PC business and issues in the village e.g. Developments, speeding etc * In DC we get the Kington Langley magazine, so miss out on the SB news * Monthly “What’s On” village hall newsletter * Information about PC in the newsletter and G&H is usually out of date Information often belated! * Parish Mag is excellent   **Websites**   * Church Website+ Village Website could be more interactive * Have just one SB website with links to the relevant sub websites. For example, use the SB PC one and then link to the WI, the oil group, the School, the Church. Even better, have the VH be in charge of running and maintaining a single village website plus run an electronic calendar system for publishing events and putting in VH bookings so at one click, people will know what is going on and try to de-conflict! * (Websites) Haven't looked yet * Publicise websites and update regularly * Consolidated Village Website * E-mail circulars- option to sign-up for e-news on website? * I haven't been aware of a PC website or VH website * I admit I haven't looked at websites so in future I will, that way I may be more aware of village affairs * Unaware there were websites * Not aware of PC website, * VH website needs updated * Important info being available to all villagers through own SB website maybe? * Very important for websites to be up to date. * SB website not easy to follow – Kington St Michael have very impressive village website. * Simple – a single village website with everything on it...PC should advertise its website as it is now updated regularly * There should be more e-mails being sent from the PC/VH/school to anyone who wants updates * I didn't know the village hall had a website * (I )did not know there were parish council, village hall or school websites.   **Notice Boards**   * Larger notice boards might be a good idea * Better maintenance of notice board (perhaps fit Perspex)I didn't even know there were many (so) many sources of information * Notice boards is less useful now it is locked and many people resort to putting posters on telegraph poles etc * Maintain village Notice boards to a higher standard * Notice board at Post Office is often out of date * New, smarter, bigger community notice boards please * Ensure notice boards are tidy, relevant and up to date * Village notice boards are poorly maintained.   **Other**   * Lived here 20+ years * (word of mouth only) * Not easy to get a good morning from many passersby!! * Satisfactory * I need to make more effort! (DC resident not informed) * Better co-ordination of the village calendar/events to de-conflict * information is available if required | | | | | | |

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|  | **About Yourself** (Actual numbers from 210 replies) | **Yes** | **No** |
| 145 | Are there are more than 2 people in our household | 110 | 100 |
| *146* | I have been in the parish for over 5 years | 181 | 29 |
| 147 | It is likely that I will be living in the parish in 10 years time | 160 | 50 |
| 148 | I am over 60 or retired | 92 | 118 |
| 149 | I have an e-mail address and access to the internet | 186 | 24 |
| 150 | I live in Draycot Cerne (if yes, please answer additional questions attached) | 19 | 191 |

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**Optional Information**

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| 151 | Name (optional): **122** gave their names, (88 blank) |
| 152 | Address (for prize draw): **131** gave their address (79 blank) |
| 153 | e-mail address -if you would like the results of this survey and other village news please state your preferred e-mail address: **109** gave e-mail address (101 blank) |

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|  | **Draycot Cerne Residents Only –** 19 replies  **%** | % Strongly Agree | % Slightly Agree | % No Opinion | % Slightly Disagree | % Strongly Disagree |
| 154 | The Parish Council adequately represent Draycot Cerne issues | 0 | 11 | 15 | 37 | 37 |
| 155 | Draycot Cerne is an integral part of the Community of Sutton Benger | 11 | 37 | 10 | 26 | 16 |
| 156 | Sutton Benger School is usually the preferred choice | 5 | 11 | 52 | 11 | 21 |
| 157 | I tend to go to Kington Langley/Chippenham rather than SB for socialising | 21 | 16 | 10 | 32 | 21 |
| 158 | The lane to Draycot Cerne is adequate | 26 | 21 | 6 | 21 | 26 |
| 159 | The footpath from Sutton Benger to Draycot Cerne is adequate | 16 | 32 | 4 | 11 | 37 |
| 160 | I may attend a Draycot Cerne church service in the next 6 months | 37 | 37 | 5 | 0 | 21 |
| 161 | I plan to have a baptism/wedding/funeral at the Draycot Cerne church | 26 | 21 | 16 | 5 | 32 |
| 162 | I plan to be buried by the Draycot Cerne Church | 16 | 16 | 21 | 0 | 47 |
| 163 | The Parish Council should contribute towards Draycot Cerne church repairs | 47 | 32 | 0 | 5 | 16 |
| 164 | If more houses were built in Draycot Cerne this would be good for the community | 0 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 84 |
| 165 What was your main motivation to live in Draycot Cerne?   * Born here * To renovate a property(x2, and) still within the parish * Quiet and safe * To live in a rural location * Green space, Access to motorway * Appropriate property to meet our personal & social needs together with proximity to work, friends and amenities * Close to M4 Pretty hamlet * To take on the running of the family farm * Peace , quiet, NO through traffic and community and fields that join the houses * Housing availability at the time and location-small village, views, countryside etc -but close to amenities * The house suited our needs and we like the rural location, sense of peace and tranquillity and security * Quiet location, no traffic, easy access(by car) to work and schools * Quite with rural views -downsizing | | | | | | |
| *Please comment on any of the above or any other Draycot Cerne issues:*   * Do you mean DC Cemetery chapel or DC Church? * The DC church was made redundant many years ago * A speed restriction of 20mph should be put on the lane. There should be signs at the bottom of the lane to say NO HGV's. This is a wonderful place to live and to bring up children, we do not want DC spoilt with additional housing or office/industrial units * Draycot lane very prone to flooding, Broadband speed dire, electricity voltage variable * (Attend Church)Not possible! Only 3 services a year (Burial) Presume you mean Chapel of rest (Repairs-good idea) assuming you mean chapel! Flooding on access to the village remains an issue and is getting worse Verges in the village are becoming badly eroded by lorries and other inconsiderate driving -Action needed * The lane is usually poor repair and floods regularly and is never salted in freezing weather The footpath to SB is not regularly maintained and as a result users from Draycot have to walk in the road at night!!-Extremely dangerous * Road surface is appalling and County (Council) are just not interested. I would welcome adoption of the surface in the hamlet Centre and decent drainage befitting this century * Need to extend 50 MPH limit on road to M4 * Our daughter was married at Draycot Cerne Church last year, however as the church is now closed this is not an option available to most residents. * Parish Council should contribute to the roof repair at the chapel * It would be nice if we could walk from Draycot Cerne Roward Farm to SB. The path ends at the corner. There are 7 families where we live all who have to walk on the busy highway. We love attending events in SB village; it would be great if we could walk safely! * The lane is in poor condition. * Need to look at junction with main road it could not take increased access for building or a larger population. We are on B4122- even more remote/under represented or considered in decision making * We fall into the K.Langley as a parish, but SB for schools etc. We have great use of SB facilities and would do so more if road conditions and cycle path included in improvements. The traffic speed and size of vehicles makes walking and cycling very dangerous- condemning us to car use * It would be much safer if the roadside pavement could be extended to the lane to Roward farm to give the households there the chance to walk safely to SB, PO, church, pub and other village amenities and activities * The lane to Draycot; although in a poor state of repair this does slow traffic, some of which travel far to fast for a single track with no pavement and frequently used by pedestrians. * Thank you for this opportunity of being involved * We only moved to Roward farm in June 2012 so found it difficult to have an opinion regarding some questions | | | | | | |
| **General Feedback and Comments attached to Questionnaire** | | | | | | |
| * The statement in the letter that the questionnaire could be answered in 10 minutes is highly misleading. It took 15 mins to read the letter and questions without giving any thought as to how I might answer * The chicken factory development is a golden opportunity to secure significant benefits at no cost to the village. Despite what the developers will tell everyone they can well afford the S106 payments and the village needs to fight hard to make sure they don’t manage to reduce their financial obligations. The onus is on the village to demonstrate what we need/want rather than letting the developers come up with the ideas. We need to think big –  • capital projects to expand the facilities offered by the church, school, village hall and recreation ground • securing the future of the post office and/or expansion of the retail offer • infrastructure improvements (some comments in this below) The main issue within the village is still traffic – volume, speed and resultant noise/pollution. We need permanent measures e.g. speed humps, chicanes, better identification of village entrances on the main road, speed cameras, permanent interactive warning signs. At least one pedestrian crossing of the High Street would be beneficial in two ways, (a) by enabling safe passage for the increasing population north of the High Street to the amenities which are concentrated in the south, and (b) by slowing traffic down. How about a (mini) roundabout at the entrance to the new development? Resurfacing the High Street would help to reduce the noise of lorries clattering over the imperfections. Flooding should also be considered, although it does not affect me at home the flooded surroundings are an increasing issue for recreational walking/running/cycling. Again S106 funds should be used for flood prevention, particularly given the proximity of the chicken factory site to a watercourse and the potential for increased run-off from the proposed development. As a general comment it is worth looking at what other villages are doing (right and wrong) to see if there are other initiatives which could be undertaken to improve village life. Interrogation of other village websites and discussing with Wiltshire Council may be time well spent on this. * This survey is a great initiative, well done to everyone involved. * A terribly written questionnaire! * We would have found this questionnaire easier to answer with just a YES or No * I think the questionnaire is a good idea- but I think you are asking the wrong questions in the wrong way! I have ticked no opinion where I am not aware of the subject/aware of need for subject. Sorry- but it looks to me like the questions haven't been well thought out. Asking questions in different ways in some subject selections and asking questions on the future when we don't know about present! * There is no space to raise issues omitted from this survey -employment, farming, inadequate roads e.g. Draycot Bend needs a roundabout, narrow village pavements, future of household recycling centre commercial spread along B4122. The PC should not be expected to fund a £50 prize draw * (Long letter about speeding HGV lorries and taking further action, perhaps as part of an action group ) * Great idea to send this survey to all residents- Well done. Will we be able to see results of this survey (?) | | | | | | |