

The Appraisal For The Communities of Shaugh Parish 1998

General.

315 Appraisals were delivered to houses in the parish, of these 14 were empty making a net total of 301 houses. Of these 301 houses there were responses from 226 which is 75.1%

These 226 houses contained 504 people aged 11 and over who answered the questionnaire.

For each village this response was

	Occupied houses	Number replied	%	People
SHAUGH	91	82	90.1%	195
WOTTER	110	73	66.3%	159
LEE MOOR	100	71	71%	150

QUESTIONS 1-5

The household section also gave the breakdown of the number of people in each household, their sex, the number of cars or motorbikes in the household, and also the sex/age breakdown.

The Male : Female ratio was 1 : 1.09 in those completing the questionnaire.

There were 353 cars and 9 motorbikes in the 226 homes. 15% had no cars, 33.6% had one, 35% had 2, 12.4% had 3 cars.

QUESTION 6

Asked if industrial activity linked to china clay extraction caused concern in various categories.

Regarding tipping of china clay waste 64% were concerned of very concerned, and 26% not.

Regarding air blown dust, 42% were very concerned, and 32% were slightly concerned. 22% were not.

Regarding health hazard 40% were concerned, and 37% not.

The visual impact on the landscape was a concern to 75% (43% were very concerned), 20% were not.

Noise of plant working did not concern 48% but did 41%.

The loss of National Park or other land to further mining was very concerning to 52%, and slight concern to 19%, only 22% were not concerned.

QUESTION 7

On the need for a roadside footpath linking the three villages.

There were 446 respondents in this section in all.

Of those living in Lee Moor, 75% thought there should be such a footpath, and 17% not.

In Wotter the figure was 60% in favour and 31% against.

However in Shaugh Prior opinion was only 34% in favour and 60% against.

QUESTION 8

On the adequacy of pavements, footpaths and country footpaths in the area.

Of those who expressed an opinion, and had them in their village:

65% thought the maintenance of pavements was satisfactory, and 34% not
56% thought the maintenance of footpaths was satisfactory, and 43% not
51% thought the number of pavements in the village was adequate, and
48% not.

On the number of country footpaths, 46% of all respondents thought the number adequate, and 20% did not.

Question 9

On problems with:

Surface water on the road- 54% thought this was a problem and 42% not.
Debris on the road- 47% thought there was a problem and 47% not.
Maintenance of highways- 40% thought there was a problem with this and
52% did not.

QUESTION 10

Asked that as we are in a rural area, is fouling by dogs, sheep or horses a problem.

On our own property, 72% found this no problem.

However of those who gave an opinion, fouling was a problem in Childrens Play Areas: 59% Yes and 40% No. In Bus Shelters and on Public Footpaths opinion was equally divided between Yes and No

Elsewhere (implying along the roads) this was not a problem.

QUESTION 11

Asked about trees and tree planting.

For more trees to be planted at selected locations, 36% thought this Very Important, and a further 38 % thought it worth doing.

Regarding Tree Preservation Orders being placed on trees on your own property, 67% thought this was not necessary.

On Commercial Tree Planting, 55% were in favour, and 36% were opposed to it.

157 people would be prepared to be involved in a tree planting scheme.

Question 12

Asked about Low Flying Aircraft and water supply.

On the problems of Low Flying Aircraft, although 30% of respondents found this a concern, 64% did not.

On the quality of piped water, 50% had no problem with this, but 41% found it a cause for concern.

On the taste of water, this did not worry 56% of respondents, but 35% did find this a problem.

Water discolouration was a significant problem for 70% of respondents, but not for 23%.

QUESTION 13

Asked if you would like to see overhead electric and telephone cables put underground.

Although 22% of respondents had no opinion, two thirds of 446 respondents wanted them placed underground.

Question 14

Asked about crime, relating to cars, housing, public sites, individuals, and vandalism.

The greatest concern was crime against cars: 70% of respondents were anxious about this. The next most significant cause for concern was vandalism worrying 57%. Crime at public sites worried one-third and on housing a quarter of respondents.

QUESTION 15

Asked about Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

47% of respondents were already in a neighbourhood watch scheme, of the 199 who were not, 62% would like to join one.

QUESTION 16

Asked if there was a need for a greater police presence.

50% of respondents thought that this was necessary, but 38% did not. There was a difference here between the villages, 54% of residents in Shaugh Prior thought this necessary, and only 37% in Lee Moor.

QUESTION 17

Asked if a nearby sports field should be provided for Shaugh School.

This received an overwhelming thumbs-up with 75% in favour; 19% had no opinion.

QUESTION 18

Asked if you would be interested in attending adult education or evening classes, if these were arranged.

46% of respondents would be interested, 54% would not.

Of those interested, 29% wanted language classes, 62% wanted skill or craft classes, and the same wanting Information Technology/Computer skills.

QUESTION 19

Asked if you had skills you could teach others.

Although 93% felt they did not, some 30 people did.

QUESTION 20

Asked what kind of housing the parish needs in various categories.

Of those who expressed an opinion, 51% thought no housing was needed. that which is needed should be for Local People (29%) The Elderly (22%), and Young People (18%).

QUESTION 21

Asked about further housebuilding in the parish in the next 10 years.

56% of respondents wanted no further houses built.

10% would accept an increase of up to 5 homes, and a further 10% would accept an increase of up to 10 homes.

QUESTION 22

Asked that if there was to be further development, what would be acceptable.

45% of respondents feel NO development is acceptable.

32% would accept development of existing buildings, and 22% would accept infilling with single buildings.

QUESTION 23

Asked that if there was to be more development, who should do it.

The clear response was that 57% wanted building to be done by Private Individuals, rather than by Private Firms, Local Authorities or Housing Associations.

QUESTION 24

Asked if you enjoy reading the Parish Magazine.

This received an overwhelming YES from 88% of respondents.

QUESTION 25

Asked about use of the Parish Magazine

It is chiefly used as a Calendar of Events (by 88%), as a Telephon Directory (by 85%), for information about Parish Council activities (80%), for Communication Between the Villages (by 69%), and for Crime Statistics (by 65%).

QUESTION 26

Asked whether you would be able to help with Production or Distribution of the Magazine.

Although 83% would not help with Production, and 73% would not help with Distribution; 19 people said Yes to Production, and 73 people said Yes to Distribution.

QUESTION 27

Asked how you find out information about what is going on in the parish.

The Magazine provides information for 82% of respondents, Word of Mouth for 76%, Noticeboards for 33%, Village Shop/Post Office for 26%, Pub or Social Club for 22%, Church or Chapel for 8%.

QUESTION 28

Asked if you would be prepared to stand for election to the Parish Council

Of those who could stand 92% would Not do so, and only 8% would stand. This does represent, however, 31 people.

QUESTION 29

Asked if you approve of the way the Parish Council runs.

Of those who expressed an opinion, 82% did approve, but 18% did not.

QUESTION 30

Asked if you know how to contact your Parish Council.

Although 82% of respondents did know, 17% did not.

QUESTION 31

Asked about local facilities

Regarding the provision of Public Lavatories at Shaugh Bridge and at Cadover Bridge, of those who gave an opinion, 68% were in favour but 32% were opposed.

Regarding the renovation of lavatories at Lee Moor, of those who gave an opinion, 63% were in favour and 36% were against.

For more Public Telephones at selected sites only 34% of those who expressed an opinion were in favour, whereas 65% were opposed.

QUESTION 32

Asked about your use of the existing Shop and Post Office in the parish.

These facilities are used Daily by 18%, Weekly by 28%, Monthly by 16%. They are Not used by 38%

QUESTION 33

Asked about possible use of shops at Shaugh and Wotter.

Regarding a Post Office/or Shop at Shaugh Prior although only 5% would use it daily, 35% would use it weekly, and 12% would use it monthly. 48% of the whole parish would not use it.

Regarding a Shop at Wotter 7% of the whole parish would use it daily, 20% weekly and 12% use it monthly. 60% of the parish would not use it.

QUESTION 34

Asked about a community co-operative shop.

Such a shop would be used daily by 11% of the parish, weekly by 46%, and monthly by a further 17%.

20 individuals would be prepared to help run it on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

QUESTION 35

Asked whether you find mail delivery efficient.

This got an unqualified thumbs-up with 93% finding the service efficient.

QUESTION 36

Asked about additional postal services not available at present.

Regarding a second weekday delivery, 24% would like to have this service; however 75% would not.

Regarding a Sunday Collection, 57% of those who expressed an opinion would like such a service, 43% would not.

QUESTION 37

Asked about celebrations for the Millenium.

44% are in favour of a beech tree copse at Beatland Corner

45% would like a community celebration

21% would like a picnic site at Shaugh Bridge

15% would like a picnic site at the Bowling Green.

15% favour a time capsule site.

14% do not want any celebration

QUESTION 38

Asked if you would be prepared to contribute to a Millenium celebration.

48% of respondents were prepared to contribute neither time nor money. However 118 people were prepared to contribute time, 58 to contribute money and 46 both time and money.

QUESTION 39

Asked if church or chapel is important to you for various events.

This is of significant importance:

For Baptism it is important for 40% of respondents,

For Marriage it is important for 43%,

And for Funerals it is important for 49%.

For General Worship the church is important for 111 people or 26% of respondents.

It is a Focal Point of the Community for 156 people.

It is not important to 134 people or 32% of respondents.

QUESTION 40

Asked if public money should be used on maintenance:-

Of church or chapel buildings 36% said it should.

Of churchyards 59% said it should.

Of chapel ground 37% said it should.

129 people or 30% of respondents did not think that public money should be used on such projects.

QUESTION 41

Asked if you were involved with church or chapel activities outside worship.

82% of respondents were not,

but 78 people were.

QUESTION 42

Asked relating to church or chapel:-

If it stimulated interest for young children. Of those who expressed an opinion, half thought it did and half did not.

If it stimulated young adults: 75% thought it did not.

If it was in touch with modern day society: 72% thought it was not.

QUESTION 43

Asked what puts you off attending services.

38% of respondents had no religious interest.

Nothing put off 35% of respondents.

The content was boring to 16%

Feeling unwelcome if children are noisy, Peer pressure, Inconvenient service times and Unsatisfactory Disabled access were not considered reasons for not attending.

QUESTION 44

Asked how you rate activities in your local community hall for various age groups.

Half the respondents had no opinion about such activities.

Of those who did, 66% thought the activities were good or reasonable for Primary School children.

49% thought the activities were good or reasonable for Secondary School children.

39% thought the activities were good or reasonable for Young Adults.

43% thought the activities good or reasonable for 21 to 39 year olds.

70% thought the activities good or reasonable for aged 40-60

91% thought the activities good or reasonable for those over 60.

QUESTION 45

Asked if the community hall is truly for the community.
Of those who expressed an opinion, 75% thought it was.

QUESTION 46

Asked about facilities in the parish in which you would like to participate or help to run.

Social Events were of most interest, followed by a Craft Club a Gardening Club, a Photography Club, and an Annual Carnival. Some interest was expressed in Amateur Dramatics, a Disco, and a Youth Club.

QUESTION 47

Asked if you were a driver with daytime access to a vehicle.
76% of respondents did have such access.

For those who did, it asked what the vehicle was used for.
It was used for Business by 30%

for Transport to work by 51%

for Taking Children to School by 17%.

for Leisure by 84%

for Shopping by 84%

QUESTION 48

Asked if you would be prepared to take part in a car sharing scheme.

Although 84% would not be prepared to do so, some 28 people (7%) already do so, and a further 36 people (9%) would take part.

QUESTION 49

Asked if you would be prepared to take part in a scheme to take people to and from the doctor's surgery

62% of respondents were unable to help, and a further 22% were unwilling to help. 54 people or 14% would help to drive. 7 people (2%) would like a lift.

QUESTION 50

Asked how often you use the bus service.

62% never use it.

2% (8 people) use it daily

8% use it weekly

7% use it monthly

and 21% use it less often

QUESTION 51

Asked if you use the free bus service to the superstores.
Whilst 92% of respondents did not, 36 people or 8% did.

QUESTION 52

Asked that if there were more buses at specified periods of the day, how often you would use them.

In the Early Morning 80% would not use them, but a small yet significant number would use them Daily (4%), 3% Weekly, 4% Monthly and 9% Less Often.

In the Evening 74% would not use them, yet 4% would use them Daily, 7% Weekly, 6% Monthly and 8% Less Often.

If there were a more frequent service during the day, only 68% would not use them. 4% would use them Daily, 9% Weekly, 7% Monthly and 11% Less Often.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays 76% would not use them. However 3% would use them Daily, 5% Weekly, 3% Monthly, and 12% Less Often.

QUESTION 53

Asked if the present circular bus route is satisfactory.

Of those who use the bus and who gave an opinion, 86 people found the circular route satisfactory, and 87 did not.

QUESTION 54

Asked if you would like a bus service with connections:

At Roborough for Tavistock 107 people would like this service.

At Cornwood for Ivybridge 153 people would like this service.

QUESTION 55

Asked if speeding traffic is a problem in the parish.

Of the 395 people who gave an opinion, 80% found this a problem in residential areas, and 80% found it a problem in rural areas.

It then asked what measures should be taken to reduce this problem.

The most popular measures were Rumble Strips (40%), Lower Speed Limits (41%), and Additional Signs (40%). Both Road Humps and Traffic Calming Schemes were favoured by 36%. Only 20% favoured Electronic Speed Signs.

QUESTION 56

Asked if the passage of Heavy Goods Vehicles caused a problem.

Of those who gave an opinion, 53% thought not but 46% thought they did. This was more of a problem in Houses Outside Village and in Shaugh, rather than Lee Moor and Wotter.

The question also asked if further restrictions should be imposed.

92% of respondents thought it should. This again was more strongly favoured by residents in Houses Outside Villages and in Shaugh.

QUESTION 57

Asked about your occupation.

Of 438 respondents to this section:

10% were at School or College.

2% were Unemployed

47% were in regular work

11% were Unpaid Husband/Wife.

29% were retired