

# Neroche Parish Plan Survey Results – All Responses



## About Yourself

### Question 1

Please indicate respondent's location		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bickenhall	22.3%	87
Curland	30.0%	117
Orchard Portman and Thurlbear	19.5%	76
Staple Fitzpaine	28.2%	110
<i>answered question</i>		<b>390</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

### Question 2

What gender are you?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	48.3%	185
Female	51.7%	198
<i>answered question</i>		<b>383</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>11</b>

### Question 3

What age group do you belong to?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-4	1.6%	6
5-11	7.0%	27
12-17	5.5%	21
18-29	7.6%	29
30-49	24.7%	95
50-59	21.9%	84
60-64	12.8%	49
65-79	14.3%	55
80-89	4.2%	16
90+	0.5%	2
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>384</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>10</b>

### Comment – (editorial)

1. Ed: Resp ticked box as female 80-89, but is in fact a Male, see name and address.

#### Question 4

Which of the following groups do you belong to?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Pre school	1.6%	6
School	11.0%	42
FE College/university/other student	5.8%	22
Working	55.0%	210
Not working	4.5%	17
Retired	23.8%	91
Comments		5
<i>answered question</i>		<b>382</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>12</b>

Comments (Editorial prefaced by 'Ed.')

1. (ed: both working and retired have been indicated!)
2. Ed: These two answers are both put in brackets
3. ED: Resp wrote "SEMI" after retired when ticking that column
4. Working - summer holidays only
5. Part time

#### Question 5

How long have you been resident in your present home?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5 years	24.7%	95
6-10 years	17.1%	66
More than 10 years	58.2%	224
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>385</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

Comment

1. All my life - born at Perry Hall - lived there 76 years!

## Communication

#### Question 6

From where did you move to your current home?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Within Neroche parish	11.1%	42
Within Taunton Deane	32.1%	122
Within Somerset	19.7%	75
Elsewhere	28.2%	107
I have lived here all my life	8.9%	34
Comments		0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>380</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>14</b>

#### Question 7

Where do you work?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
At home	18.4%	65
In Neroche Parish	4.8%	17
Elsewhere in Taunton Deane	28.2%	100
Elsewhere in Somerset	11.0%	39
Outside Somerset	8.8%	31
I am not in paid employment	36.2%	128
Comments		6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>354</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>40</b>

#### Comments

2. See 3 (4) Retired
3. Resp has written Somerset and Devon
4. I DONT
5. Barrington Hill
6. ED: An entry for this 0 - 4 year old was made in the I am not in paid employment box. It was "N/A"
7. Ed: Resp wrote Retired in the At Home line but did not tick box. He/she had not given answers to Q1-6.

#### Question 8

How would you rate the information available about what's happening in the community?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Good	34.7%	125
Acceptable	43.6%	157
poor	10.0%	36
No Opinion	11.7%	42
Comments		0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>360</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>34</b>

#### Question 9

If you could, which of the following ways would you use to keep yourself informed of local activities? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A parish-wide calendar of events	33.4%	121
Parish notice boards	28.2%	102
Fliers delivered about coming events	27.9%	101
Temporary roadside noticeboards for coming events	33.1%	120
Parish Magazine (available by subscription)	63.3%	229
Community Newsletter (free to all households)	43.9%	159
Community Website	33.1%	120
Neroche Hall Website - the village hall website	20.4%	74
Email - from Parish Council, or events' coordinators	25.7%	93
Local newspaper	14.1%	51
None of the above	3.3%	12
Comments		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>362</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>32</b>

#### Comment

## 1. Gossip

### Question 10

<b>Neroche Parish Council deals with important local issues e.g. planning, roads and footpaths. Would you like to have information readily available on any of the following? (tick all that apply)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
What is a civic Parish Council	12.7%	41
The structure of a civic Parish Council	11.7%	38
What a Parish Councillor does	22.5%	73
How to become a Parish Councillor	8.6%	28
Who my Parish Councillors are	42.3%	137
Councillors with specific responsibilities e.g. planning	32.1%	104
When and where the Council meets	24.7%	80
The agenda and minutes of the Parish Council	41.0%	133
None of the above	26.9%	87
Comments		7
<i>answered question</i>		<b>324</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>70</b>

### Comments

1. Where are footpaths
2. Where are footpaths
3. I have known there to be a parish council election in the past decade nor any call for candidates. Is this local democracy in action?
4. Already know all this - I was Parish Clerk for a few years!
5. Already know all this - I was Parish Clerk for a few years!
6. ED: Resp wrote "by email" when ticking Agenda and Minutes question
7. Ed: no boxes ticked, resp " I am a Parish Councillor"

### Question 11

<b>How would you like to be able to communicate with Neroche Parish Council or your individual Parish Councillor? (tick all that apply)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Personal contact	30.2%	101
Mail	14.1%	47
Phone	27.5%	92
Email	55.4%	185
Via Parish Clerk	10.8%	36
At a Neroche Parish Council Meeting	14.4%	48
At an Annual Parish Meeting	9.6%	32
None of the Above	9.9%	33
Comments		3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>334</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>60</b>

### Comments

1. (ed: N/A written against heading)
2. (All of the above)
3. Ed: Resp A "Annual Parish Meetings work very well in some parishes where they are special events not in council meetings, and where they give active groups in the parish opportunity to participate".

### Question 12

Does poor mobile phone reception at your premises adversely affect...?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Your personal use only	26.8%	84
Your business use only	2.2%	7
Both personal and business use	22.0%	69
My mobile reception is good	48.9%	153
Comments		19
<i>answered question</i>		<b>313</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>81</b>

### Comments

1. Reception is adequate in certain areas of the house- sometimes the stone construction of the house causes an issue with the signal breaking up.
2. reception is adequate in certain areas of the house - sometimes the stone construction of the house causes an issue with the signal breaking up. I would prefer to just have adequate coverage & reception to another mobile mast!
3. (ed: the respondent also ticked 'Your business use only')
4. BUT WE DO NOT WANT MORE MASTS!
5. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
6. Resp has written: No it doesn't
7. I do not have a mobile phone
8. (ed: respondent has written n/a )
9. I don't care about mobile phone reception
10. (ed: respondent also ticked " Both personal and business use also"
11. (ed: respondent also ticked " Your personal use"
12. Ed: N/A written in large capital letters
13. Ed: N/A put in answer to this question
14. No mobile phone
15. Dont use it at home
16. ED: Resp wrote below the questions "Have no mobile phone"
17. Ed: Business use "N/A" written here
18. Don't have one
19. Ed: Ticked both Your business only and also Both personal and business use

### Question 13

Please specify your network provider		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
02	42.1%	45
Vodaphone	13.1%	14
Orange	38.3%	41
T Mobile	3.7%	4
3	1.9%	2
Tesco	0.0%	0
Virgin	1.9%	2
Other (please specify)		11
<i>answered question</i>		<b>107</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>287</b>

1. (ed: the respondent wrote NOKIA)
2. No internet connection
3. ED: N/A was put here

4. I had to change from vodaphone
5. The only provider that gives reception at my home.
6. BT
7. ED: Res listed two for self
8. Ed: I have coded T - Mobile . But resp wrote "T-MOBILE - No reception at all".
9. Ed; Resp wrote "T-Mobile -No reception at all". I( Ed) have ticked the T-Mobile box..
10. ORANGE IS PASSABLE VODOPHONE IS USELESS
11. 100% SIGNAL

## Transport, Traffic and Roads

### Question 14

How would you describe your internet connection? (tick all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I use a dial up connection	1.7%	6
I use broadband	68.4%	240
Broadband service is not available	2.0%	7
Broadband service is slow	39.0%	137
I get dropped connections	12.8%	45
My internet connection is good	19.1%	67
I do not have an internet connection	13.4%	47
Comments		9
<i>answered question</i>		<b>351</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>43</b>

### Comments

1. Mobile broadband
2. Appauling We have <1 Mb speed here which is woefully inadequate given the IT developments and should be addressed.
3. Shockingly bad
4. Ed: N/A written in large bold capital letters
5. I have a mobile internet with "3". Works well but isn't really broadband eg. can download radio i-player ut not tv/video.
6. Availability of a decent broadband connection is very high on my list of priorities.
7. Does not use internet
8. Have to pay a premium as supplier isnt available direct.
9. Have to pay a premium as supplier isnt available direct.

### Question 15

Does a poor landline broadband service adversely affect...?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Your personal use only	26.9%	85
Your business only	1.3%	4
Both personal and business use	24.4%	77
My broadband service meets my needs	32.0%	101
I do not have a landline broadband service	15.5%	49
Comments		10
<i>answered question</i>		<b>316</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>78</b>

## Comments

1. We have no Broadband availability which is a frustration both personally and from a business aspect.
2. yeah i cannot play xbox live [Ed: resp added drawing of two eyes and a sad mouth]
3. Other - The Future
4. Our landline for phone is terrible - especially when talking to neighbours.
5. Ed: N/A written in large bold capital letters
6. Ed: Landline written next to broadband
7. Not having a broadband landline service adversely affects me to a great extent - personal use only
8. Personal at the moment, but hopefully business-wise soon
9. Generally our broadband is reasonable but occasionally is slow. H/E most of my use is late at night . . so generally not at business times.
10. Ed: Resp A "poor broadband speed limits entertainment options available to families and is detrimental to businesses in the parish".

## Question 16

If you travel to work by car, how long is your journey?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5 miles	15.0%	45
6-10 miles	25.7%	77
11-15 miles	2.3%	7
16-20 miles	3.7%	11
More than 20 miles	12.0%	36
I do not travel by car to work	41.3%	124
Comments		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>300</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>94</b>

## Comments

1. Retired
2. Not travelling to work.
3. Not travelling to work.
4. I cycle to work
5. (ed:respondent has written N/A at top of table)
6. (ed:respondent has written N/A at top of table)
7. ED: N/A was put here
8. DELIVERY DRIVER
9. Work from Home
10. N/A
11. N/A
12. N/A
13. N/A
14. Ed: resp ticked both 0-5 miles and more than 20 miles
15. I DO NOT WORK
16. B RETIRED
17. ED: Resp wrote " (A) RETIRED
18. Ed: These answers crossed through with a pen
19. A: I have to travel 7-200 miles+ for meetings and projects
20. ED: Wrote "N/A " in middle of questions
21. 3 - 4 times per year
22. By TRAIN

Question 17

Do you use the 99 bus service between Taunton and Chard that runs along the Staple Fitzpaine road?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More than twice a week	4.0%	13
Weekly	3.1%	10
Monthly	7.7%	25
Never	80.6%	261
Did not know there was one	4.6%	15
Comments		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>324</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>70</b>

Comments

1. Not yet
2. resp has Not yet written next to Never
3. Ed: resp added "in holidays"
4. Ed: resp added "in holidays"
5. Other - Occasionally
6. I used to before I passed my driving test.
7. I do intend to use it.
8. occasionally
9. Rarely
10. 4 TIMES A YEAR MAX
11. Occasional & good to know it's there
12. Less than monthly
13. Sometimes
14. As yet
15. 3 - 4 times per year
16. My job precludes me using bus as not the right direction
17. Ed: resp has written NO next to did not know there was one.
18. Ed: resp has written NO next to Did not know there was one
19. Less than monthly
20. Used twice in ten years!
21. ED: Resp ticked both "Never" and "Did not know there was one"
22. Occasionally

Question 18

I do not use the 99 bus, or my use is limited because... (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I prefer to travel by car	71.0%	225
I live too far from the bus stop	30.6%	97
No safe stop near me	12.0%	38
Bus overcrowded and I need to sit	2.5%	8
Full buses do not stop for passengers	4.4%	14
No shelter at my stop	1.6%	5
No safe road crossing near stop	2.8%	9
Bus times unreliable	7.9%	25
Timetable unnecessarily complex	1.6%	5
I would never use the bus	9.8%	31
Comments		39
<i>answered question</i>		<b>317</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>77</b>

### Comments

1. N/A at present
2. I would choose to cycle to Taunton.
3. Bus does not go to or near my place of work.
4. (Ed: 1. next to 'I prefer to travel by car' (for reason below) 2. next to 'bus times unreliable') /not frequent
5. Resp has written: and I usually need a car to transport other items (eg children!) for short journeys with no packages I cycle.
6. Times are sometimes not when I need to catch a bus
7. I do not need to go to the places the 99 route goes to.
8. I use my vehicle for work
9. Shopping is heavy to carry
10. I need my car for work
11. Service not early enough for my shift pattern.
12. It is good to know there is a bus service but to date I tend to use my bike
13. car is more convenient
14. Bus timings do not coincide with times I need to be in Taunton.
15. Bus timings do not coincide with times I need to be in Taunton.
16. Buses do not allow for pick up from school after college late afternoon only way is with a car Ed: only underlined
17. ED: N/A put in box for I would never use the bus
18. It does not go to my place of work (just outside Taunton)
19. Fail to make the effort
20. I am a wheelchair user so no access even if bus stop wasn't a mile away!
21. Travel by bike 2 days a week
22. \*Need to be independently mobile
23. Would use bus but services not advertised clearly and have been lazy in finding information out from bus company.
24. We would like to use the bus - BUT is it possible for the bus to stop at the rough layby on the road just above Crossways Farm? Walking from the Greyhound to our house (239 Baisley Cotts) is treacherous (no pavement) & we only tried it once!
25. Use bus only for leisure purposes - impossible for work purposes.
26. Ed: Resp added beside I need to sit "dangerous to stand"
27. my job precludes me using bus as not the right direction
28. Need car for work
29. Need car for work
30. Other - poor timetabling

31. Too expensive
32. Would not get me to work for the time I start
33. Bus stop not convenient when weather is bad and/or it is dark.
34. WHEN I HAVE WALKED TO THE BUS STOP ON OCCASION, THE BUS IS ALREADY FULL & THERE IS STANDING ROOM ONLY.
35. Ed: No boxes ticked. Resp writes " The bus would not transprt me to my work destination"
36. No problems
37. No problems
38. No problems
39. No problems

Question 19

If you do not have access to a car and cannot use the 99 bus service, do you have a problem with transport?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	8.8%	12
No	91.2%	125
If yes, please specify problem		25
<i>answered question</i>		<b>137</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>257</b>

Specify problem

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Rural location, limited bus services,not viable to use, become reliant on other people
4. Ed: N/A put here
5. N?A HOWEVER WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC IF UNAVAILABLE
6. N/A HOWEVER WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC IF NOT AVAILABLE
7. Service very limited
8. Ed: Line crossed through this question
9. NOT YET
10. N/A
11. Ed: "N/A" written here
12. Cant Drive - No Bus Service
13. ED: Resp wrote "N/A" in space below
14. Wrote "N/A" in middle of questions
15. I cannot get anywhere if parents out/away
16. I can't get anywhere
17. We do not have a bus service nearby
18. Not applicable as I have a car.
19. Bus stop is too far and dangerous o walk to, and bus is too crowded anyway! I hope to be able to drive soon but would use the bus if it were practical.
20. n/a
21. N/A
22. The bus stop is to far
23. The bus stop is to far
24. The bus stop is to far
25. The bus stop is to far

Question 20

Would you be willing to participate in an organised car share scheme to any of the following destinations as a car owner or someone wanting a lift? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Transport to work	10.2%	30
Shopping	14.0%	41
Taking children to school	8.2%	24
None of the above	74.1%	217
Other (please specify)		9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>293</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>101</b>

Other, please specify

1. Am a student so when in Staple just do random stuff.
2. child goes to school on minibus (free)
3. ED: N/A put in box for none of the above
4. (ed: N/A written against "Transport to work" & "Taking children to school"
5. SHOP ONLINE
6. A - would not want responsibility as driver
7. Would participate in a rota to drive the elderly to GPs/medical appts.
8. My hours can vary daily and the finishing time is only known on the day.
9. Ed: Ticked "Taking children to school" and wrote in OTHER below "In the future - our daughter is currently only 2"

Question 21

Would you support a reduction in the current speed limit in the following areas? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Orchard Portman (near Polo Ground)	22.2%	76
Thurlbear village	21.6%	74
Badger Street to Winter Well	35.9%	123
Staple Fitzpaine village	32.4%	111
Road from Staple Hill to Staple Fitzpaine village	28.0%	96
Curland Village	30.0%	103
New Road from Bickenhall to Staple Fitzpaine	34.1%	117
All Roads in the Parish	34.1%	117
None of the above	18.4%	63
Other (please specify)		17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>343</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>51</b>

Other, please specify

1. Not lived here long enough to comment
2. CONSIDER THE THREE MARKED WITH X TO BE VERY DANGEROUS (ed: Orchard Portman Road, Badger Street to Winter Well, Staple Hill to Staple Fitzpaine
3. The road is narrow in places and cars/vans go too fast.
4. THE LANES BEING USED AS A 'RAT RUN' IS A PROBLEM - HOWEVER BEST THIS COULD BE DETERRED
5. I would support a reduction in current speed limit on road passing beside Bickenhall Hill Farm.
6. Ed: Last question ticked also.
7. Ed: This first answer ticked twice

8. (A) The school at Thurlbear has no speed limit outside it. There should be some limits there, as outside most urban schools (20 m.p.h.)
9. B Vicinity of turn to Thurlbear from Staple Fitzpaine Orchard Portman Road
10. We live on the "no named road" towards Horton/Barrington Hill. It is very dangerous as it's used as a cut through race track My car has been written off as I tried to leave my property. We would support a reduction of the current speed limit before somebody is killed.
11. Pound Road
12. Pound Road
13. These need to apply to horses as well!
14. SLOW ' SIGNS EITHER SIDE OF THE CROSSROADS ALONG NEW ROAD.
15. ed: resp did not tick a box but wrote about New Road "either side of Whitty X road"
16. Ed: resp added to box re New Road "either side of Whitty X road"
17. Yes - Past Thurlbear School!

#### Question 22

Do you think there are roads in the Parish that are dangerous?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	80.1%	241
No	19.9%	60
Comments		10
<i>answered question</i>		<b>301</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>93</b>

#### Comments

1. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
2. Ed: Did not fill in above but marked junction on map.
3. Ed: This question not ticked but following question marked on map.
4. Ed: This question not ticked but cross made on map
5. ED: One set for the form has been listed on other resp record
6. Ed: Not answered this question but marked crosses on map
7. Ed: Resp marked 'no', but crossed two places on the map below.
8. ED: Resp ticked 15 crossing on New Road and wrote below map "Dip in the road causes traffic from east to be hidden - speed also a problem on this road. Warning signs might be useful".
9. Ed; C/ wrote "As above also in space below the map". This referred to a comment about 15 crossing on New Road, namely poor visibility and speeding
10. ED: A did not tick either box but then marked sites on map

## Question 23

If yes, please indicate up to 5 places you consider to be the MOST dangerous		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	12.8%	22
2	22.7%	39
3	23.8%	41
4	15.7%	27
5	47.1%	81
6	26.2%	45
7	22.1%	38
8	20.3%	35
9	5.2%	9
10	29.7%	51
11	7.6%	13
12	5.8%	10
13	11.0%	19
14	3.5%	6
15	27.9%	48
16	16.9%	29
17	4.7%	8
18	14.5%	25
19	7.0%	12
20	8.1%	14
21	8.7%	15
22	0.6%	1
23	8.1%	14
24	0.6%	1
25	5.8%	10
26	4.1%	7
27	3.5%	6
28	0.6%	1
29	0.6%	1
30	1.7%	3
31	1.2%	2
Comments		39
<i>answered question</i>		<b>172</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>222</b>

### Comments

1. Not lived here long enough to comment
2. The road is too narrow to accommodate coaches, lorries and the 99 bus - near misses and these vehicles often cross the central reservation with potential consequence of accidents. Straighter sections of road encourage excessive speed and often stupid overtaking manoeuvres.
3. Ed: resp. also marked the road north Staple Fitzpaine Crossroads and wrote "Entering village"
4. (Ed: a set of crosses recorded for previous respondent)
5. (ed:comments recorded on previous respondent's data)
6. Ed: Resp has added tickets in an area outside the parish
7. (ed:comments recorded on previous respondent's data)
8. (Ed: a set of crosses recorded for previous respondent)
9. (ed:comments recorded on previous respondent's data)
10. Commuters driving too fast and not respecting cyclist.
11. (ed:comments recorded on previous respondent's data)

12. (Ed: a set of crosses recorded for previous respondent)
13. (Ed: a set of crosses recorded for previous respondent)
14. Ed: Also written on questionnaire - Winterwell to Badger Street, Badger Street to Staple Fitzpaine, Frost Street
15. The traffic to Thurlbear school is a very big problem - ridiculous!
16. ED; one set of answer recorded on other res survey
17. Rat Run of A358
18. This [Ed: arrow pointing to 5,6,7,] whole section is hazardous - car speed far too fast for bendy, narrow roads here & buses too wide too, Impossible to ride on horses safely or walk with daughter.
19. Ed: 3 and 4 marked by big cross with comment "VERY NARROW & BUSES GO TOO (underlined) FAST
20. FROM STAPLEFITZPAINE TO SHORDITCH
21. I feel that the road from Orchard Portman Staple Hill road is very fast
22. Ed: Another resp in house had ticked 15 and this what the resp referred to
23. ED; One set with no A or B indication was recorded on other resp record
24. - drive too fast through centre of Staple - poor visibility at junction with Thurlbear
25. overtaking is a problem when trying to turn down Netherclay Lane, it also dips on both sides.
26. ED: Respdrew a line from section 16 and added "when meeting a bus/wide vehicle"
27. Junction dangerous when verges not cut back A + B
28. Junction dangerous when verges not cut back A + B
29. ED: RespondantS wrote "A and B - X marks sites"
30. ED: RespondantS wrote " A and B - X marks sites"
31. Pickle corner
32. Pickle corner. Whitty crossroads.
33. 10. Especially in June/July when verges are overgrown
34. (ed: the other respondent has completed this.)
35. Whitty X roads. There should be a STOP sign as the grass verge/hedge makes it impossible to see right when approaching from Curland.
36. Junction @ Crossways Farm poor visibility
37. visibility poor when grass on verges is long
38. Ed: resp writes in response to Q 22 "But that is the nature of country roads!"
39. Ed: resp has not filled in details on map but writes instead " As someone who cycles into town the road highlighted (the main road from the Wellington ridge road through to Orchard Portman via Staple Fitzpaine) is lethal, particularly the area through Badger Street and Winter Well. Cars cannot slow for bikes and overtake, only to meet oncoming traffic. I have been involved in at least 2 crashes."

## Question 24

Do you think the speed of traffic in Neroche Parish should be controlled by any of the following? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Community speed watch sessions	21.0%	68
Flashing speed warning signs in agreed locations	59.0%	191
More road signs e.g. speed, warning, etc.	32.1%	104
Narrowing entrances to villages	17.0%	55
Speed bumps	19.8%	64
No further traffic controls are needed	17.3%	56
Other (please specify)		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>324</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>70</b>

### Other, please specify

1. Not lived here long enough to comment
2. A STANDARD 40MPH FOR ALL ROADS AND LOWER (30MPH) WHEN TRAVELLING THROUGH VILLAGES
3. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
4. Resp has written: Speed bumps near Thurlbear School
5. Ed: resp also bracketed narrowing entrances to villages and speed bumps with the words "No - will compromise access by emergency vehicles"
6. THE LANES BEING USED AS A 'RAT RUN' IS A PROBLEM - HOWEVER BEST THIS COULD BE DETERRED
7. Ed: resp wrote "No" beside narrowing entrances to villages and speed bumps
8. There should be a 40mph speed limit on rural roads
9. speed bumps cannot be used unless street lights in operation
10. Could also try removing the white centre line - in other places this has been shown to reduce speeds
11. By reduction of some current speed limits eg reducing limits outside Bickenhall Hill Farm
12. A big sign not to overtake where Thurlbear junction meets the Main Road as with school traffic this can be very (Ed: very underlined) dangerous. Perhaps signs stating the numerous accidents on the main S.fitzpaine, Badger St & Thurlbear straight road.
13. I would strongly support a significant reduction from present signs, etc. Ed: the word 'reduction' is underlined.
14. Hand-held Cameras would be welcome - a lot more frequently than now
15. Ed: Resp underlined "warning" when ticking More road signs, etc box
16. ED: Put an X next to "Narrowing entrances to villages" and wrote below Other "A only if enforced"
17. A B - particularly at Badger street
18. A B - particularly at Badger Street
19. Ed: Resp has added NO to 'Flashing speed etc'
20. Ed: Ticked More road signs, and wrote in OTHER "but not excessive"
21. ed: resp written re box speed bumps " only last resort"
22. Ed: resp "reducing speed limits through ALL the built up areas to at most 40mph"

Question 25

Would you support the straightening and widening of dangerous bends in the road between Chard and Taunton which runs through Staple Fitzpaine, where this is possible?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	54.5%	181
No	33.7%	112
I have no opinion	11.7%	39
Other (please specify)		cep
<i>answered question</i>		<b>332</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>62</b>

Other, please specify

1. If the roads were to be widened this may very well promote a higher speed used by traffic
2. THIS NATURALLY SLOWS TRAFFIC AT DANGER POINTS
3. NO WIDER ROADS MEANS FASTER ROADS. STRAIGHTER ROADS MEANS FASTER ROADS
4. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
5. Resp has written May just encourage more speeding!
6. Lower speed limits instead
7. Widening tends to increase speeding
8. Absolutely NOT
9. So long as speed controls are put in place i.e. I would not wish a 'straighter' road to be a 'faster' road.
10. makes traffic faster
11. road would be more dangerous cars go faster Ed: be is underlined
12. Only if eco system that was destroyed in doing so was recreated.
13. If you do that surely you would make traffic go even faster.
14. Widening would be good
15. Research shows that straightening tends to speed up the traffic. I would support widening, however.
16. Straightening of the roads would lead to people driving faster a recipe for more accidents
17. Not sure if that would merely increase speeds?
18. New buses are too wide - very hazardous to pass A & B
19. Where the road is straight people drive far too fast
20. It may encourage people to go faster, money better spent elsewhere.
21. A - At Badger Street. Buses/tankers are too wide
22. Straightening + widening may increase traffic + increase speed
23. DO NOT STRAIGHTEN OR WIDEN THESE ROADS AS THIS WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC SPEED. FLASHING SIGNS WHICH INDICATE THE MAXIMUM SAFE SPEED ARE MORE EFFECTIVE.
24. Ed: resp "subject to careful treatment of hedgerows"
25. Ed: Resp "This would only encourage traffic to go faster - very strongly AGAINST"
26. Ed Resp B " Improving visibility around blind corners by reducing hedge height would be helpful".

### Question 26

Would you support the collection of accurate road accident figures to help improve road safety in the parish?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.8%	225
No	9.3%	31
I have no opinion	22.9%	76
Comments		6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>332</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>62</b>

### Comments

1. BUT THESE SHOULD INCLUDE NON INJURY ACCIDENTS AS WELL
2. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
3. Doesn't this already happen for accidents reported to the police
4. Hmm. Someone should collate details of traffic accidents - but surely not the PC.
5. ed: resp written " how would this be done?"
6. WASTE OF MONEY

### Question 27

Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) are used on the roads by local businesses and for deliveries in the Parish. Apart from this, do you think that HGV traffic passing through the Parish is a problem? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, through traffic on main roads	31.7%	103
Yes, through traffic on lanes	55.1%	179
I do not think there is a problem	37.8%	123
Other (please specify)		17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>325</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>69</b>

### Other, please specify

1. Cannot comment
2. THERE ARE HUGE LORRIES USING INAPPROPRIATE ROADS
3. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
4. OK if they drive with care
5. Wide buses badly driven are sometimes a problem
6. Wide buses badly driven are often a problem
7. Some vehicles exceed the road capacity
8. The bus is too big for the lanes from badger street to winterwell
9. The bus is too big for the lanes from Badger street to Winterwell
10. School traffic is the bigger hazard on my road. Speed some travel at with a car-load of kids beggars belief!
11. Ed: Second answer given as "not sure"
12. (A) Also, the width of buses
13. HGVS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE LANES. THE LANES ARE FAR TOO NARROW AND THIS IS DANGEROUS FOR ANIMALS AND PEDESTRIANS/CYCLISTS.
14. Occasionally, but traffic coming through seems necessary.
15. Ed: resp " only ever see an occasional vehicle"
16. vehicles travelling to Staple Farm and Bickenhall Farm - lorries parking & delivering. Too large for roads.

17. Ed: Resp "The yellow buses running between Taunton and Chard are too big for the lanes, dangerous and a nightmare if you encounter them in the lanes".

#### Question 28

If a safe cycle route from the villages into Taunton could be developed, would you use it?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	49.7%	176
No	38.4%	136
Don't know	11.9%	42
Other (please specify)		8
<i>answered question</i>		<b>354</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>40</b>

Other, please specify

1. I REGULARLY CYCLE INTO TAUNTON FROM BICKENHALL AND HAVE HAD SEVERAL NEAR INCIDENTS DUE TO INAPPROPRIATE SPEED AND MANNER OF DRIVING
2. I never go into Taunton anyway. Ilminster is much better. This survey is to Taunton - centre
3. I do not think this is possible
4. Unable to cycle
5. Definitely - an excellent idea. We cycle 1 - 2 per week to work.
6. Cycle path adjacent to polo ground (straight road) to Taunton would be excellent. It is too dangerous to cycle at the moment.
7. Unable to cycle
8. Unable to cycle

#### Question 29

Do you experience a problem with flooding in the Parish that affects...? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Roads and lanes	45.0%	157
Your property	8.6%	30
I have no problem with flooding	53.3%	186
Other (please specify)		6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>349</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>45</b>

Other, please specify

1. Flooding of the road outside my property has become significantly worse due to the cutting back of trees as part of the Neroche Forest Project. It is damaging my property and makes the road more hazardous due to the bend.
2. A lot of the manholes in Underhill Lane are poorly positioned to catch the runoff in the roads - either set too far back or higher than the road surfaces
3. We flooded in 1974 and constructed defences thereafter so although garden has flooded, water has not yet come indoors!
4. Where Crag Hay Lane starts at New Road
5. The council needs to keep the storm drains clear, before events not after
6. Road into Taunton at Orchard Portman

### Question 30

Are you affected by local flooding caused by poorly maintained ditches?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	44.7%	155
No	55.3%	192
Other (please specify)		8
<i>answered question</i>		<b>347</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>47</b>

Other, please specify

1. Water on road at bends and junctions prone to freezing
2. Ed: Resp added at the end of the question "NOTE! --- AND DRAINS"
3. It runs down the roads
4. Where Crag Hay Lane starts at New Road
5. Ed: Yes was ringed in black biro
6. On property owned and leased by the Crown Estate applies to question 27 and 26
7. Usually end up clearing them myself to clear water.
8. No more than is tolerably acceptable.

## Environment

### Question 31

Would you like more information from an impartial source on...? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Assessing the energy use of your household	26.5%	87
Insulating your house	20.4%	67
Grants for energy saving products	35.7%	117
Solar panels, wind power or heat pumps	27.4%	90
Developing a local green energy co-operative	19.5%	64
Small scale hydro-electric power schemes	12.8%	42
Anaerobic digester	14.3%	47
Electricity buy back schemes	15.2%	50
None of the above	45.1%	148
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>328</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>66</b>

Other, please specify

1. WASTE OF TIME, ALL TOO EXPENSIVE INITIALLY
2. (ed: comments have been included in other respondents data)
3. Ed: 5th answer given as " ?". 6th answer given as "Possibly?"
4. Managed by Council [ladyacre, Staple]

### Question 32

By which of the following means would you like to obtain impartial information on energy saving? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A survey of your home	25.0%	79
Information in a community newsletter	25.0%	79
Information on a Neroche community website	25.6%	81
An exhibition in the village hall	27.8%	88
From a community energy saving group	16.1%	51
None of the above	32.6%	103
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>316</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>78</b>

Other, please specify

1. Resp has written: Information in the Parish Magazine?
2. I believe that the ageing population (or rather, old in general) of our parish means less consideration is given to green issues than would be average across the nation. I speak as a 22 yr old student.
3. Ed: This answer is in brackets
4. Parish magazine

### Question 33

Which of the following steps have you taken to insulate your home and to reduce energy usage? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Loft insulation to 270mm (10 1/2 inches)	36.7%	69
Loft insulation to less than 270mm (10 1/2 inches)	32.4%	61
Cavity wall or solid wall insulation	20.7%	39
Draught proofing	36.2%	68
Hot water tank insulation	62.2%	117
Double glazing	58.0%	109
None of the above	14.4%	27
Other (please specify)		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>188</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>206</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: comment made with \* partial double glazing
2. (Ed: already recorded on previous response)
3. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
4. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
5. Resp has written 'Modern House'
6. We will be undertaking most of the above but currently renovating property
7. Being a listed building many of the above are not available to us.
8. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
9. Resp has written Grade II listed - so v restricted in this area
10. I live with parents so have no control.
11. (ed: 'partial' has been written against "Cavity Wall" Draft proofing", "Double glazing")
12. Combie boiler
13. ALL "TICKS" TO PART OF HOUSE ONLY
14. Short term renting 6 months

15. Done by Council
16. Done by Council
17. Ed: Resp ticked same as 'A'
18. High efficiency boiler. and appliances, light bulbs energy saving.
19. Resp wrote here "4 Kw solar panel system" but did not record it in appropriate question below - I have added editorial note about this in that question also.
20. ED: wrote " Half - part" in line space when ticking double glazing
21. Ed: next to Double glazing resp has added: "where permitted - listed cottage"
22. (Just one new bedroom window is double glazed)

#### Question 34

Which of the following do you use for heating your home and for domestic hot water? (ONE REPLY PER HOUSEHOLD) (Tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Oil	76.9%	143
Electricity	41.9%	78
LPG (gas)	9.7%	18
Solid fuel boiler	5.4%	10
Wood or multi-fuel stove	50.0%	93
Solar panels, wind power, heat pumps	2.7%	5
Other (please specify)		14
<i>answered question</i>		<b>186</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>208</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. (Ed: already recorded on previous response)
2. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
3. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
4. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
5. Open coal fire
6. Yes, in winter we would struggle without our coal fire.
7. Ed: Resp crossed out stove and added the word "Cooker"
8. (ed: other respondent has reported on this)
9. (ed: other respondent has reported on this)
10. Rayburn
11. ED: Both res ticked the same two
12. Ed: In question above on insulation the resp added that the house had a 4KW solar panel system, but did not tick the appropriate box in this question to record the fact. I think that we should record it in this question but have NOT ticked it.
13. open fire - coal, wood
14. "Gas Mains"- ED: I believe resp works in, but does not live in parish

### Question 35

Would you be interested in finding out more about land sharing schemes within the Parish for any of the following? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Allotments	7.7%	25
Growing fruit and vegetables	12.0%	39
Growing fruit trees	9.9%	32
Fast growing trees for wood fuel	18.2%	59
Animal husbandry	8.3%	27
I am not interested	71.6%	232
Other (please specify)		3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>324</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>70</b>

Other, please specify

1. Yes, that sounds a great idea both to get people fit and reduce food miles.
2. Not currently interested but possibly in the future for all.
3. Good idea, but personally have enough land.

### Question 36

Would you be interested in group purchasing schemes fro any of the following?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Food produce	18.3%	59
Heating oil	48.8%	157
Solar panels to make hot water	15.2%	49
Solar panels to generate electricity	20.2%	65
Wood fuel pellets	11.2%	36
Loft insulation	14.3%	46
I am not interested	37.6%	121
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>322</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>72</b>

Other, please specify

1. A LPG Gas
2. Can tenants get subsidised loft insulation

### Question 37

Do you have a problem with light pollution from...?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A nearby property	7.0%	23
Continuous outside lights	3.3%	11
Nearby towns and main roads	4.5%	15
I do not have a problem	63.9%	211
None of above	24.8%	82
Other (please specify)		8
<i>answered question</i>		<b>330</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>64</b>

Other, please specify

1. I think light pollution is a big problem - it is a very visible reminder of the general issue of energy waste. Light is a form of energy therefore light pollution = energy waste.
2. Light pollution from Taunton is not a problem as such - I've got used to it, but one can see little of the night sky compared with 40+ years ago
3. Slightly - not too badly & nothing like as badly as my next door neighbour does! (From neighbouring livery yard).
4. ED: Resp numbered the 5 answers 1 to 5 and wrote below " B. I'm not sure that I see a difference between 4 and 5"
5. Ed: Comment written here "What about an adequate water source - wells etc.!"
6. Ed; Resp A " from RSPCA Centre"
7. Ed: Resp A "There is an increasing tendency for houses to have gates with a light on all the time; also grounds/drive/paths lit with continuously at night, or for long periods."
8. Ed Resp B " I have lived in the parish for nearly 30 years. In this time there has been a major increase in street lighting from nearby towns and roads. But also the trend of local people to leave external lights on throughout the night. Bring back the night sky!"

## Countryside

Question 38

What aspects of the countryside do you want to see maintained or enhanced? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Landscape - trees, fields, animals, plants	86.0%	288
Rural characteristics of parish	77.3%	259
Neroche forest and other woodland areas	80.0%	268
Peace and quiet	76.1%	255
Footpaths and bridleways	80.6%	270
Other (please specify)		10
<b>answered question</b>		<b>335</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>59</b>

Other, please specify

1. HARDER STANCE TAKEN AGAINST NEW TRAVELLER INCURSION
2. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
3. B.O.A.T.
4. Ed: beside the words peace and quiet resp added, "HA HA HA Increasing numbers of vehicles deny the above - encouraging people into the countryside will exacerbate this. more air pollution, traffic noise, accidents, road surface damage, litter, toileting problems.
5. Ed: beside the words peace and quiet resp added, "HA HA HA Increasing numbers of vehicles deny the above - encouraging people into the countryside will exacerbate this. more air pollution, traffic noise, accidents, road surface damage, litter, toileting problems.
6. leave Neroche Forest alone - too much human encorochment
7. Maybe maintenance on a passive or personal basis - not on an active community basis.
8. Ed: Peace and quiet and Footpaths and bridleways ticked three times.
9. Ed: Resp has crossed out the words 'or enhanced'.
10. ed: resp "have I stopped beating my wife??!"

### Question 39

Do you believe any of the following to be a threat to the rural environment? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Creeping urbanisation e.g. signs, street lighting	46.5%	152
Housing styles not in keeping with the rural character of the parish	35.8%	117
Lack of preservation orders on significant trees	21.4%	70
Aspects of Forestry Commission management practice	18.0%	59
Timber extraction roads in forests	14.1%	46
Gravel surfacing on bridleways	10.7%	35
Loopholes in planning regulations	33.3%	109
Litter on roadsides, and in woods and forests	70.0%	229
Fly tipping on roadsides and in forests	79.5%	260
I do not believe there are threats to the rural environment	4.6%	15
Other (please specify)		9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>327</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>67</b>

Other, please specify

1. TRAVELLER INCURSION
2. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
3. Lack of replacement planting. Housing on arable land. Ed: resp also wrote the word "Essential" beside timber extraction roads in forests
4. At Uni, I use a country lane where fly tippers from Nottingham have taken hold; It seems to me that once a location is known to be 'safe' for fly tippers, they get out of control; so we need to nip any occurrences in the bud.
5. Ed: 3rd Question and 7th Question starred (\*)
6. We think the Forestry Commission have done a good job maintaining/copicing Neroche. Good access on graveled bridleways. Particularly during wet winters.
7. Ed: Litter on roadsides starred with following comment "The track from Orchard Portman to Wych Lodge has an area used for 'raves'. Litter (mainly plastic bottles is strewn around.
8. AGRICULTURE PLANT - TOO LARGE
9. Ed: resp " I believe these are all threats to the 'rural environment', but so far I do not think they are a huge threat to our Parish.

### Question 40

Would you support any of the follingw measures to protect and enhance the rural environment? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Preservation orders on significant trees	44.0%	144
Tree planting by volunteer groups at agreed sites	51.1%	167
Community litter picking-up days	55.0%	180
Other volunteer activity, e.g. maintaining footpaths	34.6%	113
None of the above	15.9%	52
Other (please specify)		9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>327</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>67</b>

Other, please specify

1. Newcomers to the area. Sympathetic to the environment. May wish to help in the future.
2. An avenue of oak trees along New Road
3. An avenue of oak trees along New Road
4. Ed: Arrow pointed to Other volunteer activity eg maintaining footpaths - "People who walk them should clear them"
5. Ed: Arrow pointed to Other volunteer activity eg maintaining footpaths - "People who walk them should clear them"
6. Ed: resp indicates that he would be interested in "Picking up litter"
7. Ed: resp indicates that she would be interested in "I do litter pick the road up to Neroche"
8. Ed: First question started
9. Once a week I collect litter from my lane, if everyone did a small stretch the parish would stay litter free.

Question 41

Do you agree with any of the following statements? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Recent tree clearance in Neroche Forest seems excessive	32.0%	110
Tree clearance allows development of new habitats	50.0%	172
Clearance sometimes damages the forest floor	30.5%	105
Community access to the forest is important	67.4%	232
The forest should be accessible for those with disability	35.5%	122
Biodiversity of plants and animals is a priority	47.7%	164
Forest projects should promote leisure activity	23.3%	80
Educational projects are important	43.6%	150
The forest helps local businesses, e.g. equine, hospitality	36.3%	125
A group should be formed to liaise between the Forestry Commission and residents	22.4%	77
More permits for wood gathering are needed	27.9%	96
I have no opinion	3.8%	13
I do not agree with any of the statements	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		18
<b>answered question</b>		<b>344</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>50</b>

Other, please specify

1. IT SEEMS THAT THE CLEARANCES DO NOT HAVE A LONG TERM PLAN - WALKING AMONG TREES NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO STUMPS/RUTS
2. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
3. Orchids that were abundant in Oakey Copse have gone from hundreds to a few since clearance. Hope to see a recovery next year.
4. It is not as simple or one sided as this. If you demand more access you will need more liason
5. I believe an FC - Residents forum would be fruitless, as it would boil down to educated professionals (FC) -v- ignorant NIMBYs (locals)
6. The excessive tree clearance and fencing off large tracts of the forest and restricting access to set paths, has reduced accessibility to walkers, riders (equestrian), animals (eg deer) and in due course of time the clear felled areas will resort to impenetrable thickets of brambles and thorn.

7. The excessive tree clearance and fencing off large tracts of the forest and restricting access to set paths, has reduced accessibility to walkers, riders (equestrian), animals (eg deer) and in due course of time the clear felled areas will resort to impenetrable thickets of brambles and thorn.
8. Resp has added \* to More Permits etc and written underneath: I believe a person is able to take as much wood as he/she can carry without needing a permit (Ancient law). Tree clearance destroys habitats as well as creating new habitate.
9. (ed: comment in relation to "A group should be formed ...")There is a danger that the individuals in such a group may represent a very narrow personal view, dominated by one or two issues, rather than reflecting a wider community view. Must make sure that the group does not become a 'spoiler' operation saying no to any significant change.
10. Content with the status quo
11. Ed: Second statement "Probably but\* Should be done more sympathetically".
12. There is a need to cull the deer - too many of them - cause damage to hedgerows & eat all our vegetables (and my roses!)
13. Forestry Commission tend to leave large amounts of litter in wood, (oil drums and cans primarily)
14. Clearing areas to improve views would have been good. Replanting should have been a priority too.
15. ED: Resp put an asterisk in WOOD GATHERING space and wrote below "How do you get one? Maybe we are already allowed? For these reasons I can't really answer the question.
16. ED: Resp ticked box about a liaising group with Forestry Commission and wrote below " Or more information that is clear should be given to residents informing us of what is happening"
17. Priority should always be for the wildlife, not human invasion
18. Priority should always be for the wildlife, not human invasion

#### Question 42

Farming is an integral part of Neroche Parish. Do you agree that we should support the industry in the following ways? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Recognising that the landscape changes as farming practice evolves	49.3%	173
Supporting diversification schemes	37.3%	131
Supporting conversion of redundant property to other uses	45.6%	160
Supporting non-farming enterprises e.g. B&B, equestrian	50.1%	176
Purchasing of locally produced food	72.1%	253
Accepting consequences of farming, e.g. muck spreading, mud on roads	59.5%	209
Expecting farming codes of practice to be adhered to, e.g. on footpath maintenance, on pesticide spraying, etc.	74.4%	261
None of the above	2.3%	8
Other (please specify)		19
<b>answered question</b>		<b>351</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>43</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. Ed: \* next to question - supporting conversion of redundant property to other uses - \*"In sympathy with requirements of environment and wildlife." and under question Accepting consequences of farming eg muck spreading, mud on roads

- the comment is "NO - Mud on the road (underlined) left by farmers has caused several serious accidents along the road @ Winterwell. Muckspreading absolutely fine, necessary for the land."
2. Ed: in answer to question re supporting conversion of redundant property a tick with \* "In sympathy with requirements of environment and wildlife." Ed: in answer to question Accepting consequences of farming eg muck spreading "NO - Mud on the road left by farmers has caused several serious accidents along the road @ Winterwell and I was involved in one where my car was written off." Muck spreading - absolutely fine, necessary for the land."
  3. SOME SMELLS SEEM EXCESSIVE AND UN-NATURAL
  4. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
  5. (ed: equestrian has been deleted from 'supporting non-farming enterprises) I think there is sufficient equestrian enterprises within the parish
  6. I support equestrian activities but do feel the roads locally are dangerous for them - would support lower hedges etc for greater visibility of riders.
  7. Ed: beside the section Accepting consequences of farming etc ... resp wrote "50/50"
  8. (ed: comment alongside "Accepting consequences) other than excessive raw sewage.
  9. landscapes change but this has to be in a controlled fashion so that landscape change is not detrimental to the environment.
  10. (ed: in relation to "mud on the roads" This controlled by law, ie. legal obligation for farmers to clear it up.
  11. MUD ON ROADS IS AN ISSUE, SO IS EXCESSIVE WEED GROWTH DUE TO NEGLIGENCE OF FIELDS.
  12. ED: Resp put an asterisk next to Accepting Consequences of Farming box, did NOT tick box, but wrote in OTHER section "A NOT IF EXCESSIVE!"
  13. Too bullshitting to be answerable.
  14. large farm machinery too large & fast & dangerous
  15. A The main duty of the parish council + parish plan would be to not to interfere with farming practice as they are independant small businesses - unless they break the law - In other words farmers should be treated as any other small business
  16. MUD ON ROADS HAS SAFETY IMPLICATIONS AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. MUCK SPREADING IN FIELDS IS NOT THE SAME ISSUE
  17. ed: resp re box accepting consequences of muck etc " within reason"
  18. Mud on road is illegal and dangerous and should not be condoned. It is unnecessary.
  19. Ed: Resp re box on supporting non-farming enterprises writes " not equestrian". Mud on road is illegal and dangerous and should not be condoned. It is unnecessary.

Question 43

Have you experienced any of the following? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Hedge cutting debris left on road	49.7%	170
Hedge cutting debris causing punctures	24.6%	84
Hedge cutting debris causing blocked drains	25.4%	87
Hedge cutting damaging footpath signs and stiles	17.0%	58
Overloaded containers shedding large amounts of muck on roads	45.6%	156
Excessive mud on roads	53.2%	182
Livestock escaping onto roads and property	30.1%	103
Pesticide spraying affecting your home or property	15.8%	54
None of the above	16.7%	57
Other (please specify)		23
<i>answered question</i>		<b>342</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>52</b>

Other, please specify

1. Newcomers to the area.
2. Ed: Under question livestock escaping "not on our property but on the roads nearby."
3. Ed: in answer to question Livestock escaping "\*\*not on our property but on the roads nearby"
4. SOME HEDGES (DROVES ESPECIALLY) NOT CUT BACK ENOUGH
5. I am afraid this is all part of living in a country area.
6. As a farm worker in the village of Staple Fitzpaine I would just like to say we try are best to keep roads clean but sometimes we have to get on with the job in hand, whatever the weather, hedges need to be cut, and it is impossible not to have debris on road.
7. Ed: there was no indication who wrote the following so was inserted for the first resp in this household, but obviously has been written by this resp.: "As a farm worker in the village of Staple Fitzpaine I would just like to say we try are best to keep roads clean but sometimes we have to get on with the job in hand, what ever the weather, hedges need to be cut, and it is impossible not to have debris on road."
8. I have experienced them, but did not consider it a big deal.
9. Overgrown hedges - lack of vision - leads to wrong impression of parish on entry from Taunton
10. poor field drainage leading to excessive run-off, flooded roads & mud/silt on roads. Farmers should keep ditches clear & avoid this happening - perhaps changing to grass in worst affected fields.
11. (ed: comment relating to "pesticide spraying...") In the past, not now. (ed: further comment) Generally the local farmers seem pretty good about clearing up roads
12. Particularly noxious smelling effluent/waste spread by local farmer on surrounding fields causes nausea.
13. Mud on road? problem occassionally
14. ...but so what
15. MASSIVE MUCK HEAP IN THE HEIGHT OF SUMMER FLIES; UNABLE TO HANG WASHING OUT SO I HAVE TO TUMBLEDRY (IN JULY!) Ed: The word 'MASSIVE' is underlined
16. hedges too high
17. ED: A wrote in the box about hedge cutting damaging footpath signs "A - VILLAGE SIGNS TOO"

- 18. Resp has written 'LOTS' next to Hedge cuttings causing punctures
- 19. ED: Resp ticked Excessive mud on roads and put an asterisk in box. Then below wrote "\* very occasionally"
- 20. Threatening behaviour by livestock. Have been kicked by a pony.
- 21. Threatening behaviour by livestock. Have been kicked by pony.
- 22. Ed: resp "But this is part of life in the country - if you don't like it, live in a town!"
- 23. Ed: resp writes "All part of living in the country"

Question 44

How often do you use the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Most days	31.5%	115
At least once a week	25.2%	92
At least once a month	18.6%	68
Rarely	19.2%	70
Never	5.5%	20
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>365</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>29</b>

Other, please specify

- 1. ED: wrote "as and when I need to" in space on RARELY line
- 2. In the past

Question 45

Please specify if this is a: (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walker	94.2%	308
Runner	8.6%	28
Horse rider	15.0%	49
Bike rider	17.7%	58
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>327</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>67</b>

Other, please specify

- 1. Ed: resp has written 'dog' next to 'walker'
- 2. ED: wrote "as a farmer in the area" in space on WALKER line

## Question 46

Do you encounter problems when using the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish or does anything limit your use of the network? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too few route maps	9.7%	31
Inadequate or absent signs	14.7%	47
No local walking group	2.8%	9
Poorly maintained paths, stiles, gates or bridges	17.5%	56
Blocked paths	14.4%	46
Farming activity, e.g. crops, livestock	13.8%	44
Uncontrolled dogs or dog fouling	13.8%	44
Inconsiderate horse riders	9.1%	29
Trail bikes or mountain bikes	4.1%	13
I do not encounter any problems	51.9%	166
Other (please specify)		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>320</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>74</b>

### Other, please specify

1. Ed: next to I do not encounter resp wrote 'So far'
2. DURING RECENT PATH WORKS FOR SOME REASON THEY HAVE LEFT KEY BITS UNDONE - THIS CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR ALL USERS
3. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
4. Often high crops e.g. maize totally block paths.
5. HOME OWNER BLOCKING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY PAST HIS PROPERTY WITH AGGRESSIVE/ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR
6. DOG FOULING ISSUE, NO BINS - OWNERS DO NOT CLEAR UP. ALSO PROBLEM AT HOME, GRASS VERGES USED.
7. DOG FOULING ISSUE, NO BINS - OWNERS DO NOT CLEAR UP. ALSO PROBLEM AT HOME, GRASS VERGES USED.
8. Bridleways can turn into continuous mud . New ones much better.
9. Wheelchair user to access limited. Neroche path appreciated.
10. \* This is a fact - not a criticism
11. We were not impressed that \*\*\*\*\* have blocked a footpath on their horse fields. ( Note from editor: name of property deleted for publication on web site).
12. It can become impossible to walk some paths across the fields because of 'churning up' caused by horses or the wet.
13. They seem to think they are more important and have more right to be there (not all though)
14. Parts of the woods are spoilt by overclearing and path making.
15. A Horse riders and walkers don't mix- paths rutted by horses
16. One rider + 2 other horses at a canter on winding lanes = danger
17. 1 rider that leads 2 or more horses at a time at a fast speed down the road is dangerous. He spooks other riders' horses and an accident will happen. Ed: 'will' is underlined.
18. SOME STYLES DO NOT ALLOW DOGS TO PASS THROUGH WHICH MEANS I CAN'T USE THEM WHEN WALKING MY DOG. THIS IS A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR ME.
19. muddy
20. Ed: Resp ticked the box for inconsiderate horse riders and wrote" Inconsiderate horse riders who in particular churn up ground and go "off path"

21. Ed: Resp ticked box about dogs and crossed out uncontrolled dogs just leaving dog fouling as an issue. Dog fouling particularly on new disabled walk. Inconsiderate horse riders who in particular churn up ground and go "off path".
22. Ed: Resp A " Lack of directions in residential parts of farm house/nearby barns so that one does not know where to walk through paths that go close to farms or barns".

#### Question 47

If you have a footpath or bridleway passing through or past your property, have you had problems caused by any of the following? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Users straying off the path	45.9%	39
Damage to property or crops	16.5%	14
Gates left open	32.9%	28
Litter	32.9%	28
Uncontrolled dogs	32.9%	28
Horses damaging the path or bridleway	36.5%	31
Other (please specify)		22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>85</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>309</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. Motor vehicles illegally using bridleway - not (ed: underlined) for access
3. GENERALLY GOOD BUT DOG OWNERS DO NOT PICK DROPPINGS AS OWNERS IN TOWNS DO
4. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
5. (ed: The respondent wrote N/A)
6. N/A
7. Trespass, abuse, theft
8. Trespass, abuse, theft. now lack of privacy
9. I am not affected
10. I am not affected
11. Un-announced large groups of runners upsetting horses
12. N/A
13. N/A
14. I have none of these problems with footpath
15. Ed: A line has been crossed through this question
16. BMX bikes ridden at speed. Very noisy groups of people - camping/partying!
17. B. Not applicable
18. Ed: Resp wrote "N/A" across questions
19. None
20. Ed: N/A written below this question
21. Ed: Resp A " A rider is frequently cantering three horses fast on a bridleway and is damaging surfaces".
22. Ed: Resp B " Increased horse traffic is leading to major damage on both footpaths and bridleways".

### Question 48

Are you involved in equine activities? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a horse rider	17.7%	59
I am a horse owner	18.9%	63
My business is associated with horse riding	5.4%	18
I am not involved in equine activities	76.0%	253
Comments		3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>333</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>61</b>

### Comments

1. Ed: The word partially has been added in between "My business is partially associated with horse riding"
2. ED: Resp wrote "N/A" across questions
3. I was in the past

### Question 49

Horse riding is a popular leisure activity and there are many equine business in the parish. What would make Neroche a better for horse riding? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Clearly marked bridleways and route maps	24.5%	56
Completing unfinished sections of bridleways	30.1%	69
All-weather surfaces on bridleways	25.8%	59
Improved maintenance of bridleways	26.2%	60
Fixing boggy entrances near gates	29.3%	67
Safe canter tracks	27.1%	62
Improved access in parts of parish	13.5%	31
Parking for trailers in forest car parks and off-road locations	16.6%	38
Lowering speed limits on roads to improve safety	39.7%	91
Providing safe crossing places on roads	24.9%	57
Signs to warn of presence of horses on roads	33.6%	77
I have no opinion	24.9%	57
I do not support further expansion of horse riding	14.0%	32
Other (please specify)		16
<i>answered question</i>		<b>229</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>165</b>

### Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Gates are too springy
4. Preventative measures to stop vehicular access to bridle ways and droves. Bickenhall plow (ed: I cannot decipher the word here) is a prime example.
5. (ed: definitely written against 'Completing unfinished sections of bridleways')
6. See answer to Q39 (42)
7. Public gallops up the hill above Staple, e.g. between Underhill and Southill. By this I mean racehorse style gallops. A fee would be charged for use, and would attract racehorses, point-to-point horses and general leisure horses.
8. We have good riding in the parish. It would be a shame to turn the Blackdowns into a theme park.

9. Police, Ambulance and Fire Services use very loud sirens when travelling at high speeds through village and up Staple Hill. Unimaginable accidents waiting for any horses unlucky enough to be on the roads around bends, including their riders and the people in the vehicles.
10. No conversion of footpaths into bridleways please
11. STRICTER CONTROL ON HUNTING THAT STILL GOES ON IN THE PARISH
12. STRICTER CONTROL ON HUNTING WHICH STILL GOES ON IN THE PARISH
13. Opening up field perimeters (the 5 metre strip) to competent riders allow more genuine country rides across edges of cultivated land, including well drained gallops.
14. Reinstatement of ex-bridlepath (not sure if within Parish?? - Prey Lane). Ed: Lowering speed limits ticked three times.
15. Ed: Resp has written 'Imperative' next to Lowering speed limits on roads . . .
16. Ed: Resp ticked Lowering speed limits and wrote below "But not too much signage that makes the villages more urban".

#### Question 50

If a group were formed to co-ordinate equine activities and interests in the parish, what matters would you like to see it address? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Arranging events	9.8%	21
Promoting equine interests, businesses and services	18.1%	39
Providing a directory of equestrian business and services	14.0%	30
Liaising with local government, the AONB and Forestry Commission	11.2%	24
Promoting better road discipline by horse riders	37.7%	81
Liaising with walking groups	10.7%	23
I have no opinion	48.4%	104
Other (please specify)		10
<i>answered question</i>		<b>215</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>179</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. regulating livery yards etc.
4. Existing bridleway groups ie. TDBA
5. Encouraging horse riders to wear bright/day-glow clothing
6. (ed: respondent wrote 'how?' against "Promoting better road...")
7. Licensing of cross field permits to competent riders
8. Ed: resp writes "Consideration for people who live in the parish i.e. not look into gardens. Safety on the road i.e. not riding two abreast and using mobile phones whilst riding on the road."
9. Bad mannered horse riders on local roads give better mannered riders a bad name
10. Consideration for people who live in the parish i.e. not looking into gardens. Safety on the road i.e. not riding two abreast and using mobile phones whilst riding on the road.

### Question 51

If there is insufficient County Council funding, would you support...? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A yearly audit of the network by the Parish Council	21.3%	63
The Parish Council supporting maintenance work	39.9%	118
Volunteers carrying out surveys of the network	24.7%	73
Individuals and groups adopting and maintaining a length of network	23.0%	68
Parish Council making removal of blockages a priority	27.4%	81
Asking equine businesses to contribute to maintenance	39.2%	116
Rapid repair of signs and stiles damaged by hedge cutting	23.6%	70
I have no opinion	23.0%	68
I do not support any of the above	3.0%	9
Other (please specify)		5
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>296</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>98</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. (ed: comment related to question 'Individuals and groups adopting and maintaining a length of network' ) Could work if it were funded
2. Surely the landowners should cough up?
3. Possibly a horse tax similar to a car tax
4. (B) INCOMPETENT RIDERS
5. ED: B " If equine activities continue as they are, or even expand, I would like to see equine businesses and riders help repair and maintain bridleways".

### Question 52

The Blackdown Hills AONB includes parts of Neroche Parish. Would you support signs to indicate the AONB is being entered?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.4%	191
No	26.1%	90
Don't know	18.6%	64
Comments		4
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>345</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>49</b>

#### Comments

1. Too many signs already!
2. If it was felt to promote responsible behaviour in the area. eg. not dropping litter. (but I doubt it!)
3. Don't encourage a plethora of excessive signs
4. Ed: Resp "There are already too many signs spoiling the AONB!"

## Social and Community Life

### Question 53

If a small building for a meeting place were offered in the Curland-Staple Fitzpaine area, what would you like it used for? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A shop	52.6%	174
A venue/cafe for young people	17.8%	59
A cafe for people of all ages	38.4%	127
A sale point for local food producers, artists, craftspeople	62.8%	208
A book exchange	28.1%	93
An information centre	36.3%	120
A collection point for home deliveries	21.1%	70
Parish Council information	32.0%	106
I do not support this proposal	10.9%	36
Other (please specify)		14
<i>answered question</i>		<b>331</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>63</b>

Other, please specify

1. A VENUE FOR SOCIAL OCCASSIONS FREE SPORTS COURTS FREE
2. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
3. Quantify "small building" would still have to meet HSE requirements. Neroche Hall exists for this purpose.
4. hot! We ALREADY HAVE ONE!!! Staple Fitzpaine church mission hut - we used it for Scaletrix when I was a kid. Ed: Not sure if the first word is hot.
5. The community shop in North Curry is a good example but it would be good to have somewhere that sold some basics too eg. milk newspapers. Would there be enough trade to keep a shop/cafe going though? What would be the effect on the current doorstep delivery of papers, milk etc?
6. running races
7. Neroche Parish Hall is more than adequate as a building for this purpose
8. No opinion
9. Resp has added next to 'Sale point for local ' and shop
10. What's wrong with village hall
11. Use Parish Hall!!
12. B. I have no opinion
13. Parish Hall?
14. Ed: resp " We already have one - the village hall and it needs supporting".

### Question 54

If more social events could be organised in the community, what would you like to see put on the in the village hall or elsewhere?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	55
<i>answered question</i>	<b>55</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>339</b>

1. Not lived in area long enough to comment
2. MUSICAL CONCERTS
3. MUSICAL CONCERTS (Ed: The assumption has been made that both respondents would go to these)

4. RETURN OF VILLAGE FETE  
LOCAL TRADES MARKETS
5. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
6. Local film showing - mini cinema!
7. Film club
8. Barn dancing  
Youth Club
9. Fully satisfied with the number and quality of events organised.
10. Some sort of fitness sessions for old fatties like A (ed: thr respondent)  
Childrens groups - scouts etc.
11. Street Fair
12. Scrabble events  
Daytime WI meetings
13. A Regular calender of cultural events and activities for people both in the parish and from other areas(to attract sufficient numbers to warrant certain acts appearing). This could include outdoor events in the summer such as plays and music concerts.
14. More events such as badger/fox watching in the evenings - small charge?  
More interaction with BASC on the countryside at large ie hedgerows, stewardship etc.
15. Exercise Classes
16. Games eg polevault!
17. Village/parish picnic
18. A. Cinema Club (like Wiveliscombe one)
19. - Local History Talks  
- Plays
20. Film Nights (as it is such a long journey into town to nearest cinema, and these seem to work well in other parishes)  
Farmers' market (monthly) (I have experience of successful Farmers' Markets in Cornwall whose meat/fish/cheese/bread/jam/plants/cakes/vegetable are sold weekly)  
Art classes  
Pilates classes
21. EXERCISE CLASSES
22. Government "PLANS" to allow communities to CONTROL planning permission should be "democratic" and "transparent" to prevent vested or "influential" interests promoting large scale developments. A positive bias towards CHEAP housing development, (ed: cannot read next word)must be realised - contributions to community FUNDS LEVIED ON LANDOWNER/DEVELOPER PROFIT
23. More events require more organisers - wherever they are.
24. Art exhibitions.
25. CHRISTMAS FAIR
26. (A) EVENTS FOR CHILDREN
27. Not particularly interested. Only things I would be likely to attend would be equine-related or possibly classical concerts.
28. A Local produce sales  
Physical excercise classes such as arobics or pilates
29. FILMS  
BANDS
30. Plant sales/exchange  
Live music
31. Live Music  
Beer Festival

- 32. B. No opinion
- 33. Activities for school aged children during school holidays
- 34. A - Exhibitions of local/rural interest at Parish Hall
- 35. B "ditto". ED: refers to an entry by A on same form which said "Exhibitions of local/rural interest at Parish Hall". And B then added " Particularly marking events e.g. Apple Day
- 36. a) A film club
- 37. 50/50 sales eg clothes. Informative displays re proposed parish developments
- 38. BINGO  
FETES
- 39. Toddler Group! Need to pull in Younger Adults with young children/babies.  
V. limited in area - which is effecting the Toddler Group @ the Village Hall.
- 40. happy with current programme
- 41. Keep-fit classes
- 42. Music events
- 43. More activities for children aged 10+
- 44. Jazz
- 45. Film Society showing foreign films & less popular mainstream.
- 46. Art exhibitions, music performances, social events: pig race, quizzes, dances
- 47. Art exhibitions, music performances, social events; pig racing, quizzes, dances
- 48. Pig Racing!
- 49. The most important thing is not so much the events but more people coming forward to support and help organise. It always seems to be the same few handful of people.
- 50. Exercise Classes, dancing & music. Art classes.
- 51. Historical seminars on local area. Craft/Art courses.
- 52. Book club.  
Cinema nights.  
Bands (music)  
Skittles.  
Local produce market.
- 53. I'm sure that if young people in the parish were given a chance to organise their own parties we could do it responsibly in a way that was enjoyable.
- 54. A: 1 Day/weekend exhibitions about local history/traditions and also about farming and forestry.  
2. Events to inform about action to reduce carbon footprint.  
3. Events for younger people, organised by themselves.
- 55. B: An annual film festival would be great!  
Art exhibitions.  
Music concerts.

Question 55

Have you experienced any of the following over the last 3 years in Neroche Parish? (ONE REPLY PER HOUSEHOLD) (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Burglary from house	4.9%	2
Theft from garage, outbuildings, grounds or paddocks	100.0%	41
Other (please specify)		5
<i>answered question</i>		<b>41</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>353</b>

Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. (Ed: both respondents replied to this. I have therefore only included one)
3. ED: Resp put 2 ticks in Theft line - there were 2 spaces in form for same question
4. Attempted
5. Ed: "theft from garage twice"

#### Question 56

Have you experienced any of the following over the last 3 years in the Neroche parish? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Car crime	5.2%	11
Antisocial behaviour	12.3%	26
Vandalism	5.2%	11
None of the above	80.6%	170
Other (please specify)		6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>211</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>183</b>

Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. Resident only 1 year
3. Nothing ever gets stolen, but outbuildings get broken into.
4. WITHIN LAST 5 YEARS HOUSE BREAK IN & GARAGE
5. Lorry vandalised when parked in livery yard temporarily.
6. Neighbour failing to control potentially dangerous breed of dog.

#### Question 57

Do you use the mobile library?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Most visits	2.3%	8
Less than 10 times per year	5.2%	18
Never	72.3%	251
I did not know there was one	20.2%	70
Other (please specify)		17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>347</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>47</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: answered with \*"I only know that there is one, as I stumbled across it one day whilst walking the dog."
2. I have not yet due to work but would do if I was able.
3. Ed: resp. wrote beside the word Never "Not now that I have school-aged children - used to though."
4. since son of school age time it visits is inappropriate
5. The selection of books could not be as good as the main library
6. Ed: resp also ticked Never
7. Ed: resp also ticked Never
8. Ed: resp also ticked Never
9. But certainly would if I could
10. Ed: 'Never' also ticked

11. Ed: Resp also ticked 'I did not know there was one'
12. I have only seen the mobile library passing through our village onceso do not know when it visits, how often or where it stops
13. ED; Resp ticked both NEVER and I DID NOT KNOW THERE WAS ONE
14. I used to use it
15. I used to use it
16. Ed: resp "But now I am retired am more likely to use it"
17. Ed: Resp a " I use Taunton Library"

#### Question 58

What would make the library more accessible to you? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Help getting to it	0.4%	1
Different stopping place	1.1%	3
Visit at a different time of day	9.7%	27
Visit after school hours / work	17.3%	48
More frequent visits	5.8%	16
A delivery service to the housebound	2.5%	7
I would not use the service	73.7%	205
Other (please specify)		16
<i>answered question</i>		<b>278</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>116</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. Lack of knowledge
2. A timetable and stopping places on a leaflet through the door or info in the Parish Magazine an on noticeboards around the villages- would be helpful. I would very much like to use it, if I knew the times, dates and stopping places.
3. But when I retire I might use it - I am a regular user of the Paul St. Library
4. I don't know its route or timetable
5. I don't know its route or timetable
6. I may use it in the future but have no need to use it at the moment.
7. More variety of books
8. The selection of books could not be as good as the main library
9. NOT SURE OF LIBRARY DAYS OR TIMES
10. The Library Service will be more needed when I no longer have use of a car.
11. Don't know where it stops/what times/ would need to be outside working hours.
12. Need to know when and where!
13. Unfortunately I work full time so am unable to use this service
14. No change
15. IET US KNOW WHERE IT IS!
16. Ed: resp " information on when it visits in parish magazine"

### Question 59

If a computer skills group for the over 50s were developed, what training would you like to receive? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Getting started	5.6%	15
Improving my skills	19.4%	52
Using the internet	5.2%	14
I would not wish to receive training	75.0%	201
Other (please specify)		13
<i>answered question</i>		<b>268</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>126</b>

Other, please specify

1. THIS IS PATRONISING, (ed: underlined) OVER 50's ARE NEITHER I.T. ILLITERATE, NOR STUPID. NB- BILL GATES & STEVE JOBS ARE BOTH "OVER 50" !!
2. Resp has written N/A
3. I think this would be very valuable but would not need it myself.
4. (ed: 'possibly in future' written against " Improving my skills")
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. Ed: Line crossed through this question
8. Ed: N/A written here
9. (A) PROBLEM SOLVING DISCUSSION GROUP
10. I use computers all day long in work, however I think the idea is a great one.
11. I am not over 50
12. WHY JUST OVER 50?!
13. Why over 50s ???

### Question 60

If you are over 60, would you join a Neroche social club for older people?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	9.1%	24
No	29.3%	77
I am not over 60	61.6%	162
Other (please specify)		7
<i>answered question</i>		<b>263</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>131</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: resp has written 'Not at present' next to No
2. Resp has written N/A
3. I may in a few years' time.
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. Ed: Line crossed through this question
7. ED: Resp ticked both YES and NO buttons

Question 61

What activities would you like in a social club for older people? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lunch club in village hall	54.8%	40
Theatre visits	53.4%	39
Cinema visits	21.9%	16
Museum visits	32.9%	24
Outdoor activities	43.8%	32
Talks	52.1%	38
Other (please specify)		8
<i>answered question</i>		<b>73</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>321</b>

Other, please specify

1. Resp has written N/A
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. Ed: Line crossed through this quesstion
5. Ed: N/A written here
6. ED; Resp wrote "B -- "
7. Houses + their gardens eg Barrington, Montecute + Killerton
8. To Learn to mix with younger people

Question 62

Do you need help with any of the following due to age or infirmity? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Shopping	1.4%	4
Cooking	0.7%	2
Cleaning	1.1%	3
Transport	1.8%	5
Gardening	2.5%	7
Filling in forms	1.4%	4
Odd jobs	2.5%	7
During severe weather, e.g. snow, ice	6.5%	18
I do not need any help	90.7%	253
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>279</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>115</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: resp has written 'Not at present' next to I do not need any help
2. Husband does all the above!
3. not yet
4. B. At the moment

Question 63

Who would you contact in a non-medical emergency? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Family member or friend	87.3%	290
Neighbour	51.8%	172
Local authority helpline	4.8%	16
Church pastoral care team	3.0%	10
Social Services	0.9%	3
I have no one available locally to contact	1.8%	6
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>332</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>62</b>

Other, please specify

1. Depends
2. Good friends

Question 64

If a directory of Support Services were created, how would you like it to be made available to you? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A community newsletter delivered to your home	39.9%	126
The Parish Magazine	57.6%	182
A community website for Neroche	42.7%	135
Parish notice board material	13.6%	43
Other (please specify)		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>316</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>78</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: These two answers starred with comment "either/or"

Question 65

Many people act as a carer for others. Do any of the following statements apply to you? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a carer	5.7%	18
I would like to join a local support group for carers	1.6%	5
I am not a carer	92.8%	295
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>318</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>76</b>

Other, please specify

1. If checking up on various people in the parish by visiting/phoning/odd jobbing is considered being a carer, then I am
2. I care for my kids – A (ed: other respondent) does not consider that this counts?

## Children and Young People

### Question 66

Would you use a playground if one were developed in the following areas?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Curland - Staple Fitzpaine area	21.6%	66
Thurlbear - Orchard Portman area	7.2%	22
I would not use one	71.1%	217
Other (please specify)		25
<i>answered question</i>		<b>305</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>89</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. Ed: This section not filled in at all.
2. WOULD USE A PARK -(SEATING/POND ETC)
3. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
4. Ed: Resp has ticked Curland - Staple Fitzpaine as well
5. Ed: resp. wrote beside tick "To supervise"
6. Maybe not a playground, but would use a playing field.
7. Football or other activity pitch
8. WHEN GRANDCHILDREN VISIT
9. Ed: Resp also ticked Thurlbear - Orchard Portman area
10. Ed: Resp also ticked Thurlbear - Orchard Portman area
11. Ed: N/A written here
12. Ed: Both first two answers ticked
13. Ed: First two answers ticked
14. Ed: Both first two answers ticked
15. Ed: Both first two answers ticked
16. Ed: First two answers ticked
17. ED: Resp put the downstroke of a tick in Curland - Staple Fitz box but did not complete
18. Ed: First two answers both ticked.
19. Ed: Resp also ticked 'Thurlbear'
20. Perhaps a more adventure play ground eg rope swings, tree houses, than a traditional one
21. I do not have any childre/grandchildren
22. Severely needed!!
23. ED. Ticked both Curland, and Thurlbear
24. ED: Ticked both Curland and Thurlbear
25. ED: Ticked both Curland and Thurlbear

### Question 67

What would make life better for you in Neroche? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A shop	52.1%	61
A youth club	9.4%	11
A meeting place, e.g. a hut, building or room	12.0%	14
Recreation ground	18.8%	22
Hall events for young people	12.8%	15
Combined events with other villages	19.7%	23
Safe cycle routes	40.2%	47
Safer roads for walking and cycling	41.9%	49
Cheaper bus fares	19.7%	23
More flexible bus timetabling	11.1%	13
None of the above	14.5%	17
Other (please specify)		12
<i>answered question</i>		<b>117</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>277</b>

#### Other, please specify

1. N/A
2. Ed: Adult resp has ticked Safer Cycle Routes - not entered
3. Ed: resp wrote beside a meeting place ... "already got one (Q50)" [Q53]
4. ED: Resp put a line through set of questions and crossed out earlier answers
5. Ed: Resp is over 65
6. Ed: Resp is over 65
7. Ed: Resp is not within age range 13 - 19 year old
8. Ed: Resp is in over 50s group, not under 19.
9. Clearer bus timetabling
10. More local bus stops (nearer)
11. Ed; Another resp on questionnaire form had already written "I recommend allowing Neroche Hall to be open passed midnight to allow successful parties for young people in and around the area". And this Resp wrote next to it " I Agree".
12. I recommend allowing Neroche Hall to open passed midnight to allow successful parties for young people in and around the area.

### Question 68

What type of events would you like to go to? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Discos	19.5%	24
Dances	23.6%	29
Badminton, table-tennis in hall	23.6%	29
Outdoor activities	37.4%	46
Christmas fair	46.3%	57
Family village picnics	17.9%	22
None, thank you	25.2%	31
Other (please specify)		11
<i>answered question</i>		<b>123</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>271</b>

Other, please specify

1. RUNNING - SPORTS CLUB
2. N/A
3. Ed: Adult resp has ticked Outdoor activities - not entered
4. Ed: Last comment also ticked
5. ED: Resp put a line through set of questions and crossed our earlier answers
6. Ed: Resp is over 65
7. Ed: Resp is over 65
8. Ed: Resp is not within age range 13 - 19 year old
9. Ed: Resp is in over 50s group, not under 19.
10. Ed: Resp ticked Christmas fair and wrote below "Last Parish Plan one was lovely - a real success."
11. Discos arranged by young people like myself

## Planning

Question 69

The Neroche Parish Council is the first tier of local government to consider planning applications. Its views go to the Taunton Deane Borough Council which makes the decision. Which of the following statements would you support? (tick all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The Parish Council having a greater influence in the local planning process	42.7%	134
The local community having a greater influence in planning decisions	44.3%	139
The community NOT having greater influence in planning decisions	8.6%	27
Individuals being allowed to build anything within planning guidelines	12.7%	40
The Parish Council using a knowledgeable sub committee to offer independent advice on planning matters	27.7%	87
Planning applications being more widely and better publicised, e.g. by email, website	41.4%	130
Conversion of redundant farm buildings for commercial use	26.4%	83
Conversion of redundant farm buildings for domestic use	41.4%	130
Contemporary building design sympathetic to environment	35.4%	111
No change in planning process is needed	10.5%	33
None of the above	5.7%	18
Other (please specify)		10
<i>answered question</i>		<b>314</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>80</b>

Other, please specify

1. Less planning beurocracy for renewable energies. ie solar, hydro.
2. Less planning beurocracy for renewable energies. ie solar,hydro
3. IWOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE PARISH TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE & FIRST TIME BUYERS TO SETTLE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. WITHOUT YOUNG PEOPLE OUR VILLAGE WILL BECOME STAGNANT.
4. DEFINATELY NOT local people getting a say - am fed of people who want to keep rural areas like chocolate boxes, denying us progress and a future.
5. (ed: against "Individuals being allowed...") Surely that is how planning law operates. (ed:"The Parish Council ....subcommittee underlined" ) Danger of government by clique
6. Ed: Conversion of redundant farm buildings for commercial use answered by "Dependent on use".

7. ED: B put an asterisk next to the tiED; Resp put an asterisk next to the tick in box about converting buildings for commercial use. And then wrote in the Other space " Redundant farm for commercial use BUT WITH SENSITIVITY".
8. I have worked for Local Authorities for many years and know that PC's have very little influence over planning applications
9. Ed: A writes re contemporary buildings "Contemporary buildings do have a place in the countryside. They should complement surroundings, but in some ways challenge them".
10. More social housing

#### Question 70

Many communities have produced a document called a Design Statement that lists what local people value about where they live and how they would like to see it develop. It influences local authorities when planning applications are being considered, e.g. about housing, hedges, lighting or signs. Would you support a Design Statement being developed for Neroche Parish?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.7%	200
No	13.0%	42
Don't know	25.3%	82
Other (please specify)		1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>324</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>70</b>

Other, please specify

1. It would inevitably equal a doctrine of 3 or 4 village busybodies, so no thanks.

#### Question 71

Many roads and lanes in the parish are not named or signed. Which of the following statements would you support? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All main roads should have a name and a sign	27.4%	90
All lanes should have a name and a sign	16.8%	55
Names and signs should only be added if residents request it	22.9%	75
I would like my road named and a sign erected	5.8%	19
I do not wish to see an increase in road name signage	48.8%	160
Satellite navigation makes road signs unnecessary	4.9%	16
None of the above	6.1%	20
Other (please specify)		5
<b>answered question</b>		<b>328</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>66</b>

Other, please specify

2. Only makes another target for the hedge cutter. Part of living in the country is getting lost.
3. Signage = urbanisation
4. SCRAP the old Portman house numbers! They cause ENDLESS confusion to deliverymen.
5. (ed: "and a sign erected" deleted)
6. All for local identity, but not a proliferation of signage in the countryside.

## Question 72

Space is provided here for any additional comments you may wish to make.

Answer Options	Response Count
	17
<i>answered question</i>	17
<i>skipped question</i>	377

1. I would like to see that hedging is maintained for road safety but not cut denying the wildlife essential food and shelter over Autumn & Winter. Neroche is a lovely beautiful & peaceful place to life..It would be good to see more local enterprises starting up in disused buildings forming a more cohesive community, including all.
2. POLICING (ed: underlined)  
THE POLICING OF THIS AREA IS A DISGRACE. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT TAUNTON POLICE WILL NOT COME EAST OF THE M5. UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.WE HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF 999CALLS BEING IGNORED. THE POLICING PRECEPT ON THE COUNCIL TAX, LIKE SO MANY OTHER 'COUNTY' ELEMENTS IS DIVERTED SOLELY TO BRISTOL, WHICH BLEEDS THE REST OF SOMERSET DRY. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS FOR BRISTOL TO BECOME A METROPOLITAN AREA (AS ARE VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER LARGE CITIESIN THE UK) OUR PARTICULAR AREA HAS SEEN AT LEAST 3 MAJOR THEFTS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, (DESPITE WHAT THE PUBLISHED STATISTICS IMPLY) RANDOM, OCCASIONAL NIGHT-TIME PATROLS AROUND RURAL LOCATIONS WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT, AS WOULD PRO-ACTIVE NON-PC POLICING.
3. Ed: Respondent has included a flier giving the name and characteristics of a crop spray (quell flo)and written as follows:  
THIS WAS WHAT THE FARMER WAS SPRAYING AND THIS SPRAY MIST COVERED OUR WASHING OURSELVES, OUR DUVETS (AIRING) OUR CHECKENS, OUR FRUIT TREES AND SO ON!!
4. Very comprehensive and detailed questionnaire. Our thanks to the volunteers who have put so much time and effort into doing this.
5. I see no reason to comment as I think the plan is irrelevant. I just want to live my life in the countryside.
6. Avoid satellite navigation it has too many errors
7. 1. Please scrap the old Portman estate house numbering system. It causes endless confusion to deliverymen as it is totally illogical.  
2, I am 22, and doing a respected degree at a good Uni, and I have lived in Staple all my life. However this village makes me increasingly angry. It seems to me that it is essentially run by a small group of people, who though good and kind people (in the main) have far too much power. It's like all you've got to do is go to the right places, be seen with the right people and everyone thinks you're the second coming. I know other people who graft away for years serving this community, but who remain largely unknown (and unthanked) as they are not vain fame-seekers.  
3. I am a church-bell-ringer \*\*\*\*\* It makes my ANGRY and DISILLUSIONED the way bell-ringers are treated in this parish. We get NO RESPECT for the hours or work, practice and time we put into maintaining the bells, and ringing for weddings and services. (Note from editor: Personal details included by respondent have been removed to protect anonymity offered to those completing the survey).  
Also, when St. Peters church path was resurfaced a couple of years ago, apparently those who did the work were told 'not to bother' with the path that leads to the tower-door - which we ringers use and gets very slippery when it's wet. It's just ONE example.
8. 20. This road is extremely dangerous. No overtaking should be allowed on the Thurlbear straight - currently this happens and speeding vehicles approach the Netherclay and Thurlbear junctions at dangerous speeds , then continue past Hill Farm to the right bend - which has a sheer drop to the left. Also large and heavy vehicles are well wider than the white line & danger on approaching corners.  
53. Help to salt/sand the car park at Ladyacre would be appreciated. During the last snow/ice this car park was solid ice and no vehicle could turn in from New Road.

- Although the roads were passable it was therefore necessary to ask for outside help after 8 days being stranded !! - This help was willingly given.
52. Shouting and verbal abuse from Neighbours over several years - (Very sad!!)
9. There should be a speed limit of 40 miles an hour through Winterwell, Badger street and Staple Fitzpaine  
Bue 99 is too wide (ed: wide underlined) for these lanes
  10. It's a lovely place to live. We have just moved from East Sussex.  
BUT (Ed: BUT is underlined)  
Why can't we recycle our plastics. Doorstep recycling dont take any plastics. In East Sussex they took milk cartons, shampoo bottles Mr Muscle bottles etc.  
Why cant we recycle these things here? We took it to the tip and some chap said it all ends up in the landfill - ugh!
  11. THE ROAD FROM SHORDITCH TO CHARD DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL ROAD NUMBER
  12. Could consideration be given to provide walks for families with young children that need pushchairs or for small children to ride their bikes eg Staple Hill?  
More housing to allow younger people/families to live within our parish, but housing to be "in-keeping" with the area + not excessive e.g. St Peter's Close, Staple Fitzpaine thus allowing children to attend Thurlbear Primary School - our Parish Primary School
  13. COULD WE HAVE NO LIGHTING OF BONFIRES UNTIL AFTER 8p.m. - SOME START EARLY IN THE MORNING. (IT WAS AT ONE TIME A BY-LAW- PERHAPS NOT ANYMORE).
  14. COULD WE HAVE NO LIGHTING OF BONFIRES UNTIL AFTER 8p.m. - SOME START EARLY IN THE MORNING. (IT WAS AT ONE TIME A BY-LAW - PERHAPS NOT ANYMORE).
  15. Perhaps a guideline section in the local website educating how local residents can inform the local Planning Authority if they think there has been a breach in planning within their neighbourhood and an emergency number in the case of such a breach taking place over a weekend.  
We are concerned about the increase in equestrian activities and do not wish to see any further increase. It is a particularly "ungreen" activity.  
Dog fouling is a particular nuisance on the new disabled walk. More permanent signs are needed as when there have been signs there they have worked.
  16. We are concerned about the increase in equestrian activities and do not wish to see any further increase. It is a particularly "ungreen" activity.  
Dog fouling is a particular nuisance on the new disabled walk. More permanent signs are needed as when there have been signs there they have worked.
  17. Ed: Resp " An interesting exercise, but a lot of these questions seem to focus on a pre-set agenda".

## Neroche 2020 Vision

### Question 73

Neroche 2020 Vision - How would you like to see the parish develop / change over the next ten years?

Answer Options	Response Count
	54
<i>answered question</i>	<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>340</b>

1. No comment. Sorry - very new newcomers.
2. No change, no development

3. . FOR THE ROADS OF THE AREA TO BE SAFER FOR THE RESIDENTS  
 . FOR SYMPATHETIC DEVELOPMENT THAT IS NOT PROFIT ORIENTATED  
 . FOR MORE SOCIAL EVENTS THAT HAVE MORE IMAGINATION  
 . FOR VENUES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FREE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS  
 . FREE BEER AT PUBS TO LOCALS  
 . TO BE ABLE TO WALK THE FORESTS SIMILAR TO AREAS SUCH AS NEW FOREST
4. (ed: responses recorded with other person's data)
5. Hopefully remain the same with little change
6. Bringing fast internet/broadband to every household and bringing cables out - please!
7. Greater community cohesion through social events. Move towards a more sustainable community - eg solar power, lift share, less reliance on pesticides/herbicides. Move towards 'permaculture' principles. Less focus on "what's in it for me", money money, land grabbing attitudes of the (sic) populers.
8. There appears to be major problems with septic tanks/soakaways due to soil conditions. Are there any plans to approach Wessex Water regarding the instalation of a community sewage system?
9. Resp has written: Ref Question 40 Also witnessed next door to school at 9 am when playground full of children and parents! Again wind direction blowing back over playground.  
 Local farmer(s)'s quite clearly NOT using guidelines for "Good Neighbour Initiative". He is NOT considering wind direction & local wind patterns to prevent and /or reduce spray drift and therefore our personal exposuire and the contamination of our property. re washing out/duvets out airing/pets outside/windows open and more importantly our daughter playing outside  
 Could he consider changing his cropping, such as putting set-a-side and fallow alongside our houses or changing the rotation.  
 Could a meeting be arranged to come to some common ground/compromise with farmers & local residents NOT wanting exposure.  
 \* INTERESTING TO NOTE THE FARMER WOULD HAVE TO GIVE 48 HRS NOTICE OF SPRAYING IF I HAD BEES!!
10. The strength of the parish is its tradition and its separation from urban life. To live here and love it in the way it is, is in my mind the key. Yes we have muck all over the place, hedge cuttings left, farmers with little respect for road safety, narrow lanes and sharp corners, regular power cuts in storms etc. but that is part of our life. Apart from a shop, I would not like to see too much development. Maybe a visitor centre /cafe in the forest somewhere to take advantage of the stunning views and encourage walkers into the area.
11. I would like to see more affordable housing offered to young local people. Also development of youth groups to keep young people interested in the countryside and the local surrounding.
12. My MAIN CONCERN is to NOT have a new road through the Parish (ie by pass) that would go south of the M5 and subsequently encourage building in this area.
13. To continue to build on our strong community.
14. To continue and encourage and develop community activities
15. Limit on size of lorries and busses using roads.  
 Recognition by council that Staple to Shoreditch is a rush-hour route for Ilminster and Chard dwellers into Taunton and gritting in winter.  
 Roads and hedges etc adapted to make things safer for horse riders.  
 [This is probably not possible but ...] formers' contractors at harvest/muck spreading time to drive as though human life has some value.
16. Little or no change
- 17.
18. I would like comparitive newcomers to the parish to stop being in such a hurry to change/develop/improve the Parish.  
 I would like them to use a bit more common sense - if they see litter just pick it up (I've been doing it for years). OK fly tipping is a slightly different problem.  
 I would like them to be patient and more tolerant of country ways, smells, noises. If roads are straightened people will drive faster. If more road signs are put up they will

probably cause more accidents and they'll look horrible.

Resp has written: (38) Recent tree clearance and creation of the Herepath has changed the tranquil character of the Neroche woods. They are becoming rather clinical and crowded.

19. Lobby for A358 improvements in hope of lessening traffic through S.F. No changes purely for the sake of change.
20.
  1. Development of a more sustainable independent green local economy that sources food, fuel and other products/services from within the Parish, making the best use of available resources.
  2. A community land purchase scheme from local landowners (The Crown) which with the assistance of external grant funding could enable a sustainable revenue generating local economy controlled and run by local people to benefit local people. This could be done as a single parish or in conjunction with surrounding areas.
  3. A cycle network connecting the Parish and linking to Taunton.
  4. A significant reduction in traffic volumes on the main feeder roads through the Parish into Taunton (HGVs/Cars)
  5. High speed reliable broadband to all homes in the Parish to give everyone the opportunity to work from home and benefit from the recent advances in technology.
  6. Development of a "Plastic Bag Free" community.  
(as Modbury Devon)
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(as Modbury Devon)
22. Would be great to have a local shop selling local produce/crafts  
Preserve wildlife habitat and restore hedgerows  
Improve forestry management  
Improve ditch drainage  
Encourage community spirit
23. To maintain its rural nature  
To improve transport links (bus)  
To have improved speed restrictions on roads
24. The only local Senior Citizens Club is at Stoke St Mary. Many of Neroche Parish citizens attend. In the last 3 years the Senior Citizens clubs at Hatch Beauchamp, Ruishton and the Chestnut Tree in Taunton have all closed with Stoke picking up members from all these areas too. Current membership 50-60. However, the committee which runs the club are also senior citizens and Anne and Larry Pickard who are the main organisers are 78 and 81 respectively and looking to give up the organising within 2 years. The club is desperate for help with transporting citizens to and from their homes, putting out tables and serving teas at the meetings (once a fortnight) and is also in need of a treasurer and possibly some secretarial work too.  
I would like to see some help coming from Neroche and Ruishton Parishes and any others locally that may be served by Stoke Club, working with Stoke Parish to improve or at least sustain this valuable local facility.
25. I would not like to see any large domestic new building projects
26. I would not like to see any large domestic new building projects.
27. Affordable housing in villages according to local need, very limited other development.

28. I would like to see small pockets of affordable housing development throughout Neroche. All communities need a good cross section of age groups, particularly young families, to keep the community alive.
29. (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING RURAL ENVIRONMENT OF AND THE OPTIONS TICKED IN THIS DOCUMENT
30. I would be saddened to see the (hitherto) relatively dormant and ineffective parish council being hijacked by a more aggressive committee looking for an agenda. This could lead to disharmony while everyone who bothers grind their own axes.
31.
  1. Stay (Ed: underlined) quiet & peaceful, & RURAL!
  2. Have decent broadband connection throughout.
  3. Develop greater network of bridle-paths.
  4. Have more common-sense planning decisions made.
  5. Community food/power schemes encouraged.
32. Very little change - sustainable development, green building, better recycling.
33. Full consideration should be given to existing residents if any new residential or commercial developments are planned. If permitted they should be planned and sited to minimise impact on those who already live here.
34. The area is a lovely place to live + what we have as a parish to be maintained and appreciated by those who are lucky enough to live here
35. Encouraging diversity in the parish by building a small number of affordable homes that will attract a younger generation and perhaps children who were born here
36. Traffic speed is clearly a problem in the lanes. Some form of reducing traffic speed either by more signs or flashing indicators would be welcome
37. Ban HGV vehicles from using lanes unless delivering/servicing local residents/businesses. Too many large vehicles using and damaging narrow country lanes.  
I do not wish to see extra street lighting, moved to the country to escape such pollution.
38. Restrictions of development which change the rural farming landscape.
39. With a few exceptions, noted in this document, we are very happy in the parish and would prefer to see little change.
40. Keep it as it is!
41. More activities and social gatherings for young people under 16.
42. WOULD LIKE AN ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR IN NEROCHE
43. Not keen for much change, but certainly the beauty of the Blackdown ought to be made more accessible/more widely known.  
I like the way the Blackdown Hills people send wellphrased e-mails telling you what is going on.  
There does need to be some more affordable housing for young people.  
Pressure should be imposed on bus companies to use smaller, more regular buses.  
No small buses, no contract.
44. Respondent is currently at University and does not see his future developing in this area! We would like to see the parish remain unspoilt by any future large housing or industrial development. One of its strengths is the natural beauty and peacefulness of the area.  
To that end we need to retain and enhance the limited facilities already available. It would be nice to attract young people into the area but that tends to be dependent upon the affordability of available properties.  
Encouragement to parishioners and the wider public to take advantage of the upgraded Neroche village hall, pub and church should be given every opportunity.
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46.
  1. More communication between Parish Council and community.
  2. Roads become safer
  3. Environment accommodates both new/current farming/businesses but also enable

- diversity of wild aspects to maintain the gene pool  
Community become more self sufficient.
47. Provision of affordable housing to cater for the next generation who are likely not to be able to establish themselves in the area due to high property prices. The community is getting older and there is an age imbalance which is not a good sign in a community. Conversely there will be a shortage of elderly person houses adapted for the elderly for those who wish to stay in the community for life. A difficult subject to discuss as a location for such development will prove difficult to find!
  48. Life is pretty perfect as it stands, we have lived here for 16yrs+ and little has really changed. The quietness, rural, domestic living is fantastic. Traffic does need some thought as large busses & lorries are a problem through Winterwell + Badger Street.
  49. Access to footpaths and bridleways enhanced.
  50. Ethos and spirit of Parish is maintained.  
Access to footpaths and bridleways enhanced.
  51. Resp A "Carry on as it is - this is a lovely place to live and relax and it does not need organising!"
  52. Neroche needs little change over the next ten years. People stay here, or settle because of what it is rather than what it intends to be. I would simply like to see the bridleways maintained, speed on roads reduced, and a park for children.
  53. Res A " I would like to see the rural nature of the parish MAINTAINED & PROTECTED. We have a beautiful landscape with access to lanes, footpaths, bridleways, and forest areas, which the parish council and residents will need to work together to help preserve."  
Also the farming community and equestrian activities should be promoted and assisted where possible.  
We need more rented and affordable housing to get younger people and children into the parish who cannot afford to buy into the area.  
The parish council should take steps to find out the concerns of residents (not just well organised, vocal residents) and organise itself to address their desires/ concerns".
  54. Resp B  
I would like to see the parish retain its rural nature; the beautiful trees alongside field margins and hedgerows, the forest safeguarded and with public access to enjoy it, and support of local farming best practice.  
I would hope both the community and the parish council makes firm inroads in reducing the carbon footprint of the parish.  
We need to objectively look at the need for affordable housing to encourage younger people to live in the area in order to help the parish become more sustainable.  
I hope we as a community become more self reliant and more people come forward to help with community events and activities.

## Business Section

### Question 74

What type of business are you involved in? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Farming / agriculture	25.5%	13
Equine	21.6%	11
Country sports	7.8%	4
Hospitality / tourism	15.7%	8
IT based	17.6%	9
Art / craft	9.8%	5
Building	11.8%	6
School	5.9%	3
Other (please specify)		23
<i>answered question</i>		<b>51</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>343</b>

Other, please specify

1. Exhibition organisers and publishers
2. Exhibition organisers and publishers
3. Training
4. A charity helping serving and ex-service men and women and their families. It is a registered charity and incorporated by Royal Charter.
5. Retail
6. Retail
7. Electronic security equipment
8. Electronic security equipment
9. HOME WORKER EMPLOYED BY LARGE COMPANY
10. Writer
11. Financial
12. And health
13. Vintage wedding cars
14. Vintage wedding cars
15. A Professional development
16. Plumbing and Heating
17. NHS
18. CATTERY
19. Ed: Resp has added "/Childminder" after the word School
20. ED; RESP had previously ticked that drove more than 20 miles to work. Also a previously coded resp did the same and then gave details of business needs, etc. This is noted on that resp entry to first business question. No further information re the "local business details are entered for the Resp now being coded -0 they are in the first resp entries
21. ED: This resp also coded earlier that drove more than 20 miles to work - ? works away and from home?? Another person at the home also completed the other questions in the business section. For that person the first business question only was entered but no details subsequently as were identical as recorded for this resp
22. Car manufacture - used car area manager
23. Ed. Resp " film/photography"

Question 75

How many staff does your business employ within the parish? Please state number		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One	6.6%	4
Two	8.2%	5
Three	4.9%	3
Four	1.6%	1
Five	0.0%	0
Six to Ten	1.6%	1
More than ten	4.9%	3
I do not employ staff	72.1%	44
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>333</b>

Other, please specify

1. (ed: 2/3 was noted in column)
2. ED: Wrote 30 in box

3. ED: Res put a figure 1 in the box which reads "I do not employ staff"
4. 28

#### Question 76

Would you join a local business group that met to facilitate networking, information and exchange of ideas?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	31.3%	20
No	40.6%	26
Don't know	28.1%	18
Other (please specify)		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>64</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>330</b>

Other, please specify

1. Centre of business is in Shaftesbury.

#### Question 77

A community website is under construction. What would you like to see it contain? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A business and farming directory	60.6%	40
Links to business advice forums	27.3%	18
Advertising for local businesses	69.7%	46
A welcome pack for new businesses	16.7%	11
A downloadable map	33.3%	22
I would not use the website	18.2%	12
Other (please specify)		0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>66</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>328</b>

#### Question 78

What accommodation does your business/es use? (tick all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Purpose-built premises	24.2%	15
Redundant farm buildings	14.5%	9
I work from home	58.1%	36
Own premises	14.5%	9
Rented space from others	14.5%	9
Renting space to others	6.5%	4
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>62</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>332</b>

Other, please specify

2. N/A
3. ED: This is the second member of same house hold working from home who ticked this box
4. HOSPITAL
5. I use other premises

Question 79

Do you anticipate the need for additional business space within the next 5 years?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	16.4%	10
No	83.6%	51
Other (please specify)		0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>333</b>

Question 80

Where would your business expansion be?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
On existing site	92.9%	13
Elsewhere within parish	7.1%	1
Outside parish	0.0%	0
Outside Taunton Deane	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>380</b>

Other, please specify

1. Ed: This section crossed through with N/A
2. Ed: Two answers ticked "Elsewhere within parish" and "Outside parish"

Question 81

What would you like to see in the Parish Plan that could help your business?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	14
<i>answered question</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>380</b>

1. N/A
2. None
3. None
4. A better understanding between Town and Country
5. Somewhere where our pamphlets/brochures could be made available ie Village Shop.
6. Website business directory and advertising on the website.  
Annual exhibition for solely local businesses to present their services to the public and each other.
7. LOBBY FOR IMPROVED BROADBAND IN WORK
8. No
9. ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND LINKS TO OWN WEBSITE.  
BUSINESS BREAKFASTS/MEEITINGS
10. Not sure if there is anything local that could support my business development

11. More ad space in parish mag.
12. Notice board in Neroche hall with free local business advertising
13. INSIST THAT BT UNBUNDLE THE LOCAL EXCHANGES SO WE CAN HAVE MORE CHOICE OF BROADBAND PROVIDER.
14. A better telephone signal for T-MOBILE my companies provider

#### Question 82

Please give the name/s of your business/es (optional)	
Answer Options	Response Count
	10
<i>answered question</i>	<b>10</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>384</b>

1. Lance Shon & Publications Ltd
2. Lance Shon & Publications Ltd
3. TAUNTON RACECOURSE
4. AVT Ltd
5. Audio Video Technologies Ltd  
AVT Ltd
6. JACKSON ARCHITECTS LTD
7. Thurlbear Primary School
8. Matthew P. Bruce Plumbing & Heating
9. Sheila Green.
10. Clouds Hill Imaging Ltd.

#### Question 83

All about you - optional		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name:	27.6%	108
Address 1:	26.6%	104
Address 2:	21.5%	84
Address 3:	3.8%	15
Postal Code:	6.9%	27
Phone:	20.2%	79
Mobile:	1.0%	4
Email:	15.1%	59
Questionnaire Number:	98.7%	386
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>391</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>3</b>

The total number of respondents who provided contact details is 76, representing 19.3% of total respondents. These details are provided in a separate document in spreadsheet format.

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