

## **Sampford Courtenay Parish Survey 2024**

Last time we surveyed the parish in depth was in 2019. This survey is mainly a follow-up to that one and is focused around understanding what is important to you as residents of the parish as we determine how best to spend our time as a Parish Council and how to spend *your* money.

We are distributing this questionnaire personally to your household to ensure every single person in the parish has an opportunity to make their voice heard. We have supplied two copies of the questionnaire with this month's *Roundabout* magazine – if you need more, please contact [cllr.green.scpc@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.green.scpc@gmail.com). We will also leave copies in the Church which can be picked up. We will collect it at a time convenient to you as soon as you are able to complete the questionnaires.

*Survey answers are anonymous. No information which enables anybody to identify you or your household will be collected in this survey. Your responses are confidential to you and will be collated into a single database which will aggregate individual responses.*

The survey will take around 5-10 minutes to complete and we encourage everybody who is aged 16 and over to answer as many questions as they can.

## About you

1. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

2. What is your age?

- 16-18
- 19-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65-74
- 75+

3. How long have you lived in the parish?

- Less than 5 years
- More than 5 years

4. How far from the New Inn is your household located?

- Less than a mile away
- More than a mile away

5. Do you have access at home or at work to the internet (tick **all** that apply)?

- Yes – high-speed broadband at home (e.g. Airband)
- Yes – other broadband at home (e.g. via a landline)
- Yes – at work
- No access

## Community Facilities

6. How often do you use facilities available in the parish? Please tick at least one box in every row.

	Unaware	Often use (at least monthly)	Sometimes use (4-11 times a year)	Rarely use (1-3 times a year)	Never Use
Public toilets					
Village Hall					
Village Green					
Church Rooms					
New Inn					
Local footpaths					
Village notice boards					
Village website/ Facebook page					
Dog waste disposal bins					
Clothing bank					
Local bus services					

7. (For those services aware of/used) How important are these facilities to you personally?

	Vital	Nice to have, but not of great importance to me	Not important
Public toilets			
Village Hall			
Village Green			
Church Rooms			
New Inn			
Local footpaths			
Village notice boards			
Village website/ Facebook page			
Dog waste disposal bins			
Clothing bank			

**Parish Priorities**

At our recent meeting we set out a series of priorities which will drive our agenda in the coming year. These include 1. Deliver Safer Roads; 2. Maintain and Enhance our Historic Heritage; 3. Development of the Village Green; 4. Re-opening of Sampford Courtenay Station; 5. Improvement of the Public Toilets; and 6. Supporting Agricultural and Rural Business.

We now seek your input on how best to proceed against two of these priorities – both of which involve making choices about how best to direct our limited financial resources.

**Development of the Village Green**

Currently, the Village Green features an area of cut grass where games (football, cricket etc.) can be played, a set of swings and a climbing frame. All of these need regular maintenance. The equipment is nearing the end of its life, so the opportunity exists to either repair, rejuvenate or dismantle the current facilities. *If we were to pursue the medium or high-cost routes, money would need to be raised from a combination of grants, parish council funds and local fund raising.*

8. Which of the following options for the Village Green would best meet the needs of you and your family (tick **one** option and/or write in your preferred approach):

a. <b>MINIMAL COST:</b> Dismantle climbing frame and swings once they have reached the end of their working life and leave as grass only	
b. <b>LOW COST:</b> Parish volunteers continue to maintain current equipment as long as possible	
c. <b>MEDIUM COST (&lt;£5,000):</b> Re-furbish/renew current child-focused equipment	
d. <b>HIGH COST: (£5-10,000):</b> Re-design facility to attract more diverse population (e.g. users of all ages) to include exercise equipment such as pull up bars, stationary bicycles etc	
e. No opinion/not relevant to me or my household	

Comments.....  
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## Improvement of the Public Toilets

The public toilets up by the Village Hall were built in the late 1980s and have since been improved and redecorated. Compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act of 1999, requires a fundamental redesign of the current facilities to enable access for those with disabilities. A plan has now been drawn up and costed and we need to find out how you would like us to proceed.

9. Which of the following options for the Public Toilets would best meet the needs of you and your family (tick one option and/or write in your preferred approach):

1. <b>MINIMAL COST:</b> No change in the current facilities and maintenance	
2. <b>LOW COST:</b> Undertake general refurbishment and continue to maintain (dependent on volunteers to mitigate cost)	
3. <b>HIGH COST (±£50,000):</b> Completely redesign toilets to enable compliance with the DDA and to make accessible to all ( <i>money will need to be raised from a combination of grants, parish council funds and local fund raising</i> )	
4. No opinion/not relevant to me	

Comments.....

## Sampford Courtenay Station

10. Have you used the recently re-opened Dartmoor Line to travel from or to Okehampton?

- Yes
- No

11. If the train were to stop at Sampford Courtenay Station, how likely are you to use the train to or from there to Exeter or Okehampton (Please tick one box)?

Would use regularly (at least once a month)	
Would use, but less than once a month	
Unlikely to use	

Comments

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