



ABDON & HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Including: Balaam's Heath, Baucott, Brookhampton, Holdgate & Tugford

Web Site: www.abdon.org.uk

Summary of Light Parish Plan 2015

In the latter months of 2014 and the early part of 2015 at the behest of Shropshire County Council Abdon & Heath parish councillors undertook to prepare and complete a light parish plan. A questionnaire was prepared and circulated to all dwellings in the parish. 174 questionnaires were delivered and 70.69% were completed. To view the complete analysis of the Light Parish Plan questionnaires along with an action plan which the parish council will lead on, please go to the web site: www.abdon.org.uk

The information will help the Parish Council and local organisations in taking decisions in the future. The light parish plan is a guide only for decision making and many of the suggestions could only come about with considerable input and effort by volunteers. Shropshire County Council will incorporate our Light Parish Plan into their overall plans for the County.

Housing Development

The survey showed strong support for a small number of affordable homes and barn conversions in the parish but was not in favour of large houses with 4 or more bedrooms, social housing built by housing associations or dwellings to be used for holiday accommodation. There were slightly more people in favour of between 1 to 5 single plot open market houses than were against.

If you wish to view local planning application visit web site:

<http://planningpa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Community Safety

Sadly just over 10% of people had been the victims of crime within the last two years and over half said they would join a neighbourhood or rural watch scheme, if one was set up.

The following web links may be of interest:

Rural watch scheme: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/4530/Rural-Watch>

To view crime data for South Shropshire: <http://www.police.uk/>

Access to Services

Even allowing for being a very rural community the response showed a very poor service particularly broadband and mobile phone reception. Improvement in DAB radio reception is also needed.

Abdon Village Hall

Strong support was shown for more activities at the village hall to include educational workshops and courses.

Community Identity and Communication

A register or directory of local skills and extending the web site to cover the whole parish received a lot of support. The notice boards around the parish are popular and can be found in the following locations.

Abdon – opposite the red telephone box

Abdon – near to St Margaret's Church

Balaam's Heath – on road side near junction to Beambridge

Heath – on road side near junction to Peckledy

Holdgate – next to telephone box

Tugford – near to St Catherine's Church

Waste and Recycling Services

A very high percentage of parishioners stated that they were in favour of recycling and waste services.

Immediate Environment

A majority were in favour of better maintenance of bridleways and footpaths, better gritting service in the winter and prompt repairs to pot holes.

Green Lanes

The overall consensus was that green lanes should be left as they are.

Wind Turbines

Strong support for small wind turbines but an overwhelming majority against large turbines.

Parish Council Funding

A small majority was against any council tax funding for Abdon & Heath Parish Council.

Age Group

The survey showed that the population was ageing with over 64% of the inhabitants being over the age of 50.

For further information about the Parish Council please go to the web site: www.abdon.org.uk

The following information can be viewed there:

- **Dates of when the Parish Council meets**
- **Minutes of previous Parish Council meetings**
- **Direct link to Shropshire County Council planning department to view planning applications**
- **Information about the current parish councillors and parish clerk**
- **Analysis of the Light Parish Plan questionnaires**
- **Information about hiring the Parish Council marquee**

Hiring of Parish Council owned marquee

As mention in our questionnaire the Abdon & Heath Parish Council does not receive any income from Shropshire County Council. The council tax demands to properties within the parish boundary show Abdon & Heath Parish Council as a nil charge. The only income the Parish Council receives is from the hiring out of the Parish Council owned marquee.

If you are interested in hiring the marquee please contact Helen Price who will be able to confirm price and availability.

Helen can be contacted on telephone number: 01584 823678 or by email: helenprice572@btinternet.com.

Marquee size: 30 ft long x 20 ft wide x 7 ft to eaves (all dimensions approximate)

Sides can be enclosed or left open

Sides can either be solid or with see through panels

Carpet available if required

Ideal for garden parties, birthday celebrations, afternoon tea parties etc

Subject to availability the marquee is for hire between the months April to October only



The map below shows the large and sparsely populated area covered by the Abdon & Heath Parish Council

