



Alkham Parish planning project, 2019

Residents priorities Survey.

Analysis of feedback.

September 2nd 2019

Public response to the survey questionnaire

- Number of questionnaires printed and delivered - 290
- Number of documents returned for analysis – 119- 41%
- Total number of adults who contributed – 216
- Number of adults over 65 who contributed - 94
- Number of young persons under 18 who contributed – 8
- Estimated number of adults living in the Parish – 600
- Percentage of adults in Parish who responded – 36%
- Spoilt return questionnaires not analysed - Nil
- Total comments submitted by respondents – Over 650

Residents comments under “additional comments” at the end of the questionnaire.

- One hundred and thirteen returned questionnaires completed “additional comments” at the end of the survey.
- One hundred and eight comments were related to road safety along the Alkham Valley road and the rural road network within the Parish.
- Only six “additional comments” referenced other subjects.
 - Two of the six comments thanked those involved in the project
 - Four of the six comments included, Litter concerns, maintenance of roadsides other than Newlyns Meadow, a proposal that the plan should cover the next 30 years, a need to upgrade the village hall and church garden, concern over the church rising damp, involving the garden club to beautify church and village hall, Parish to run an online events calendar.

Road Traffic within the Parish of Alkham

- **The subject of road safety and traffic within the Parish of Alkham** was clearly identified by the Traffic Action Group in April 2018 and the identified problems **are still clearly the top priority for most residents.**
- **The project team propose** that the significant amount of additional feedback raised by residents at the Village Hall open discussion day in autumn 2018 plus the additional 108 comments received in this survey are **immediately passed over to the Traffic Implementation Group for review.**
- **Recommendation to Parish Council:** Where appropriate, the working copy of the TAG report should be revised, reviewed and updated as an immediate priority and then progressed with KCC.

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- The ability for RESIDENTS to COMMENT anonymously on the questionnaire resulted in a very successful engagement with residents.
- OVER 650 comments and suggestions were made on the survey forms in addition to completion of the “structured answer boxes”.
 - The comments will be consolidated with other similar comments, then summarised by topic in a document to be considered alongside the more structured questionnaire output presented tonight, plus earlier feed back from the village open day, traffic and Byway survey reports.
- It is not planned to release individual comments to the public as writing styles and the many personal references made could either identify or lead to speculation about the authors.

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The five most important topics identified by residents,

		Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
1	Importance of maintaining the Natural beauty of the valley ANOB.	96	3	1	ANOB	Q9.1
2	Importance of the village green / meadow	95	4	1	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q7.1
3	Importance of maintaining the recognised ANOB	94	5	1	ANOB	Q1
4	Encouraging/ protecting wildlife ie butterfly meadow, nest boxes	93	6	1	NATURE / WILDLIFE	Q9.1
5	Importance of Footpaths, byways, BOATS and bridle paths	93	6	1	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q10.1

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	The top ten priorities of Alkham residents all focus on the importance of properly managing the Parish environment.	Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
6	Importance of Litter, management and removal within the Parish	92	4	4	OTHER	Q1
7	Importance of maintaining the rural nature of the parish	92	6	2	CONSERVATION	Q2.1
8	Importance of keeping the local character of buildings where applicable	92	4	4	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q2.1
9	Importance of stopping the misuse of public rights of way	91	7	1	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q10.1
10	Importance of maintenance of footpaths, bridleways and BOATS	91	7	2	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q1

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Items 11-20 all scored within 4% of the top 8 responses

		Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
11	Importance of flood management	91	9	0	FLOOD MANAGEMENT	Q9.1
12	Importance of Wildlife Conservation within the Parish and Alkham Valley	90	9	1	NATURE / WILDLIFE	Q1
13	Importance of the village hall	90	8	3	CONSERVATION	Q3.1
14	Easy local access to GP's and Hospital	89	7	3	MEDICAL SUPPORT	Q5.1
15	Importance of the parish footpath and bridleway network	89	9	2	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q7.1
16	Importance of noise pollution	89	9	2	POLLUTION	Q9.1
17	Importance of local history	89	10	1	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q12.1
18	Importance of visible and active governance within the Parish Council	89	8	3	GOVERNANCE	Q4.1
19	Importance of Community Spirit	88	8	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q3.1
20	Importance of vis and active gvnce in communications - Parish council & village	87	9	4	GOVERNANCE	Q4.1

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	Over 80% of respondents identified community issues and the local economy as important	Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
21	Importance of maintaining, expanding the rural economy. Farms, Vineyards	86	13	1	SECURING ECONOMY	Q8.1
22	Importance of supporting local businesses	86	11	3	SECURING ECONOMY	Q8.1
23	Importance of atmospheric pollution	86	13	1	POLLUTION	Q9.1
24	Importance of support for isolated, lonely parishoners	86	9	5	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q5.1
25	Importance of Village events	85	11	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q3.1
26	Importance of local bus services and routes	84	15	0	TRANSPORT	Q11.1
27	Importance of Listed buildings	82	15	3	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q12.1
28	Importance of Cultural Heritage	82	15	2	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q12.1
29	Importance of safe and easy disabled access around the parish	81	16	2	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q5.1
30	Importance of the Marquis of Granby	81	17	2	SECURING ECONOMY	Q3.1

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	The top 38 topics all received support from over <u>75% of respondents</u>	Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %			
31	Importance of visible and active governance within Dover District Council	81	12	7	GOVERNANCE		Q4.1
32	Importance of well equipped and maintained playgrounds	80	19	1	LOCAL SUPPORT		Q6.1
33	Importance of the garden centre and tea rooms	79	18	4	LOCAL SUPPORT		Q3.1
34	Importance of Dog fouling in the Parish, including rural footpaths	78	19	3	GOVERNANCE		Q1
35	Importance of visible and active governance within Kent County Council	77	17	7	GOVERNANCE		Q4.1
36	First Aid training for villagers in CPR and defibrillator use	76	21	3	LOCAL SUPPORT		Q5.1
37	Importance of visible and active governance within Parish Council public meetings	75	20	5	GOVERNANCE		Q4.1
38	Importance of visible and active governance within the Parish Plan	75	19	6	GOVERNANCE		Q4.1
39	Importance of St Anthony's Church	72	24	5	LOCAL SUPPORT		Q3.1
40	Shared interests for all ages	72	24	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT		Q6.1

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	Community issues are important to around 70% of all respondents	Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
41	Importance of local employment opportunities and local employers	71	26	3	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q8.1
42	Importance of the lack of pedestrian pavements within the village	71	25	4	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q10.1
43	Family events	71	25	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q6.1
44	Meeting places and events for older children	70	27	3	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q6.1
45	Importance of unity within all areas of the parish	70	24	6	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q3.1
46	Importance of Clubs and Groups	69	27	3	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q7.1
47	Importance of visible and active governance within Parish Council website	68	27	6	GOVERNANCE	Q4.1
48	Importance of providing limited development	67	24	8	SECURING ECONOMY	Q2.1
49	Importance of Energy Conservation	67	28	5	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q1
50	Play Equipment	67	32	1	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q7.1

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		Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
51	Importance of Public displays and Heritage Education.	66	32	2	OTHER	Q12.1
52	Importance of local train services and routes	63	34	4	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q11.1
53	Importance of Thanet transport, charity mainly for the elderly and disabled	56	41	3	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q11.1
54	Tourism	52	44	4	OTHER	Q8.1
55	Taxis	51	47	2	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q11.1
56	Youth Council	51	45	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q6.1
57	Football Pitch	49	49	2	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q7.1
58	Dedicated cycle paths	48	49	3	PUBLIC ACCESS	Q10.1
59	Importance of no new development	46	45	9	NEW DEVELOPMENT	Q2.1
60	Importance of local recycling facilities in additionm to those provided	43	54	4	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q1

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	Eight topics listed on the questionnaire were categorised as unimportant by residents	Important / Very Important %	No Opinion / not important %	No input %		
61	Importance of providing more affordable housing	38	54	8	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q2.1
62	Outdoor Gym Equipment	38	60	2	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Q7.1
63	Importance of providing starter homes	35	56	9	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q2.1
64	Importance of providing more sheltered housing	25	64	12	PLANNING? HERITAGE	Q2.1
65	Importance of significant development to support government targets	6	82	12	OTHER	Q2.1
		YES	No			
	Are there enough litterbins for the Public to use within the Parish ?	109 responses	94 responses			Q1.2
	Is there a strong community spirit in your residential area?	152 responses	59 responses			Q3.2



91% of respondents consider flood management as important

One resident's suggested route for an Alkham valley cycle path?

■ Discussion

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▪ Volunteer Sheet

- Organise New Activities 2
- Community Speedwatch 8
- Litter Picks 37
- Village Maintenance 15
- Youth Activities 5
- Churchyard Maintenance 11
- Support Elderly 20
- Other 2

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