

We had a good response with 51 of the 89 parishioners completing the questionnaire. 10 people outside the parish also responded. The answers of both groups were very similar. The numbers answering were Representative of the population as a whole.

This report identified that the community has a very positive attitude about the village and can see the need to look carefully at what needs to be done for the future of Huntington.

This report outlines the main points made by the respondents as a whole.

Pick out general views quotes from open

Q1. There were a number of comments made at the Neighbourhood Plan launch meeting in Huntington?

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all responded

Question2 What do you particularly like about Huntington ?

42 responses

Nearly everyone commented on the peace and quiet with this comment summing up the general feeling

"Beautiful countryside and enthusiasm and support of community for local events."

Q3 What could be done to improve Huntington ?

33 comments

Many answers commented on the amount of traffic or the state of the roads (11) the other most frequent responses were improve broadband (4) and provide housing for young families (7). 5 people said is fine just as it is.

Q4. Do you have any close relatives who would like to have their own home in the village but can't because there is no appropriate housing available?

12% of respondents stated that they had family members who would like to live in the village but are unable to due to lack of appropriate housing.

Q5 Do you feel that this amount of housing and these conditions are sufficient for the needs of Huntington?

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Q6 We are an ageing population in Huntington. Do you feel that there is a need for affordable housing to attract young families to the area?

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Q7 If new housing is built, should there be a priority for

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Q8 Do you think any new housing should ...

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Q9 If new housing were to be built, where do you think it should be?

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Q10 Should we favour developments that provide joint working and living space, encouraging small businesses into the area?

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Q 11 Increasing numbers of people are working from home. are there any obstacles that could be removed to improve opportunities for businesses locally?

29 people answered this question with 26 of these considering broadband connection to be a limiting factor.

Q12 Do you work

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Q13 If you run your own business could you offer any of the following?

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Q14 Do you think it is important that small family farms stay a feature of our community?

Everyone answered this question and a resounding 96% said yes.

Q15 If family farms are to survive as viable businesses in Huntington for the next generation, diversification will be necessary. What forms of diversification should be allowed or encouraged?

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Q16 Redundant farm buildings provide an opportunity for diversification. How should they best be developed for the good of the village?

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Q17 Do you have any ideas about how we could improve our local economy and / or what would you do to develop the local economy if the rules permitted?

Promote and encourage all small scale forms of tourism.

Setting up of farm shop / community shop / tea rooms selling local goods.

Encourage small businesses in Huntington and Kington by low rent and rates.

Develop support links with similar communities.

More young families needed to support schools etc.(no suggestion how to achieve this !).

Q18 Do you feel there should be constraints on large scale renewable energy projects in Huntington?

Very mixed response, but most seem opposed to large scale renewable energy projects.

Some people are more accepting of smaller developments, but with no precise definition

of size, it's difficult to quantify.

Concern about whether or not large projects will benefit our community.

Q19 Many communities are developing community renewable energy projects e.g. large PV installations and wind turbines to power a group of houses, is this something that you think could be of benefit to Huntington?

44 responses

Yes 33 %

No 67%

Q20 If so, what form might such a project take?

12 responses

7 were in favour of some form of solar/ PV installation

6 suggested wind power.

Q21 Huntington has limited tourism provision; holiday cottages, B&B businesses and two small caravan sites. Do you think it would be beneficial to the area to develop more tourist opportunities and facilities?

45 responses

Yes 68%

no 32%

Q22 If Yes, what facilities do you think would be appropriate? Tick all you agree with.

Q23 Are there any particular areas of Huntington that you feel are of special value environmentally or areas that need special protection? Please list areas you think important.

Q24 We have a number of footpaths in Huntington. What is your opinion about the number of footpaths in the area?

Q25 How often do you use the footpaths?

See chart

Q26 As we know the churches in Huntington have very low numbers in their congregations and have recently been struggling financially. As a result, a Friends of St Thomas a Becket has been created to involve the wider community. Do you think it is important that the community supports the churches in Huntington in this way?

Q27 The Village Hall is a valuable but underused village resource. What clubs or events would you like to see taking place at the village hall that you would attend?

Q28 Which existing facilities and services in Kington do you use?

Q30 What businesses, shops or services would you like to see developed within Kington itself?

Q31 Do you see a need for community transport now or in the future?

Q32 If Yes, what facilities do you think would be appropriate?

Q33 How many vehicles are there in your household? (do not include vehicles used solely for farm use)

Q34

Q36 Where does your household do their main food shopping?