

## 2023 PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

Approximately 23% of the adults (over 16) of the parish responded to the questionnaire. Not everyone answered every question therefore the percentages that follow this introduction represent the general response overall.

Over 75% of the responses are from residents living on the main road, on Fayreway and the Shepton side of The George Inn. 60% of those responding have lived in the village for 20 years or more. However, the age of those who completed the questionnaire were equally divided between the 45-64, 65–74 and 75+ age groups.

90% of residents know how to contact their councillors and there was a general awareness of the Council's roles with the majority aware that we comment on planning decisions and the rest of the responses evenly divided across the other areas. 50% of residents found out about parish council activities from 'The Roundabout' magazine with 20% respectively gaining information from the dedicated noticeboards and the village Facebook page. The website which has the most up to date information was only accessed by 10% of residents. 17% of information was gleaned by 'word of mouth' and conversations with friends.

Residents clearly wanted more engagement from the council across all the proposed areas for improvement with one third of responses in each section. This was also reflected in the numerical response to how well-informed people felt they were about the parish council with 13% stating 3 out of 10; 18%, 5 out of 10; 17%, 7 out of 10 and 12% for the top two figures of 9 and 10 combined.

When asked whether the precept should be raised to support a range of areas, there was a 35% wish for the precept not to increase with 24% wishing the council to work on initiating a 20-mph speed limit throughout the village; all other areas were in single percentage figures.

The future investment question had 23% of responses supporting a community shop with 21% looking for investment in parking. Cycle paths were supported by 17% of respondents and improved footpaths by 15%; the other options were in single figures.

The response to the question on what people liked most and least about living in Croscombe was particularly varied with some people answering in detail, some just ticking a few areas and some not answering the question at all. The percentages are listed below

	Like most %	Like least %
Mobile connectivity	3	16
Close to the countryside	16	
Close to towns	9	3
Communitylife/activities	7	2
Primary school	5	7
Local facilities – shop, pub	13	3
Local history and heritage	4	3
Public transport	5	17
Road network - access	1	12

Size of community	7	5
Sustainable lifestyle	2	10
Supportive community	11	1
Village hall	11	
Church and other religious facilities	3	15
Play area	3	6

Residents engage with the parish across all areas in question 12 (engaging with the parish) but with the greatest activity based around the village hall at 28% and with 12% of respondents not engaging with any village area.

The majority of the leisure activities used centred around The George Inn with 19% using the pub itself and 16% using the shop it provides. 18% use footpaths regularly and 27% in total use the film night and other village hall activities.

The response to which other resources would be used if made available concentrated on a cycle track (15%), convenience store (22%), GP clinic (14%) and parking facilities (20%). The responses to the other proposals were in single figures.

Facilities which could be considered for future investment/fund raising by the council concentrated on the areas of parking facilities (27%), a community shop (23%) and improved footpaths (30%)

Community activities that residents would like to attend if made available were evenly divided into lower percentage figures with 20% interested in craft clubs and 19% in gardening clubs but the majority response of 32% was for no activities to be introduced.

The question on services or facilities that would be used if they were available in the parish was dominated by a 30% interest in a local produce market with wildflower planting at 16% and a village composting scheme at 14%. All other suggestions were in low single figure percentages.

The need for a community hub/flexible building was relatively equally divided between 55% agreeing to a need and 45% already satisfied with existing provision. Use of any hub was split fairly equally across all proposed areas except for a minimal response to a drop-in office and a place for those with small children to meet.