

Whitstone Parish Plan

Update 2013

Results

Introduction

The parish Plan Update 2013 was initiated in order to find out if opinions had changed since the original Parish Plan which was published in 2010 and to inform the Parish Council and other organizations so that the views of Whitstone people can be represented

In order to be able to carry out a direct comparison the same questions were asked as before and several new questions were added relating to new subjects which have arisen since 2010.

Survey booklets were distributed along with delivery of *'The Whistler'* and 37 were completed and returned, which represents responses from 75 individuals.

The raw results of the survey are presented here along with all the written comments that were made in response to the questions asked.

These raw results will be published on the village website. Later the results will be compared with the results of the 2010 survey and there will be a full version of the Parish Plan along with a summary from the Parish Council and an action plan.

The 2013 update to the Parish Plan has been produced with zero cost to the Parish and our thanks go to The Whistler Committee and delivery volunteers as well as Phil Tucker for printing, Irene Sutton for the website and Parish Councilors for supporting the production.

In each of the tables the numbers in the boxes are the number of responses counted in that particular box on the survey questionnaire.

About your Household

All questions in this section may be answered by any adult in your household

Q1 Is your permanent residence in the Parish?

Yes	No
35	

Q2 How many people are living permanently in your household and what are their ages?

Please write the numbers of people in the appropriate boxes

Age	0 - 13	14 - 17	18 - 29	30 - 59	60 - 74	75+
Male	7		1	8	19	4
Female	5		1	15	10	5

Q3 Please tell us how long you have lived in the Parish by placing a tick in the box

0 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	6 - 10 years	11 - 19 years	20+ years
	5	7	10	14

Q4 In the table, please tick the best description of your dwelling

Owner Occupied	Rented	Part Mortgage/Part rent	Temporary	Other
31	5			

Q5 How many bedrooms are there in your dwelling?

1	2	3	4	5+
1	8	16	6	4

Q6 Please tell us how your family came to live in the Parish.

Born in the Parish	Work brought me here	To live with or near relatives	Retired here	Other reason
4	10	6	7	10

Q7 Do you have insulation in your attic at least 270mm thick?

Yes	No
30	5

Q8 Do you have double glazing in your home?

Yes	No
34	2

Q9 Do you have cavity walls in your home?

Yes	No
22	13

Q10 If yes, have the walls been cavity insulated?

Yes	No
16	9

Q11 Do you have low energy lamps fitted in your home?

Yes	No
30	5

Q12 Did you know grants are available for energy saving?

Yes	No
28	7

Q13 How many car parking spaces are there at your property?

1	2	3	4	5+
3	9	9	4	7

Q14 How much influence does cost have when planning your homes' energy reduction?

A lot	A little	None
24	10	

Q15 Have you ever applied for a grant/assistance for any of the mentioned

Yes	No
8	26

Q16 Do you recycle your household waste through the collection service?

Yes	No
34	1

Q17 Are you happy with current recycling services?

If you answered No to Q17, please tell us why.

Yes	No
32	2

Yes but not too keen on the bags, may discolour quickly and rip.

We have not been supplied with recycling bags or a dustbin.

Not often enough, bags are not big enough.

More plastic recycling needed.

Prefer a Monday.

Q18 Using a scale where 1 is low and 9 is high indicate what part of your waste is recycled for each category below.

i.e. If you estimate you recycle half your paper you would place a 5.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
cardboard	1	1			1	1		7	22
Paper	2				1		3	6	20
Glass	1				2		1	6	22
Plastics	2		2	2	4	1	4	8	10
Batteries	8	1			2			6	17
Tins and cans	1	1				1	2	5	21
Shoes	16	1			5	2	3	1	3
Clothing	13			3	7	2	1	2	4
Other Fabrics	17		1	1	4	3	1	1	2

Q19 Do you want to recycle more?

Yes	No
21	12

Q20 What do you do with your green waste?

Compost	Collected	Don't have	Tip
27	1	4	2

Q21 Where do you normally do your 'main weekly shop'?

Exeter	Bodmin	Laun'ston	Bude	Holsworthy	Whitstone	Online
		5	16	8	7	3

Questions for the younger people

Q1. How old are you?

Age	11 and under		12		13		14		15		16		17	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Gender	2	2	1				1							

Q2 Do you attend any clubs or groups in the Parish?

	Child 1	
	Yes	No
Sunday School		6
Smile Club	1	5
Guitars - School	1	5
Violins - School	2	4
Please state others		

Q3 Do you attend any clubs or groups outside the Parish?

	Child 1	
	Yes	No
Ballet	1	5
Beavers, Cubs or Scouts	2	4
Guides or Brownies	1	5
Singing or Choir	1	5
Cricket	1	5
Drama	1	5
Football	4	2
Horse Riding		6
Rugby	1	5
Swimming/surf/life saving	1	5
Week St Mary Youth Club	2	4
Please state others		

Q4 Which of these activities would you like to have in the Parish?

INDOORS

	Yes	No
Art & Crafts	4	2
Badminton	4	2
Book Club	3	3
Dance	3	3
Movie Club/Film Nights	5	1
Skittles	3	2
Snooker/Pool		6
Computer gaming	3	3
Table Tennis		

OUTDOORS

	Yes	No
Cricket	5	1
Football	5	1
Rugby	5	1
Skatepark	5	1
Tennis	6	

Please name one other activity you would like to see?

? For the younger children.

Q5 Do you know about the Mobile Library Service

Yes	No
3	

Q6 How often do you use the Mobile Library Service?

We go to Bude library

often	not very often	hardly ever	never
			3

Q7 Do you think you are informed enough about village issues?

There should be more on the website

Yes	No
	3

Q8 Do you think that you are involved in the village enough?

The village needs a playing field so we can play football and have clubs.

Yes	No
1	2

Q9, Q10, Q11 to be answered by over 13's only please

Q9 What do you intend to do after compulsory education?

Sixth Form	College	Find Work	Other (please say)
		1	

Q10 And after that?

Work	Uni	Apprentice	Other (please say)
1			

Q11 Where do you intend to stay once you have left school?

(i.e. For your college, university or work)

Stay locally.

Bude/Launceston	Plymouth Barnstaple Exeter	Rest of South West	Rest of UK	Other (please say)
				1

Road Safety

Q1 Are there any dangerous areas on our roads/lanes in the Parish?

If you answered Yes, tell us where the dangers are

Yes	No
50	5

The parking around the Primary School.
Balsdon Road Junction around shop - very dangerous.
B3254 from Whitstone village to Cherry Cross.
Road past Bennetts for pedestrians.
Balsdon Road junction with B3254 very dangerous.
Bennetts corner, Tankins corner, bends south of the Bridgerule turning.
B3254 anywhere and everywhere between Launceston and Red Post.
At the junction of the B3254 and Green Lane.
Opposite Paradise Park.
The road is busy and they don't drive to speed limit.
Green Lane junction, Balsdon/Meadowside B3254 junction.
Crossing into Green Lane, access from Froxton Road.
First bend on the left in Paradise Park.
Cherry Cross, no pavements as such, 40mph limit frequently broken.
Green Lane junction to Bennetts bend, also the crossroads
shop/council housing area.
Continued parking in the 'no parking' area at the village shop obscures
approaching traffic.
Outside village shop, entrance to Paradise Park, Oak Lane to school,
from shop to Street.
Shop x roads.
Turning out of Meadowside (both ways), turning out of Balsdon Road
when cars are parked outside the shop.
Pulling out of Meadowside.
Where our drive meets the B3254.
Near the shop turning into Balsdon Road, turning from main road into
road for Whitstone Head School.
Require street lights along main road from Parish Hall to Oak Lane.
Junction at Oak Lane as a pedestrian.
The junction at the top of Long Hill.
Meadowside/Balsdon Road junction when there are cars/lorries
incorrectly parked by the shop, OK along main road, narrow section of
road between Northmoor and Cherry Cross. Corner north of Tankins on
B3254, Junction with lane to Froxton and others, signage could be
much improved using flashing illuminated automatic signs activated by
cars. Green Lane junction, junction to Whitstone Head School entrance.

Q2 Do you think the current speed limits are correct?

If you answered No please tell us why

Yes	No
47	12

Raise to 40mph (according to my husband) I disagree.
No. Vehicles heading south along B3254 invariably exceed the 40mph limit, ditto Northbound.
Still too fast through the village and over top of Long Hill.
But need enforcement. I think it should be 30mph from Bennetts.
Slight problem, very few abide by it.
40mph lengths should become 30mph and other measures to encourage speed reduction.
500+ drivers still speed through village, we need speed cameras that work and fine the drivers at fault.
Should reduce to 20mph near school.
Limit is OK it's the drivers who don't pay attention.
Too fast.
Yes but they are often not kept to.
30mph has no effect, as does 40mph- remove 40mph at either end of the village.
30mph needed at Hillhead.
Should revert to 40mph through village as very little pedestrian usage and junctions quite clear, accidents happen outside limits.

Q3 Are there any parking issues in the parish

Yes	No
39	20

If the answer to Q3 is Yes, please tell us where you feel the problems occur.

School

Shop - very dangerous, someone will be killed at this junction - what will be done? - Parish Council? A car park is needed for the shop.

Village centre adjacent to shop.

Village Shop.

Parking in Balsdon Road with no restrictions - overnight parking.

Minor ones outside shop only because people ignore the road markings.

Generally fine but outside shop is a well known issue.

Rude inconsiderate people parking opposite driveways in Paradise Park resulting in people not being able to leave home.

Balsdon Road and main road outside shop.

On the red box outside the shop, people are still parking on it.

Village shop and homes opposite.

By the village shop, also Oak Lane at the school - a

nightmare if going down Church Hill at school closing time.

Outside village shop, outside school.

Outside shop and Meadowside.

Outside the shop, bottom end of Meadowside and outside building site further up.

Outside village shop, shoppers not heeding the parking restriction

Parking in Meadowside.

By the shop.

Outside the shop.

Vehicles parked on restricted area outside shop.

At the shop.

Meadowside, outside the shop, Oak Lane (school times).

Q4 Are the pavements in the parish adequate?

Yes	No
33	19

If the answer to Q4 is **No**, please indicate the problem and location.

Extend pavement from B3254 to Primary School.

No. Pedestrian access from Cherry Cross to Village non existent.

There needs to be safe walking between the Primary School and the B3254, once a child is knocked over a solution will be found.

Need pavement in Oak Lane from main road up to school and Paradise Park to St Anne's Close on East side of road.

Cherry Cross is death trap for pedestrians, need footpath to village.

A bit narrow opposite The Orchard house.

No pavements from shop to Street.

From Paradise Park it is necessary to cross the main road twice to walk to the shop.

Not all the way out of the village towards Launceston.

From end of Green Lane through to Balsdon Road.

No pavement along Oak Lane for school children/people walking.

Q5 Should traffic calming measures be introduced?

Yes	No
23	32

If the answer to Q5 is 'Yes' please indicate what traffic calming measures would be useful and where.

Perhaps the introduction of "Flashing Speed" warning devices and more adequate signage may help.

If a pavement is not possible (Q4) then maybe traffic calming might make it safer: Humps at the 30mph sign just south of the shop crossroads.

Main road through Whitstone.

More police control or speed cameras.

Psychological measures would be a cost effective solution, perhaps a crossing point near Paradise Park would slow traffic somewhat.

Humps through the village on the main road.

At least one, if not two pedestrian crossings (villages in France use traffic lights to stop traffic if speed limit exceeded even if no pedestrians crossing,

restrict road width to allow one vehicle at a time to proceed, see main A

road (Bath to Shepton Mallet) in Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset.

Outside Paradise as this is where most children cross to school.

Speed cameras!

Flashing sign re speed.

Speed cameras.

When children are going to and from school, flashing lights indicating school times.

Light up sign indicating vehicles going too fast, rumble strips.

Stop those that exceed limit-wavy white lines-raised yellow lines, not speed bumps!

Q6 Is the street lighting in the Parish adequate?

Yes	No
46	22

It should extend wherever there is pavement, up to the Residential Home.

Through village and over the top of Long Hill.

Needs a few lights from St Anne's Hall towards Paradise Park.

St Anne's Hall to Paradise Park and further north is not lit at all.

On main road between St Anne's Hall and Paradise Park.

From Paradise Park along to St Anne's Residential Home, it is pitch black, you need a torch to see the kerbs.

No lighting at Cherry Cross.

None at Paradise Park at 5pm on 4/12/13

No lights between St Anne's and Paradise Park, dark pavement.

Very dark when returning home from Parish Hall.

The lighting from St Anne's Hall to Paradise Park is non-existence and up to Oak Lane too.

Lighting required from Hall to Paradise Park where currently unlit.

None along Oak Lane.

Q7 Are there any other road safety issues you want to mention?

Parking at Shop and School.

Where road is dangerous there must be double white lines otherwise drivers will overtake.

Yes, a 10mph limit around Paradise Park.

More speed checks and automated speed warning system.

Potholes!

Meadowside entrance.

Winter is a problem on the side roads.

A 40mph limit on the road to Whitstone Head School.

Mud on the road, excess water outside St Anne's after heavy rain.

So many parked cars at Meadowside that emergency vehicles couldn't get through if needed, state of Balsdon Road often muddy

Communication

Q1 Do you read the notice boards to find out about Parish News and activities

What would make you read it/them more? (e.g. position, regularly updated, content)

often	not very often	hardly ever	never
14	15	19	19

Parish notice board to be relocated on opposite side where there is most pedestrian traffic.

Regular updated & appealing.

Try to make it a habit.

Should be on same side as shop.

They must be kept up to date.

No idea where it is.

Q2 Please tick to indicate which you read

Parish Notice Board opposite shop	Notice Board in the shop	Screen in the shop	School Notice Board
13	45	18	8

Q3 Please indicate which local publications you read

The Whistler	Acorn Magazine	Together Magazine	Cornish Guardian	Post Series (Bude & Stratton)
65	6	8	4	39

Q4 How do you think communications could be improved within the Parish?

A pub!!

Notice board outside Parish Hall.

Yes-more information in the Whistler diary.

Leaflets.

Not much more as you cannot force people to read notice boards, papers, internet etc.

A notice board at the front of the Parish Hall.

Parish notice boards have been regularly updated over last 5 years- maintain this.

There are enough ways of communicating, there would be more communication if people wanted to communicate.

No.

Facebook.

Q5 Do you use the public internet facility at the shop?

Yes	No
3	64

Not currently active last time checked.

Q6 Do you have access to the Internet at home?

Yes	No
59	10

Q7 Do you have a personal email address?

Yes	No
54	14

Q8 Would you like to be consulted on Parish issues by completing an occasional online survey if it were possible?

Yes	No
34	25

Q9 How often do you use the Whitstone Village Website?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seldom	Never
2	8	10	10	27

Q10 The Village Website was originally funded by a grant until 2014. How do you think it should be funded in the future?

Parish Precept	Public fund raising	Apply for grants if possible
22	7	43

Do you have any suggestions to improve the website?

This issue is difficult to answer without an idea of costs involved, if small £50-£200 a parish precept, if large >£500p.a a grant.

None-it is amazing.

Advertise the website more so people know it exists, e.g. Posters not put in The Whistler.

Whilst minutes must be approved by Parish Council, a more current report of council meetings would be appreciated.

More up to date local events.

All Parish Council documents which should be publicly available should be available through the website.

Crime and Disorder

Please don't consider traffic crime in this part of the survey. Traffic will be covered later.

Q1 Do you ever feel threatened or unsafe:-

In your home		When outside your home but in the Parish		When out in North Cornwall generally	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	66	1	62	0	63

If you answered Yes to any part of Q1, please tell us about your concerns.

People driving too fast not indicating and cutting corners fast so they end up on the wrong side of the road.
Publicised and confirmed offenders in the village.

Q2 Do you know how to contact these people?

Rural Beat Police		MP		County Councillor		Parish Council Clerk	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34	26	40	22	38	24	45	15

Q3 Have you had a need to contact any of these people?

Rural Beat Police		MP		County Councillor		Parish Council Clerk	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5	56	9	50	9	50	8	54

Q4 Are you happy with the access to and response from our Police services?

They only seem interested in traffic crime.
The Police are effectively non existent here.
Agreed.

Not needed service for a long time but previously not overly impressed.
Have not needed to use them yet.
Unable to comment not used them thankfully.
Yes but feel I cannot guarantee a rapid response if I needed them.

Yes	No
40	3

Q5 Would you consider being a Parish Special Constable?

Yes	No
	58

Q6 Would you like security cameras in the Parish?

Yes	No
	54

Don't know.

Entrance to Paradise Park and St Anne's + Crossroads at shop + Cherry Cross.

On lamp-posts, main road, Paradise Park, St Anne's Close.

St Anne's, by the shop + entrance to estates.

Q7 Do you consider anti-social behaviour to be a problem in. . .

Whitstone			North Cornwall		
Big	Slight	None	Big	Slight	None
	19	40		34	22

Some children in St Anne's Close.

Q8 Are there any other crime and disorder issues you would like to mention?

Dogs.

Drug use and trading in the Bude pubs and clubs.

And ditto within and outside schools.

Vandalism is increasing in St Anne's Parish Hall area.

Speeding generally.

No.

Seems to be a lot of problems/damage on church hall.

Litter, dogmess.

Recreation and Leisure

Q1 How often do you use the following recreation facilities?

	More than once a week	Weekly	Every 2 weeks	Monthly	Seldom	Never
Week St Mary Playing Fields			2	2	7	47
Other local Playground / field	3	4	3	3	7	41
Chapel Hall		7	3	6	14	28
Parish Hall		8	4	11	25	10
Budehaven leisure centre or Splash	2	7	1	4	18	27
Holsworthy sports hall or pool	1	4		1	7	43
Launceston leisure centre or pool		5		1	4	47

Q2 If you answered 'Never' or 'Seldom' to any of the above, please tell us why.

Age related.

Age related.

Enjoyed many sports when younger but now too old.

Retired and arthritic.

No time or inclination.

Not time or other access to outside space.

Have to travel more to use it, acute need to.

Don't really go to clubs here.

Use Bude instead.

Too old.

Work shift work, very little leisure time.

No more time.

I attend private gym.

Children have grown up, have other interests.

Doesn't affect me I walk not swim.

We don't know anyone in the village and find it unwelcoming x2.

Too old and frail.

Retired, prefer to walk x2.

Never needed to x2.

Don't have a need to.

Not active enough to use those ticked 'never'.

No need.

None, there are none.

My non-sport recreation is Bude based (music/art), my sport is Launceston based but can be done any/no-where.

I don't swim or do sport.

Time x2.

Have other things to do.

Too rickety for sports, swimming is the limit.

No need x2.

Own activities adequate x2.

No kids.

We use other leisure centre.

Use Bude/Holsworthy.

Go to Bude.

I use other ones.

Q3 What other recreational facilities do you use in the Parish?

Walking, cycling.
Walking.
None.
Footpaths, Swannacott Woods, are there any more?
Play park in St Anne's Close.
Play park.
Park at St Anne's x4.
Footpaths for walkers.
Footpaths.
Swannacott Woods.
The woods - walking the dog.
There aren't any.
Library.

Q4 What other recreational facilities do you use in the wider locality?

Walking, cycling, golf course.
Walking.
Jazz in Bude and elsewhere.
Cinema, pubs, cafe, restaurants, theatre.
Pub, restaurant cinema, snooker.
WSM Hall.
Pubs, Private health gym.
OT Sequence dancing, walking x2.
Bude facilities x4.
Bude Canal footpath.
Tamar Lakes, beaches, woods.
Tamar Lakes, canals/beaches.
Use another gym.
Holsworthy Bowling Club x2.
Clubs in Bude.
Parkhouse Centre, The Castle.
Range of playgroups and children's activities and beach.
The beach.
Walking in countryside and coast.
Coast path and beaches.
Bude/Holsworthy play areas.
Sports club.
Sports clubs, swimming pool, beach.
Sports club, scouts, pool.
Social clubs, ballet.

Q5 Give details of any other recreational facilities you would like to have in the Parish?

Cycle routes thru Whitstone Woods.
Skate park, something for younger people to do, somewhere to meet.
Pub.
Social Club.
Organised clubs- early eve x4.
Playing field, playground for older children.
Playing field.
Somewhere to go for a meal.
Pub.
Dancing.
Darts.
Sports and Social Club with multi-use field.
Cafe in the shop - maybe community run and supplied.
Pub, pool, health club.
Playing fields/sports club.
Sporting club - cycling, running.
Playing field, football pitch, skate park.
Football pitch.
Clubs, playground.

Q6 Give reasons if you and your family are prevented from using any public facility in the Parish?

Q7 Do any existing facilities need improving and what improvements do you suggest?

What happened to the Paradise Park play area? Smarten up the bus shelter, paint Sunday School.
Current playground free from ? And litter.
Another play park for older children.
Desperate need for sports/recreation facilities.
Playfields needed.

Q8 Are there any other events you would like to see in the existing facilities?

Film Club? Re-establish the carnival.
Reinstate the carnival.
Rounders, resurrection of the BRIPS.
Village carnival.
Perhaps Bingo evenings or films in Parish Hall
x2.
Film nights in Hall.
Films/Presentations/Talks etc at Village Hall.
Singing events/Choir (outside of church activities).

The previous survey prompted a response indicating support for some sort of adult social meeting place / Public House in the village.

Q9 If such a facility were provided how often would you realistically expect to use it for. .

	Daily	2/3 times a week	Weekly	Monthly	Seldom	Never
A drink/Socialising	1	8	17	8	12	3
A meal		3	10	17	17	1
Meeting venue for club/society			6	10	24	1

Q10 Would you be interested in local Adult Education courses? Please say which courses

- None now.
- Setting up family tree.
- Painting/drawing.
- Yoga/exercising class/choir/martial arts.
- French/Spanish.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- French.
- Art and pottery.
- No.
- No.
- Languages, art, aspects of.
- No.
- Advanced level creative courses - art, ceramics, sculpture.
- Dancing.

Our Local Environment

Q1 Do you consider dog fouling to be a problem in the Parish?

If your answer to is other than 'Not at all', please suggest remedies

Prosecution.
It's up to us to raise it with offending dog owners.
Name and shame.
Make people more aware and to remove their own dog's fouling, more bins.
More signs.
Posters, enforceable fines, more bins.
Educate dog owners but very difficult to force those who will not learn.

Very Much	A Little	Very Little	Not at all
2	27	15	19

Q2 Are you concerned about litter in the Parish?

If your answer to is other than 'Not at all', please suggest remedies

Pick it up.
It's up to us to raise it with offenders, some of it is I think spillage from recycling lorry, most of the rest school children.
Name and shame.
Need to increase road sweeper frequency, none seen at Cherry Cross for a year until we complained.
Some litter along verges school to shop area mainly.
There's often litter at the children's play area in St Anne's Close.
Make people more aware to clean up behind themselves and take litter home.
More bins.
Everyone pick up their own litter.
Maybe organise some local pick-up teams.
Provided more bins in village.

A Lot	A Little	Very Little	Not at all
1	41	18	5

Q3 How often have you used footpaths/bridleways in the parish in the last year (not pavements)

A Lot	A Little	Very Little	Not at all
9	14	17	30

Q4 Do you think our parish footpaths are well maintained?

If you answered 'No', tell us which footpaths and how they can be improved?

But aware that they are monitored.
The path Hilton-Odd Mill is not user friendly, at the Week end signage is absent despite newish bridge outlay etc.
The path between Whitstone Head School and Church very poor.
Footpath from Oak Lane through to the field sometimes overgrown.

Yes	No	Don't Know
28	3	33

Public Transport

Q1 Do you have mobility problems due to age or disability?

Yes	No
5	62

Q2 Do you have your own means of transport?

Yes	No
65	6

Q3 If not, how do you, without your own transport, get about in North Cornwall?

Please tick all that apply

Family take me	Friend takes me	Neighbour takes me	Taxi	Shoppers Bus	Volunteer Drivers	Public Transpo
5	2	1				2

Q4 Please tell us of any other local modes of transport used by yourself.

Cycling, walking.

Local bus.

Cycling/walking/running to Bude.

Trains occasionally.

Bus service to and from Plymouth.

Q5 Do you use public bus services in our area?

(if 'No' please go to question 10)

Yes	No
11	55

Q6 Are public buses clean and pleasant to travel in?

Never used yet.

Never use it.

Yes	No
13	

Q7 Are public buses punctual and reliable?

Never used yet.

Nearly always when I use them.

Often late/very late, often break down.

Generally they are, I have suffered only once by a bus not running.

Lateness.

Yes	No
9	2

Q8 Do the bus routes take you where you want to go?

Never used yet.

Barnstaple, Exeter.

Service destinations limited.

Yes up to a point, difficult to get around in immediate vicinity.

Yes	No
8	3

Q9 Does the timetable of services meet your needs?

Yes	No
7	4

Never used yet.

Can't use bus pass for 9am bus to Plymouth.

In a low population area like North Cornwall you can't expect more than a quite limited service.

More destinations but fortunately I have own transport.

More frequent and more in school holidays and many more on Sundays.

Q10 Would you use public transport if it were cheaper?

Yes	No
6	8

Live too far away from main road.

Not a cost issue as we have bus passes but not as convenient and timings rarely suit.

Bus times don't fit in with my working hours.

No, we have our own car now.

Not needed at the moment.

Travel sick.

We have bus passes but services too infrequent.

It is quite limited so very difficult to use for appointments and on Sunday.

Destinations limited.

No safe access.

Green Issues

Q1 Do you think that our lifestyle has contributed towards global warming?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
12	14	18	5	5

Q2 Do you think CO2 emissions affect our climate?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
11	33	15	3	5

Q3 On average how far do you travel each week day?

Miles	
0-5	15
6-10	10
11-15	4
16-20	9
21-25	
26-30	4
31+	12

Q4 If you work, how far do you travel to work?

Miles	
0-5	9
6-10	2
11-15	1
16-20	2
21-25	1
26-30	
31+	4

Q5 Have you joined or would you join a carshare scheme for travel to shopping?

Yes	No
4	47

Q6 Have you joined or would you join a carshare scheme for travel to work?

Yes	No
1	38

Q7 If you are buying a car would fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions influence your choice?

Yes	No	Not sure
46	8	2

Whitstone Parish Council have adopted a policy for responses to wind turbine planning applications, which is:

Turbines with a tip height of less than 60m or installed wind power of less than 100KW

In line with the parish plan, in principle - No Objection

(These turbines are generally considered to be for self-sufficiency purposes to support a property or micro business with their energy needs.)

Turbines with a tip height of greater than 60m or installed wind power of greater than 100KW

WPC will consider these as large scale turbines being installed for exporting power and as such will seek a community benefit from the owner based on a minimum of £8000 per Megawatt of installed power

Public Opinion

With any turbine planning application public comments will be closely monitored.

If, on the day of Whitstone Parish Council meeting, Cornwall Council website shows support or objection from at least 15 separate households within the parish then WPC will reflect that in its comments and decision making process.

Q8 Do you agree/disagree with this policy?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
10	28	5	5	10

Do not agree with turbines or solar farms being erected.

There are too many issues to answer with a tick box reply.

Huge concern over the number of turbines and solar farm applications in this area, approved in piecemeal fashion with no regard for the overall visual effect and views of local people, Mr. Michael Sutton's objection to the planning application PA/08865 reflects the view and feelings of many in the parish. (we don't know him personally but the PC would do well to review their policy.

Wind turbines should be in wind farms not scattered across the countryside, we can see 13 turbines from our bedroom window.

No more turbines.

However do not consider 60m to be a small turbine.

As long as the turbines are working but also did like to see that energy benefits the whole parish too.

Economy and Business

Q1 Would you like to see more businesses in the parish?

Yes	No	Not sure
22	7	25

If you answered 'Yes' to Q1, please give your suggestions as to the type of business you would like to see. Also where you feel any new business should be situated?

Small (less than 10 persons), diverse, spread around to ensure min.
Environmental impact, spread traffic flow and limit impact of downturn in any particular industry.

Small family run businesses, not quite sure of location e.g. Next to the shop, something there-building is looking shabby and an eyesore.

Pub/Restaurant somewhere central.

Pub and takeaway.

A nice place to eat and meet people.

Chemist next to our shop.

Any that will create employment.

Business hub with equipment and infrastructure to support all local businesses and start-up, in business units St Anne's Close.

Sustainable businesses (responsible self sustaining, more that contribute positively to the local economy and community.

ecommerce to use superfast broadband.

Industrial units in village. Industrial estate, engineering etc.

Takeaway, industrial estate-create jobs.

If you answered No to Q1 please state why

This is a rural area and only agricultural businesses or associated businesses are required.

To provide local employment.

Enough already.

Q2 Would you support initiatives to encourage more business?

Yes	No	Not sure
20	6	24

If you answered 'yes' to Q2, please tell us about your ideas.

Refurbish derelict premises adjoining shop as a cafe/pub (which gives support trade to shop and local brewery), will provide space for billiards.

Spend my money there.

If someone wants to start a business they will - initiatives or not.

Trading estate, bring jobs and wealth to the village- maybe near Tamar

Milling? cut CO2 and make area financially ? and grow.

Q3 Are there any buildings or structures in the Parish of special interest to either residents or tourists that should have protected status (e.g. red telephone boxes, tin sheds etc.) ?

Not aware of any.

Red telephone box, St Anne's Hall.

No.

The church-St Anne's, the cemetery, the parish hall.

Trees.

Telephone boxes.

Our red phone box (in working order as well), Holy Well at St Anne's Church.

No.

None.

St Anne's Parish Hall, Church, Chapel.

Tin Sheds?? Heaven help us; the village is unattractive enough already.

Hedgerows.

Can't think of any apart from churches.

Telephone box.

'Injustice' - local landmark, museum about him.

Q4 Do you regularly purchase goods in the local shop?

Yes	No
46	5

If you answered 'no' to Q4 please tell us why

We travel to Bude most days and purchase items whilst there.

Q5 What additional business/shopping facilities would you like to see in the Parish?

Reinstate Bridgemans.

Window cleaner, gardener.

3D printing business could print items on demand. It's up to people to start them, the St Anne's facilities have been largely unused for years now suggesting little demand.

Community produce trading (fruit, veg, 'meat, crafts etc.

Animal feeds, miss Bridgemans.

Agricultural merchant, takeaway.

Q6 When did you last use the village Post Office for anything more than 12 stamps?

Within last week	Within last month	Within last 6 months	More than 6 months ago
32	12	8	5

Have you any other suggestions for improving the local economy and business?

Premises for cottage type businesses-employment opportunities for locals, reduce business rates/grants to assist in set-up, 'locals' only loyalty cards like Launceston, support the locals when the tourist trade has finished for the season.

More houses in the village, makes the parish more sustainable, become a major village like Marhamchurch or Week-St-Mary, not just little backwater like Boyton or N. Tamerton, we need a proper industrial estate e.g. agricultural merchant, mechanic, takeaway, gym, small scale manufacturing, Whitstone has good transport links

Health and Social Services

Q1 How would you rate the standard of the following services?

	Not used, therefore no comment	Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Poor	Poor	Very Poor
Doctor	2	31	19	3		
District Nurse	43	8	1			
	36	5	7	2	2	3
NHS Direct	34	1	7	6	1	2
Physiotherapist	40	7	4			
Mental health services	49		1	1		
Care for the disabled	50					
Health visitor	45	1	5			
Home help	51					
Meals on wheels	51					
Loan of medical equipment	45	4	1			
Private dentist	28	16	5	1		
National health dentist	25	13	12	2	1	1
Optician	9	21	21	3		
Maternity care	43	6	3			
Stratton minor injuries unit	21	20	6	4	2	
Launceston Hospital	43	4	4			
Holsworthy Hospital	39	6	4			1
Barnstaple Hospital	23	13	14	2		
Treliske Hospital	49					2
Derriford Hospital	27	12	11	1	1	
Exeter Hospital	35	11	3	1		1
First responders team	45	5				
Mobile library	43	6			1	
Main library	26	11	9	3	1	
Citizens Advice Bureau	46	2	1	2		
Ambulance Service	40	6	7			
Police	37	3	4	5		2
Fire Service	50		1			
Air Ambulance	42	7	3			

Q2 When did you last use the following services

	Less than 1 month	1 - 6 month	6 - 12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	More than 5 years	Never
Hospital	16	18	11			1	4
Doctor	3	18	21			2	8
Dentist	5	10	12			1	8
Chiropractor	4	4	1	1	1	1	21
Osteopath	11	4					3
Chiropodist	8	2	4	3	3	2	
Optician	6		4	44	44	41	9

Q3 Without revealing your identity, please list any improvements that could be made to the services

Police are only interested in traffic crime, not real crime. They are only seen in the village for speeding.

You have our email addresses! We need a VISIBLE, ACTIVE police force- on the beat.

Library-more books.

Upgrade the minor injuries unit at Stratton Hospital to enable it to cover more than cuts and bruises. Barnstaple A&E too far away and extremely expensive on the return taxi journey (£80 one way).

Being treated as an individual and not someone passing through ie. a statistic.

Better parking at Stratton Medical Centre.

Being able to make appointments when you need to not when you have too - being able to see your own doctor not just the locum.

Q4 Which doctor's surgery are you registered with?

Stratton	Holsworthy	Launceston	Other
25	37		1

Q5 Are the times of doctor's surgeries convenient to you?

Yes	No
55	8

Q6 Can you get to the surgery and home again easily?

Reliance on personal transport only.

Have to drive.

Yes if own transport available, no if using public transport.

Not always able to drive.

The parking at Stratton is however a nightmare.

Yes	No
57	6

Q7 Would you like a doctor/nurse to hold a surgery in the village?

Yes	No
28	26

Q8 Would you register with another practice if they held a surgery in the village?

Yes	No
22	31

Q9 If you use a private dentist would you use NHS if one is available?

Yes	No
17	14

Q10 First responders react to health emergencies in the community. Would you consider joining a local first responders team?

Yes	No
22	48

Possible Projects

This section is seeking your opinions on some of the projects that are being talked about

Q1 A petition has been submitted to the Parish Council requesting a pedestrian crossing point on the main road through the village near the entrance to Paradise Park.

Do you agree with this idea?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
29	17	7	9	3

But also need one at village shop.

Village shop would be a better location.

In the absence of a footpath on the E side of the road there it is very desirable.

Q2 The Parish Council are considering a project to erect a war memorial in the village.

Do you agree with this idea?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
15	26	17	6	4

The war is long ago so only value would be as a focus for parades therefore location on grassed area behind hall.

Grass bank where Oak Lane joins the main road.

Either at the front of the Parish Hall or behind it.

A brass memorial for those who died in the war is already in place in this village, this was the choice of the families at the time.

On the main road in church garden.

Centrally to the village.

Around St Annes Hall somewhere.

Corner of Oak Lane/Main road.

Village Hall grounds.

In chapel car park.

On the Oak Lane junction triangle of grass.

Within the parish hall ie. board of names.

Near the school if there is space.

At the end of Oak Lane.

Outside Paradise Park.

Q3 If you agree that a war memorial should be erected How should it be funded?

Parish Precept	Public fund raising	Apply for grants if possible
18	22	36

Neighbourhood Plans will largely take the place of Parish Plans and the Localism Act makes it possible for these to be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents. That means that the local opinion stated in the Neighbourhood Plan must be taken into account when planning applications are considered.

Q4 Do you agree/disagree that our area should produce a Neighbourhood Plan?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
14	29	9	1	2

But get professional help to develop question format and content otherwise it is meaningless.

Q5 Would you rent an allotment plot if they were available within the Parish?

Yes	No
8	48

Have you any other suggestions for possible projects?

Off-road mountain bike routes in Whitstone Woods, all grades.

Neighbourhood Watch, Film Club now there is projector and screen, youth club, regular fitness/exercise classes in the Parish Hall.

A sports ground.

An amenity area for teenagers.

Sports and social club with changing room etc. local football team/rugby team, bar, snacks, cricket.

But agree it an excellent idea to provide plots and would probably be willing to buy any surplus produce.

Pavement to the Primary School, more houses in the village, maybe near the school, If developed there could be a playing field/sports facility added near the school and in the centre of the village

Towards the Future

We all have views about things that could be improved in the Parish and how we would like to see our local environment managed, developed and enhanced. This section provides an opportunity for you to tell us about your vision for the future of our Parish.

Q1 What is good about living in the Parish?

Rural location, sense of community, good shop/PO.

Safe and peaceful, friendly folk.

Seeing familiar friendly faces when walking around it.

Generally warm, friendly and supportive people, the shop.

Nice friendly area.

Rural/quiet/low crime rate/friendly.

I think it is a quiet place to live, it's in a good position and the people are very friendly.

We like it because it is quiet and unspoiled.

Caring neighbours.

Nice rural area, good community spirit.

It is a small, largely unspoiled village, life as it used to be, no traffic or street lights, no double yellow lines on roads, the air is fresh (with some countryside smells), no noise problems, just about perfect.

Low crime rate.

Good local community, excellent village shop and good service provider.

The people and events eg. Christmas concert, sense of close-knit community feeling,

fairly safe and very good village shop, ideal location between Bude/Launceston.

Friendly people, good shop, nice location. Neighbours, shop.

Good-2 churches up and running, able to meet people this way, excellent shop providing all basic requirements.

Friendly and safe, community spirit.

For my age group not a lot. Lovely views, not too isolated, kind friendly caring people.

Very rural and very quiet (when traffic not flying by our front door.

A quiet place to live.

Having a shop and post office, a bus service, a religious building that is open.

Low crime, safe environment.

For us old folk it's peaceful, friendly and safe, lovely countryside around and fantastic local shop and staff.

People are friendly and kind.

Q2 What is not good about living in the Parish?

Dangerous road junction, lack of playing field/sporting areas for young, not really any communal space.

No pub, bus service.

Erection of wind turbines.

Increasing traffic on main through, but the traffic slowing systems seem to be working.

Dogs and cats fouling pavements and cats digging up plants.

Long way to large hospitals.

Nothing.

Wind turbines and solar farms.

That there are people who want to spoil it.

Lack of community spirit, lack of facilities for children to play football etc.

The state of areas of the village, need to sort the area on corner of Balsdon Road near shop.

Having completed the initial PP not much appears to have been implemented, some of the people who live here-child sex offenders housed in close proximity to young children, rented accommodation in some areas looks awful and brings a 'don't care' attitude.

Long way from hospitals.

Speeding cars, lack of childrens clubs.

Hard to get involved as an outsider.

Distance from main towns, poor recreational facilities for youths.

Speeding in 30 and 40 zones, feeling isolated at Cherry Cross.

Nothing.

Not many people join in the community gatherings, just the usual ones.

The countryside and it's natural beauty is all we have and the reason for many to move to this area, we have concerns that PC policy will allow it to turn into a more industrialised landscape taking no account of local objections.

The flags at the corner of St Annes Close eyesore to village and distracting motorists.

Q3 What changes / improvements if any would you like to see actioned in the Parish within the next five years?

The village really needs a decent playing field for the children and the local community, all other villages have a play area/football field.
Old farm tracks for walking/riding.
The inclusion of a public house/inn, included in any development plan.
Continue improvement to drab exterior of chapel, new paintwork is very good start, well done.
Ban the green energy developments.
Pub, all building sites with planning permission granted to be used and not left

empty/untidy, Crosspark sorted out so it is not boarded up.
Some street lighting from the hall to at least Paradise Park.
Restrict amount of wind turbines and solar farms.
Stronger sense of community, more involvement for people in old age home.
Playing field, pub, previously Hamblys yard and area and house next to shop substantially improved as at the moment an eyesore.
Village is ugly, paint houses.
Footpath to village (from Cherry Cross), traffic calming.
More road safety, more bus routes.
Bring back carnival week etc. to get the community working together some more.
Playground for older children/playing field for the community, greater number of community events to bring people together like the jubilee celebrations, sorting out the low level litter and dog fouling issues.
What can be done to improve the area around the local shop, the eyesore of Hamblys former site, unfinished house projects and half demolished premises (Bridgemans) it detracts from the village.
More for teenagers, clubs meeting place etc. recreational area for teenagers, sports/social club.
Too many scruffy houses in need of some TLC surely to paint and take care of property would enhance the village, some properties are a disgrace to the village.

Q4 Please tell us about any other ideas / suggestions you would like to mention including anything you feel we have forgotten.

Village pub would be nice, give parish a great feeling of community.
Carnival needs to come back, more events for children.
Speedwatch continues to keep up awareness of speed limits.
The land behind Paradise Park, allocated as amenity area, needs tidying up.
Something must be done about speeding cars, scared to death when walking to school, will anything happen before a child is killed.
An annual Christmas party for the people in St Annes put on by local community.
Bring back carnival week.
Everyone having a little more pride in the village, it doesn't have to be perfect but it should look nice and well cared for as a village and therefore inviting to people who may want to live here.