

## PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY RESULTS

Around 300 survey forms were distributed and 8 were filled in and returned. The respondents were in households of 1 to 3 adults, with an average of just under 2, with no children. Postcodes were LA2 0DN, LA2 0BG, LA2 0BG, LA20BZ and LA2 0AS. Responses were made by all the methods available : post, email, and boxes in the village shop and the garden centre.

Responses were of varying lengths. Some respondents commented on a small number of items, and others responded to many of the items with ticks but added additional comments for some items. The first three items were open for respondents to respond as they chose, items 4 and 5 listed areas of responsibility for the Parish Council and for other agencies and bodies and asked for comments on each item as appropriate, and the final set of items were about volunteering.

### ***Item 1 What do you like and appreciate about living in Thurnham with Glasson?***

Respondents appreciate the lovely location of the Parish and the surrounding areas, the peace and tranquility, and the good access to walks in countryside and by the sea, canal and river. Several mentioned the friendly people and community spirit.

### ***Item 2 Do you have any suggestions to improve life in Thurnham with Glasson?***

Care of the road sides, hedges, changes to the car park, motorcycles in Glasson Dock and speed in Thurnham, were all mentioned in this section as things which could be improved. One respondent suggested that an improved bus service could reduce dependence on cars. One respondent wanted residents parking to be improved particularly for terraces such as Ten Row. It was also suggested that seeing the dock being used and dredged would be an improvement. A post box in Pennine View in Glasson Dock was suggested.

### ***Item 3 What are your main hopes or concerns in relation to the area?***

There were three concerns that there should be no housing development in the Parish, and one that the bus service could be improved. More pothole repair was a hope for one respondent. One respondent hoped that the Port Commission land adjacent to the Dalton Arms could be made available for residents' parking. One respondent was concerned about possible flooding from heavy rain, rising sea levels, and inadequate maintenance of flood defences. There was also a wish that the cafe and pub in Glasson Dock should be maintained as hubs, and a hope that the Victoria Inn will be restored.

### ***Item 4 Areas of activity which are the responsibility of the Parish Council***

Five of the respondents ticked and / or commented on grounds and gardens maintenance and comments were positive. Four of the respondents (not always the same individuals) indicated that notice boards, historical anchors, the green buoy and the capstan, the interpretation point were either important for them or good. Three respondents indicated that the community emergency plan was a priority for them, although it was unknown to others, three mentioned or were positive about the public benches and three mentioned planning, either directly or in relation to the Victoria Inn. Two respondents also asked for more "what's on" information on notice boards. Because we asked about footpaths and not public rights of way respondents commented on roadside footpaths, which are the responsibility of the County Council, not the Parish, so four of the respondents commented here on the state of hedges and verges. One respondent identified public rights of way here and said they were a priority. The Saltcote area was a priority for two respondents. One respondent asked for a bus shelter in Glasson Dock and one commented on the priority need for the Thurnham bus shelter.

***Item 5 Areas of activity which are the responsibility of other bodies***

There were more responses on areas for which the Parish Council is *not* responsible than there were in the previous item on areas for which the Parish Council is responsible. Six out of 8 respondents mentioned the conditions of roads and pavements, in particular potholes, and the same number mentioned problems with hedges. There were some strongly felt negative views in each of these areas. One respondent mentioned the HGV load and also flooding at high tide as detrimental to road surfaces. One respondent mentioned problems with mud on the roads, especially on Jeremy Lane, while one felt that the condition of roads and pavements was average. One respondent suggested a known cutting scheme for hedges.

Five out of the eight respondents indicated that flood information was important, as was crime prevention, but without adding additional comments, so these may be general rather than specific comments. One respondent felt there did not appear to be a problem with crime prevention.

Traffic speed and monitoring was mentioned by five respondents with one resident asking for 30 mph through Thurnham and 40mph on the A588, and one commenting on HGVs using the port. Five respondents also indicated that litter bins were important, with one saying that they need to be emptied more often and one suggestion of a new litter bin at the end of Jeremy Lane, and five mentioned problems with dog waste.

Four respondents mentioned road signs and public transport as important, with a specific suggestion of a cul-de-sac sign in Pennine View, and a request for road signs indicating the boundaries of the Parish, as found in other areas.

Three mentioned grass cutting on privately owned areas, with some disquiet with the untidy grass areas in the centre of Glasson Dock. Car parks were important areas for two respondents and the wish for more residents parking next to the Dalton Arms was repeated here by one respondent.

***Item 6 Would you be willing to contribute to Parish activities as a volunteer ?***

Four respondents said that they would be willing to join in occasional volunteer activities. For more regular volunteering activities one respondent already volunteers regularly with the church, one respondent is unavailable due to full time employment and another is away at least twice a month.

***Item 7 Would you be interested in volunteering with the village hall ?***

One respondent said yes to this.

***Item 8 Are there any new activities, services, or events that you would like to see in the Parish ?***

One respondent asked for more information on what is going on in village halls and other areas. This links to the comments on notice boards made by two different respondents in Item 4. One respondent suggested a walking group, possibly with coffee in the cafe afterwards.

***Item 9 Would you be willing to contribute to the additional activities?***

One respondent would join in and one would contribute.