

Cropredy Parish Council Surveys and Open Days: 2021/22 : Summary Results

Cropredy Parish Council Survey – October 2021

Village Maintenance of Open Spaces

There was general satisfaction with 62 per cent of respondents rating it as good, 32% as average and 3 per cent as poor. Around 35% of respondents said they would be willing volunteer with maintenance. Suggested improvements included: 'develop wildflower areas' (38 per cent), grass verges (29 per cent), the churchyard (16 per cent), and the children's playground's grass areas (15 per cent) and the equipment (14 per cent).

Transport, Traffic and Parking

Reducing speeding traffic was the most mentioned improvement (73%), and 78 per cent would support a 20mph speed within the village but 22 per cent would not. Parking issues were highlighted by 63 per cent of respondents. Some 35 per cent of respondents thought parking issues were the worst thing about Cropredy.

Housing and Development

Around 51 per cent of respondents would support some housing development provided it was of the right scale and in the appropriate place and 42 per cent would not. (*Note that respondents' support for additional housing depends on the particular location of any development.*) Some 18 per cent of respondents thought that housing provision is important. Some 58 per cent regarded protecting open space was important and 24 per cent thought that best thing about Cropredy was its rural setting and small size.

Village Facilities

Some 55 per cent of respondents thought village facilities were an important issue and included in the best thing about Cropredy were the doctors' surgery (8 per cent) and village services (8 per cent).

Community

Some 58 per cent of respondents thought the 'community and friendliness' was the best thing about Cropredy and 10 per cent mentioning 'liveliness and range of activities.'

Response: Questionnaires were handed out at the Parish Council Open Day. 126 completed questionnaires returned, of which 120 were from respondents living in Cropredy (4 did not and 2 did not answer.) The analysis is based 120 respondents that said they live in Cropredy

Cropredy Planning Consultation, Questionnaire Survey and Open Days in April 2022.

Two open days were held in April 2022 during which residents were invited to express their views in group discussions on: the village economy (including possible housing development); the village community; and protecting the environment and climate change. During the same period there was an online questionnaire covering similar matters.

Issues rated very important included: the doctor's (97 per cent of respondents), the school (89 per cent), the natural environment (87 per cent), the rural setting (85 per cent), and the sense of community (85 per cent).

Views were more variable about possible additional new housing, with 44 per cent of respondents regarding housing as very important and a further 36 per cent rating it as quite important. As to the amount of new housing, 28 per cent of respondents thought there should be 21 to 30 houses built over the next twenty years, with 35 per cent preferring less (but some housing), and 28% preferring more. Nine per cent of respondents wanted no housing. If housing were to be built, 57 per cent of respondents thought affordable housing for first time buyers would be very important.

Regarding the natural environment, 82 per cent of respondents thought protecting open spaces in and around the village to be very important. Looking at transport issues, dealing with speeding and parking issues were regarded as very important (72 per cent of respondents) as well as promoting buses (70 per cent).

Response to Questionnaire Survey

Completed questionnaires were received from 141 households.