

# PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

77 questionnaires returned out of a possible 180 = 43%

Of these, 5 questionnaires were returned after the cut off date and too late to be included in the analysis

The percentages shown indicate the percentage of the total number of eligible returned forms i.e. 72

Number of questionnaires sent to each village : the number returned and its percentage in brackets

**Bishopstone 83:31(37%) Bridge Sollers 11:8(73%) Byford 40:14 (35%) Kenchester 27:11 (41%) Mansell Gamage 19:8 (42%)**

The blue numbers indicate the number of responses to the question and in brackets that number as a percentage of the total of 72

And your age group: **18 – 30 (1)**                      **31 – 60 (28)**                      **over 60 (45)**

Ages of any children under 18 in the household: **2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**

## Communications

Are you satisfied with the newsletter as it stands? ..... **Yes (69)96%** **No (0)**

Would you like any changes or have you suggestions for additional content?

A joke or recipe; more local business advertising & information about local businesses; useful e-mail & internet contact info;

## Web Site

Do you have access to the internet? ..... **Yes (44)61%** **No (28)39%**

If no, then would you like to have access to the internet ..... **Yes ( 5) 7%** **No (23)32%**

Are you in favour of a parish web site? ..... **Yes (48) 67%** **No (16) 22%**

## Housing and Planning

Is there a need for additional housing in your village/area ..... **Yes (16)22%** **No (52) 72%**

If yes, then please describe the quantity and type of housing needed:

Semi-detached bungalow; housing association properties; just one or two houses; affordable housing for young families;  
low cost housing; some terraced low cost housing; low cost starter homes;

## Village Hall/Community Centre

Would you be willing to help with any of the building works? ..... **Yes (12) 17%** **No (52) 72%**

Would you help run and maintain it? ..... **Yes (20) 28%** **No (45) 62%**

Would you use the community centre?..... **Yes (48) 67%** **No (20) 28%**

Which activities would you take part in:

clubs(23)32% classes(32)44% group meetings(19)44% talks(37)51% films etc(30)42% library(19)26%  
internet(5)7% private hire(21)29% children's activities(8)11%

## Recycling

Do you still wish to pursue the aim of a full recycling facility in our parish **Yes (29) 40%** **No (37) 51%**

If yes, where would you consider a suitable site for this?

Bishon Farm Orchard; by Bishopstone telephone box; on/near site of community centre; extend Oakchurch site;  
Nelson Inn car park; Reinstate Credenhill site; at new market site;

Do you still wish to pursue the aim of a doorstep recycling collection?..... **Yes (56) 78%** **No (22) 22%**

Would you be prepared to pay extra for this? ..... **Yes (20) 28%** **No (45) 62%**

## Local Services

Do you use the local bus service? ..... **Yes (22) 30%** **No (48) 67%**

Would you use it or use it more if there was better provision? ..... **Yes (37) 51%** **No (31) 43%**

Do you think the present level of local policing is adequate? ..... **Yes (22) 30%** **No (41) 57%**

Do you need the meals on wheels service? ..... **Yes ( 1) 1%** **No (63) 87%**

If there is a public phone in your area do want it to remain? ..... **Yes (34) 47%** **No (21) 29%**

Do you feel there is a need for mains gas & sewerage for your village? ... **Yes (24) 33%** **No (34) 47%**

## Roads, Traffic and Footpaths

Are you satisfied with the current level of road maintenance? ..... **Yes ( 7) 10%** **No (56) 78%**

Do you think there is a need for increased road signage? ..... **Yes (37) 51%** **No (25) 35%**

Please indicate the need from the following, ticking all necessary boxes:

<b>Bishopstone</b>	Speed limits (35)	Warnings (24)	Mirrors (9)	HVG restrictions (28)	Passing places (24)
<b>Bridge Sollers</b>	Speed limits (11)	Warnings (9)	Mirrors (5)	HVG restrictions (8)	Passing places (6)
<b>Byford</b>	Speed limits (17)	Warnings (9)	Mirrors (4)	HVG restrictions (8)	Passing places (6)
<b>Kenchester</b>	Speed limits (16)	Warnings (9)	Mirrors (4)	HVG restrictions (6)	Passing places (11)
<b>Mansel Gamage</b>	Speed limits (11)	Warnings (8)	Mirrors (5)	HVG restrictions (8)	Passing places (6)

Are you satisfied with the current level of footpath maintenance? ..... Yes (36) 50% No (23) 32%  
Would you be willing to join a working party to help maintain footpaths? Yes (11) 15% No (40) 55%

### Any additional aims or comments?

Smaller refuse collection vehicle PLEASE!

Pay local children to deliver parish newsletter.

Annual precept should not increase by more than inflation rate.

Problem with road signs being turned round.

HCC has no facility for recycling doorstep recyclable collections – it all goes to landfill !

No one takes notice of road signage, so it just becomes an ugly intrusion on the landscape, but we do need speed limits and enforcement.

Our highly active parish council is to be thanked & congratulated for all the work its members do.

30mph speed limit from Bishopstone cross roads to Mansell Lacy with necessary 'bend' signs – even more necessary when barn conversions at Shetton Farm are completed. This road needs resurfacing.

There is a need for signage/warnings at Credenhill – Bishopstone junction and at A438 junction to Kenchester/Credenhill.

Rather than village speed limit (Bishopstone), why not traffic calming measures such as warnings or speed humps.

Additional footpaths in/around Bishopstone – village centre to church, another parallel to village road along fields.

Litter problem in Bishopstone.

Lack of maintenance on Bishopstone/Kenchester road.

Road signage - how many deaths have to occur before Council will direct money this way.

Policing: neighbourhood watch works wonders.

Shouldn't H. council keep footpaths clear?

A sense of community can be expanded through a residents get together.

Money could be saved by sending relevant information by e-mail to those residents who have an e-mail facility.

You are doing a great job, thank you so much.

Can the road through Mansell Gamage be de-classified from a B to a C road to

avoid HGV type vehicles being routed through village and to avoid diversions going through from the A438.

We need more passing places down to Shetton Farm particularly after the barn conversions are completed.

This road floods and has large potholes – repairs and fresh ditching is required. Shetton Lane is in a dreadful state.

The 40 mph speed limit sign on A438 at swainshill needs to be more obvious – possibly by marking road surface with speed limit and additional signs along this stretch to Hereford.

It appears that local police 'presence' is not easily accessible – lack of resources?

Bicycling is a very hazardous activity on the main A438 road between Nelson Garage and Weir Gardens, with no alternative foot or cycle path.

The council should investigate extending cycle routes to link up with this dangerous main road.

No footpath between Kenchester turn and Kites Nest.

Grass verge outside bungalows on A438 in a very bad state. From a personal

point of view the grass verge outside my and my neighbours home on main A438 is not only unsightly, but dangerous. The verge is uneven and badly rutted due to daily use by cars and commercial vehicles stopping all along the way to make deliveries (post van in particular). Perhaps there is

a case for strengthening a part of the verge to accommodate these vehicles.

Pot holes outside residence Miramar, Swainshill reported to

the council four times and nothing done, just getting deeper and more dangerous for m/cyclists.

Speed checks required: 40mph totally ignored, no footpath and impossible to walk along road.

Although 40 mph speed limit

along A438, no policing means no control. No kerbing or white lines or lighting – very little difference sadly in the traffic speed.

Speed limits needed on A438. Try to stop litter by roadside at Kenchester – several residents do litter pickups.

It would be nice to limit speed on Kenchester/Bishopstone road; many cars drive too fast & it's not 2 lanes.

Speed limit needed on main road from Tin Hill to Garnons. There have been too many accidents along this stretch of A438.

Lots of children in Byford village. Road is mainly used by locals & farm vehicles, but visitors career down this road & "children playing",

"slow down children" signs or a specific speed limit need to be made clear at both entrances to Byford and probably Byford Common too.

The lanes are very narrow and people walk their dogs & children are seen on their bicycles.

# Bishopstone Group Parish Plan

## NEW TARGETS

September 2007

### Housing & Planning

The target remains the same with the majority of those who expressed their view wishing for no increased housing. Those who wished to see any future, increased housing wanted it to be of a type affordable for young families, possibly a small number of housing association low cost homes.

### Community Centre

The plans for the conversion of the church at Bridge Sollers to house a community centre continue with the application for the main funding due a decision in the near future. We are hopeful for its success, but if it is not successful we will continue to seek funding for the project for which planning consent has already been granted. We have a fall back plan for this event.

We will continue to encourage classes for popular activities, although this is limited until we have our own local venue.

### Recycling

We will continue to pursue our aim for a doorstep recycling collection at no extra cost.

With opinion fairly evenly split on whether to pursue the aim for a full recycling facility in our parish, we will, nevertheless, support any suitable venue that may emerge.

### Local Services

We will aim to ensure the current bus service is maintained with no loss and encourage use of it by advertising the bus timetable in the newsletter and information about eligibility for bus passes.

We will maintain contact and communication with the police via our parish council meetings and express any concerns of the local community.

We will campaign to preserve existing public phone boxes.

### Roads and Rights of Way

We will lobby strongly for better maintenance of main A438 and local roads.

We will continue to lobby for speed reduction and HGV restrictions through the villages of Bishopstone and Mansel Gamage and additional passing places along Bishopstone Roman road.

We will continue to work to ensure that all existing rights of way are marked on the definitive map and strive to maintain existing footpaths.

### Communications

We will continue with our quarterly newsletter and, depending on input from the community, endeavour to keep it a worthwhile and useful read.

As there was strong support for a parish web site, we will endeavour to set this up within the next few months.

We will continue to be mindful of views and comments expressed by the community through our questionnaire and in writing to the parish council.