

## Residents Survey 2018

### Introduction

Sutton Cheney Parish Council recently undertook a Residents Survey in order to find out more about what local people see as priorities within the Parish and on what issues they would like to see the Council focus on addressing over the next financial year.

This report aims to present an overview of the responses we received and how the Council will look at addressing each in turn.

### Response Rate

Out of 225 households, 78 surveys were returned resulting in a response rate of 35%. Information was submitted both online and through the completion of the questionnaire.

### Q1. Please indicate where you live or work in Sutton Cheney Parish

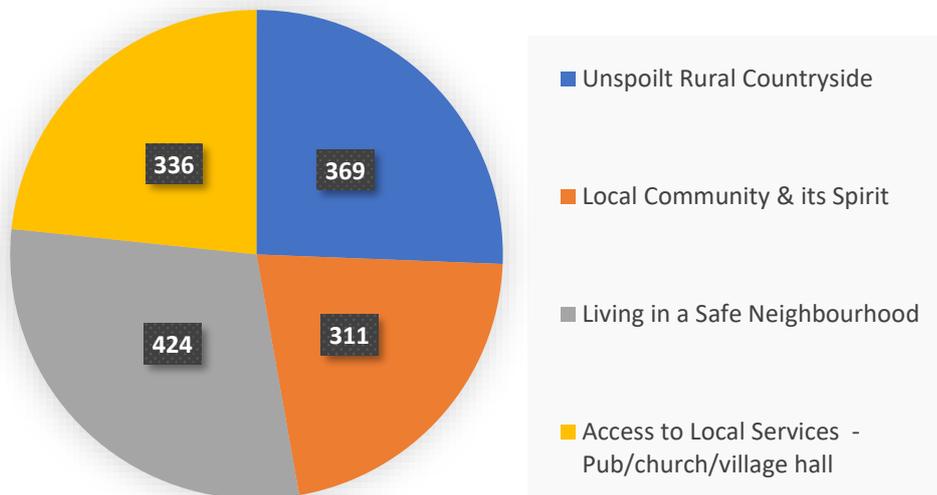
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Dadlington	64%
Sutton Cheney	30%
Shenton	6%

### Q2. On a scale of 1 – 10, please indicate how important the following categories are to you? (1 = low priority, 5 = high priority)

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Please note that the scores below represent the TOTAL score given across the responses



### **Q3. From your answers to Q2, are there any changes or improvements you would like to see?**

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#### **Unspoilt Rural Countryside**

- Serious consideration of an Action Plan, similar to Stoke Golding, to consider the potential impact of future housing developments on, or indeed, in, the village
- More action taken on fly-tipping, especially rural gateways, lanes etc
- Develop a Neighbourhood Plan to try and manage any development so that it is sensitive to the village.
- A valued feature of this area for heritage and tourism is its unspoilt landscape and historical importance. This needs to be protected from development.
- Neighbourhood plan for Dadlington
- We don't want the solar farm building. We moved to the village because of how beautiful it is and don't want it spoiled by developers.
- No more houses built. Green belt should be green belt.
- Very keen that Dadlington does not expand to merge with Stoke Golding. Estate type developments in the village would spoil its character.
- Keep Dadlington a separate village and not get joined to Stoke Golding by building developments
- We need a development plan and I am willing to take part
- Keep Dadlington an unspoilt village
- Restrictions on the expansion of village. Preserve village as a separate village from Stoke Golding. Also ensure character of village is preserved.
- Planning schemes rather than large scale developments small sympathetic development on village needs

#### **Local Community and Its Spirit**

- Community projects such as litter picks , seasonal planting groups. This would not only improve the look of the village but bring people together
- Better notification across villages about events
- inclusion of the whole village in notification or/and events

#### **Living in a Safe Neighbourhood**

- A safe neighbourhood requires active traffic calming measures to slow traffic in Dadlington as passive measures such as signs are not working any more
- Action from parish council to address speeding traffic in the village
- Speeding through the village needs to be kerbed, or someone is likely to get hurt
- Traffic calming measures on Hinckley Road in Dadlington
- Replacement of light bulb to street light outside village hall.
- Encourage a reduction of street lighting, especially after certain time, eg 11.30. Discourage light pollution especially near roads
- More interest from the police when people either get broken into or goods are stolen; Speeding in the village is dangerous and needs to be sorted
- More footpaths on roads and lanes. Specifically Stoke Road, Dadlington
- Less traffic or slower speed traffic
- Form of traffic calming implicated, or measures to ensure that speed limit is kept throughout the village
- Streetlight kept repaired helping to live in a safe neighbourhood
- Speed restrictions on Hinckley Road, Traffic is often too fast and dangerous to residents as well as noisy.
- Fix the streetlights!
- More visible rural policing

## Access to Local Services – Pub / Church / Village Hall

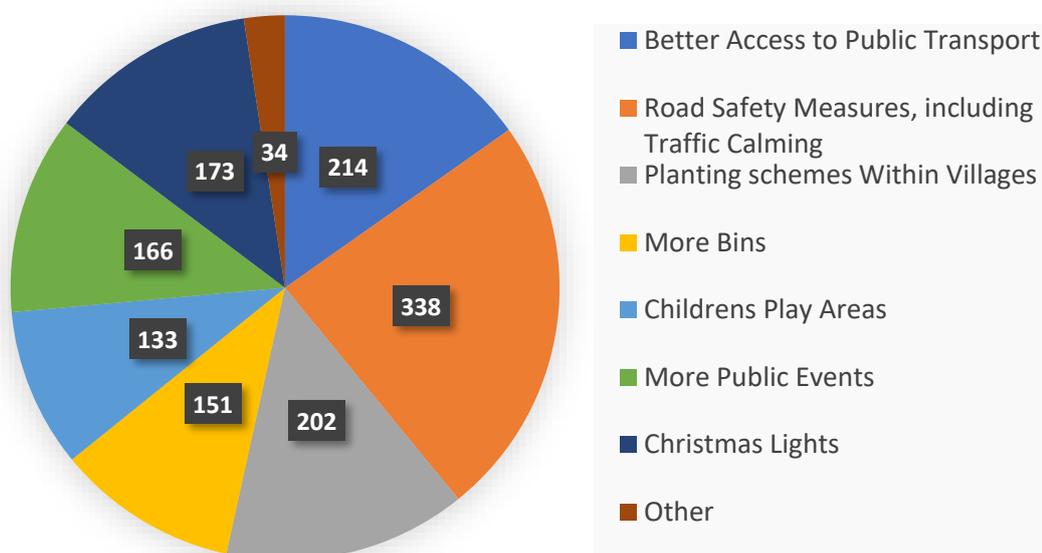
- Better access to pub

## Other

- Bus Service
- Mobile Library

## Q4. On a scale of 1 – 10, which of the following do you think the Parish Council should try to improve? (1 = low priority, 10 = high priority)

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## Q5. From your answers to Q4, please identify the types of improvements you would like to see?

### Better Access to Public Transport

- bus services should be more frequently as they did before MIRA took them over
- Bus services are very intermittent and unreliable with no later bus routes.
- Important to maintain a bus service to village.
- Any public transport would be welcome.

### Planting Schemes

- Small groups taking responsibility for planters at the gateways to the village
- Floral displays at the village entrance/signs
- Hanging baskets, planters, things to make the village more colourful in the different seasons. Perhaps residents would be happy to help.

## More Bins

- More bins around the village to prevent litter, many dog walking routes in and out of the village and only 2-3 bins provided, meaning many bags being dumped throughout the area

## Road Safety Measures

- 30 MPH markings on the approach to the village from Stoke Golding, not SLOW as it's a relative term, and does not inform people that they are already in 30mph zone. Or alternatively, actual 30 MPH reminder signs, as used in other speed restricted areas.
- A deterrent to STOP nationwide freight using the lane as a short cut to A444 and visa versa. More prominent Signage and road markings as the cheaper option. Chicanes would be ideal. No speed cushions as noise is already a problem. I would more than happy to pay more tax but it would need to STOP freight permanently or what's the point paying more !!!!
- Safety improvements from no 8 Shenton Lane to the junction of Main Street/Sutton Lane - road is in a poor condition, has no road markings and bend near the Church is very narrow in width with no visibility. I urge the Council to improve the quality of the road and apply all appropriate road markings to this section of the road.
- Make more and better cycle routes and improve footpaths (Dadlington-Hinckley), there are always people walking this horrendously maintained footpath, and cyclist need to be able to access areas away from traffic, to avoid accidents.
- Road safety Measures/ traffic Calming - permanent Road markings throughout Village / Main Street. Permanent Speed aware sign at either end of Village; Better Gateway at all Roads into Village
- Speeding is the priority issue and impacts on all villagers.
- Road from canal wharf to Sutton Cheney village is heavily used by residents and visitors. The speed limit is 60mph, no pavements or street lights, poor visibility is poor. The speed limit should be reduced to 30mph for safety as far as the canal and parish council should work with the county council to achieve this
- Traffic calming measures on Hinckley Road in Dadlington as a high priority
- Please no road cushions at all!
- Speeding on Hinckley Road, Dadlington is a big problem and has got worse in the past few years. The long straight with no indication of the limit means that people passing through at peak times tend to speed. I have even seen cars overtaking!
- The road through Dadlington is a rat run and when it isn't the farm vehicles seem to think its time to see how fast they can go. Very dangerous.
- Traffic calming is urgently needed from the canal wharf to Sutton Cheney village. The narrowness of the road where the current 30mph zone begins means that no additional traffic calming is needed there - the cars are forced to slow down at that point by oncoming traffic, parked cars etc. On leaving the 30 mph zone heading towards the canal, cars accelerate very rapidly so that by the time they reach the blind bend, many are doing 60 mph, regardless of walkers, cyclists, horses.
- Weight restriction signs and speed signs near junctions on Fenn Lane and are needed
- Dadlington has three natural features that already slow the traffic to 30mph the small island on the convent corner, the tight narrow bends by the village green, and the hump-back bridge at the other entrance to the village. So any driver that is speeding, has already been slowed to below 30 MPH. So either they are unaware of the speed limit and need informing or they don't care. An enforcement camera is the only solution other measures are just wasting money.
- More Police action against speeding required
- Road cushions don't slow all traffic down as they can be straddled by trucks, vans tractors and cars whose owners don't care and avoided altogether by motor cycles. Therefore full-width sleeping policemen should be used instead, and they should be installed every 100 metres in residential areas.
- Repeater roundels on road surface is preferable to gateway features.
- Traffic calming will cause problems rather than solve them. Ask anyone who lives in Higham.
- 30mph repeater signs. We need chicane at each end of the village – cost can be a lot less than £50,000!
- Bypass

- Regular road markings in road stating 30mph
- Speed signs must not be blocked by overgrown hedges or obstructions
- Speed should be reinforced at bends in Sutton Cheney, village hall, church
- Gateway and speed limit sign is need on Hinckley Road as you enter from Stoke Golding. There is presently no indication that the speed limit is still 30mph!
- The only calming measures that are reliable are the humps that go across the road like those in Convent Drive, Stoke Golding but I assume that they are too expensive.

### **Children Play Areas**

- A small discreet play area for parents and children to use, possibly in the area on the right hand side of the church pathway
- The play area will change the nature of the village green and there are adequate facilities at Stoke Golding
- Development of a community area / village green in Sutton Cheney with benches and a few childrens play things e.g. swing and slide. Would be a lovely focal point for people to come together, grandparents and relatives to spend outdoor time with their children.
- Children have a beautiful open space on the green. An expense too far to put in play area.

### **More Public Events**

- I think there should be more public events to bring the community together and also to get to know their local councillors

### **Christmas Lights**

- Lights around Sutton Cheney village. A christmas get together
- In Dadlington we already have a Christmas light switch on. Very capably run and enjoyable. Does not need help from the Parish Council
- I don't see why the Parish Council needs to spend their limited budget on Christmas lights when many houses are decorated by residents and lights are put up by the village hall.

### **Other Comments**

- More attractive streetlighting
- Maintenance of the Green - landscape the bank and prevent car parking on the grass.
- The Parish Council should look at parking on The Green. We are so very lucky to have a village Green and residents wish to keep it that way
- We have new councillors for Dadlington but there are no contact details on the website for any other them - even the Chair. Other parish Councils display an email address for all councillors so that residents can contact them, it seems very strange that this contact is not available and it appears remote.
- Improve parking on Main Street, Sutton Cheney
- One or more new trees on the village green. At least one of the existing trees looks like it is dying.
- Create some parking in front of the village hall (more wall) and use some of the field for few spaces near to Sutton Cheney Church entrance
- Acquire part of the farm yard adjacent to village hall or green land in front of the Church to create a car park, then ban all parking in front of the Hercules and village hall etc.
- More communication from the Parish Council – e.g. via the Stoker
- Trees on The Green need lopping
- No parking directly on The Green
- More regular upkeep of grass verges and hedging
- No chicanes, no speed cushions no children's play area
- A defibrillator in Shenton
- How do we get to know the councillors and contact them?
- Lots but nothing realistic

## Q6. Do you think speeding is a problem in our Parish?

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Yes – 83%

No – 17%

## Q7. If you answered yes to Q6, please select in order of preference which of the following you would like to see (1 = high, 5 = low)

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	Vehicle Activated Signs	Road Markings	Gateway Features	Road Cushions	Give Way Priority Chicane
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

## Q8. Please give brief details of where you would like to see these measures installed?

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### Dadlington

- Hinckley Road
  - Between St Martins Convent to Village Green / Main Street / “Natural chicane on other end of village”
  - From Dadlington Village Sign entering from Hinckley direction
- Sutton Lane after canal bridge before you enter the village
- Shenton Lane
- Stapleton Lane crossroads

### Sutton Cheney

- Locations to be situated well outside the last properties
- Wharf Lane and Main Street
- One before Royal Arms, another at the Hercules to slow drivers at bend.

### Fenn Lane

- Canal Wharf to Sutton Cheney village

### Shenton

- Mill Lane

### Other Comments

- All entrances to all villages

- Speed indicator device at the Convent entrance on Hinckley Road as top priority. Gateway feature and road marking at all other entrances to the village.
- Road marking could be done on the entrance of the villages and reminders half way through
- Vehicle Activated signs as you enter Dadlington on Hinckley Road from Hinckley and on Shenton Lane after the Canal Bridge. Gateway signs at same places and on Cheney Lane, Stapleton Lane and Stoke Lane.

## Q9. Would you support an increase in your Council tax in order for the Parish Council to pay for any of these measures?

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Yes	68.8%
No	28.6%
No Answer	2.6%

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the people who took part in our Residents Survey. This valuable feedback will now be used by the Parish Council to agree priorities over the next financial year.

Each point that has been raised will now be highlighted for action.

The Parish Council will respond to the issues which fall within their control by issuing a “You Said, We Did” report that will be published shortly.

For issues that fall outside of the control of the Parish Council, we will look to invite various partners to formally address the other issues made – either as a formal response or by speaking at one of our upcoming Parish Council meetings. This will involve the Police, officers from Leicestershire County Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Bus Service Operators and Neighbourhood Planners. This will give residents the opportunity to ask questions and explore possible solutions with them. Meetings will be promoted locally in advance of the meeting.

Regular feedback and updates will be made available on our website, information on our noticeboards as well as posts on our new Facebook page.

Finally, we were delighted to receive the contact details of 13 residents who put their names forward to volunteer for the Community Speedwatch scheme that was introduced at our meeting in September. We will be contacting them in due course in order to organise next steps.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch – [suttoncheneypc@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncheneypc@gmail.com) or phone 01455 699618.