

The Constantine Parish Plan



Spring 2008



For places.....





..... and people.



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INTRODUCTION

The history of Constantine is well documented and is available for study in the Tolmen Heritage Centre. Any brief investigation would reveal that this is a parish that not only has a fascinating past but one that has always embraced change and development.

The Ssurvey for this Parish Plan has thrown up a good many statistics which have relevance in determining the future of our village and its associated communities. Every effort was made to gain the opinions of a broad section of the Parish, from the youngest children at our school, the teenagers and adults of all ages. Information came from the Ssurvey Questionnaire, discussions and comments made on Hog Roast Day and the evening meetings that followed. Everybody had the opportunity to contribute and comment before this document was finally written.

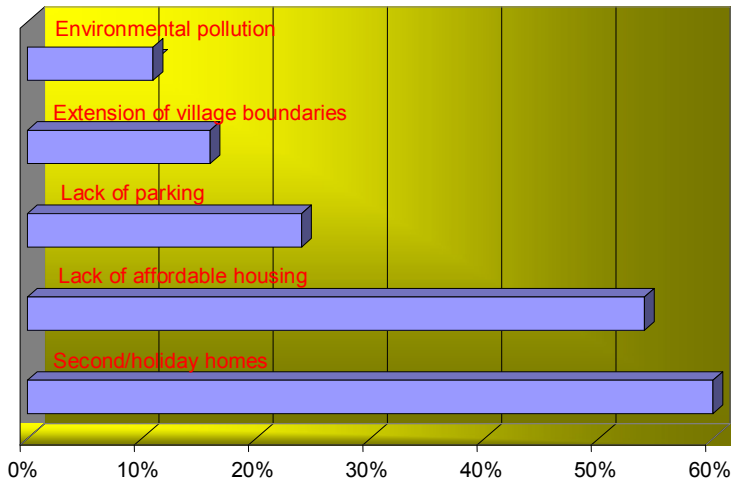
This document suggests actions against the issues identified from the Survey, and its associated events, and thus it is a plan for the future. However, the authors have quite deliberately avoided making sweeping statements about what will, or will not happen in the future. That is for the people of Constantine Parish to decide.

(N.B. **Comments in Blue** derive from the **Youth Surveys**
Red is for issues and **green suggested actions**)

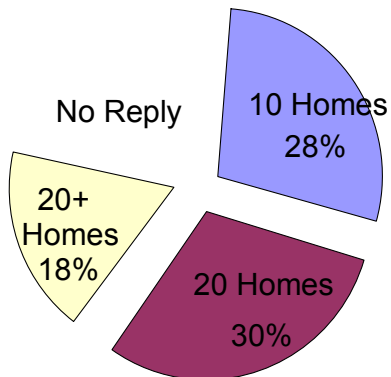


Having your say on Hog Roast Day

What is the greatest threat to our Parish



% Support for the number of homes that should built in the Parish



Housing

Two, local government initiated, housing surveys have been carried out in Constantine over the last ten years. Over the same time period ten “affordable homes have been provided on the Penbothidno estate. Kerrier District Council (KDC) believes that about ten more such homes are required and have identified possible sites within the village. Planning Permission exists for 12 new homes to be built in the Wheal Vyvyan/Well Lane area but the problem of site access remains to be solved. No record of requirement or intention to provide “affordable homes”, beyond Constantine village boundaries, seems to exist. However, recent unconfirmed comments by KDC Officers indicate that “barn conversions” may now be offered as permanent homes rather than exclusively as holiday lets.

The Parish Plan Questionnaire asked the question “*What do you think is the greatest threat to the future of our Parish?*”, 60% of respondents thought **second/holidays homes were the number one threat** and 54% thought **lack of affordable housing was the second greatest threat**.

Issues

a. The need for affordable houses:

12% of people (54), responding to the Questionnaire, stated that they were in need of affordable homes whilst 36% of people did not reply to the question. 17% of respondents (77) stated that member/s of their household had to move away to find accommodation and 23 % (102) people declared an interest in self- build housing.

b. The location of new housing:

This topic prompted many suggestions but the area bounded by Wheal Vyvyan and Trebarvah Road is the most popular, with support also for development in the Brill and Penbothidno areas. Building would not be welcome in the parish recreation spaces, favourite walking areas, woods and creeks.

c. Expansion of boundaries to permit development of affordable housing:

48% of respondents support boundary revision for Constantine village although 38% were against this. The situation for Port Navas is reversed, whilst there is proportionally significant support for expanding boundaries at Brill, Seworgan and High Cross. At the housing surgery following Hog Roast Day, the developments in housing policy practiced in South Shropshire were explained and welcomed. In essence, the policy allows easing of planning prohibitions where developers and landowners make land available for small numbers of affordable homes and it discourages “affordable estate” building in villages.

Action

- i. Encourage the local Housing Associations to continue progress in building new homes in Constantine.
- ii. Investigate the establishment of a local housing co-operative or similar to produce a small but permanent stock of affordable houses under local control. Consider combining this with the acquisition of parish open spaces and beehive units. The Constantine Parish Council(CPC) may wish to invite the Constantine Enterprise Company(CEC) to carry this out.
- iii. Persuade the Local Government Authority to adopt some or all of the South Shropshire District housing initiatives at least with respect to our Parish.

d. Unused farm buildings:

85% of Questionnaire responses were in favour of converting suitable unused farm buildings into permanent dwellings. Only 23% of people supported conversion solely for holiday accommodation.

Action

Press for official confirmation that KDC has overturned the planning ruling that restricts the conversion of farm buildings to holiday accommodation.

e. The rate of Council Tax on “second homes”

The Questionnaire returns showed that 17% of people thought the current rate of 90% is about right, but 40% think it should be 100% and 32% of people think it should be 200%.

Action

CPC should encourage KDC to raise second home Council Tax rates. CPC may also wish to consider making the case for any increase in the rate staying in the Parish from where the Tax is drawn to help offset rural deprivation of urban services.



Building would not be welcome in the parish recreation spaces, favourite walking areas, woods and creeks.

Shops and facilities

Constantine village has a well deserved reputation for the variety and quality of its shops as well as other village facilities. Our Survey revealed that our respondents are regular users of a number of shops with SPAR and Post Office/Stores leading the way. It also showed the frequent use of a number of mobile services and indicated that more are desired by a number of respondents.

Additionally the survey indicated very strong backing for the public toilets to remain open.



As well as our main shops we have the Bow Window and the two Save the Children Shops. For refreshments there is, the Queens Arms, the Trengilly Wartha Inn, the Social Club and the Port Navas Yacht Club.

Shops

Issues

a. The main issue with shops is to maintain our broad range of local shops.

Action

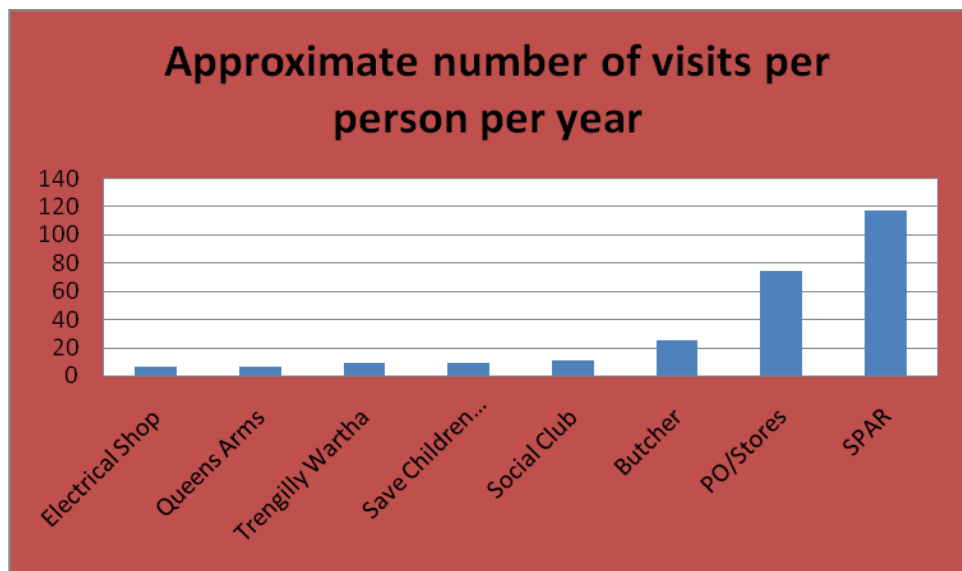
Organise for when, not if, one of the shops is threatened.

As this proposed action gained some support on Hog Roast Day it may be that Constantine WI should wish to draw up a “contingency plan” against this threat.

b. Mobile retail services are used by approximately 20% of households and several respondents expressed the need for, fruit & veg, fish /chips and bakery services.

Action

Advise local retailers of this possible market.



Facilities



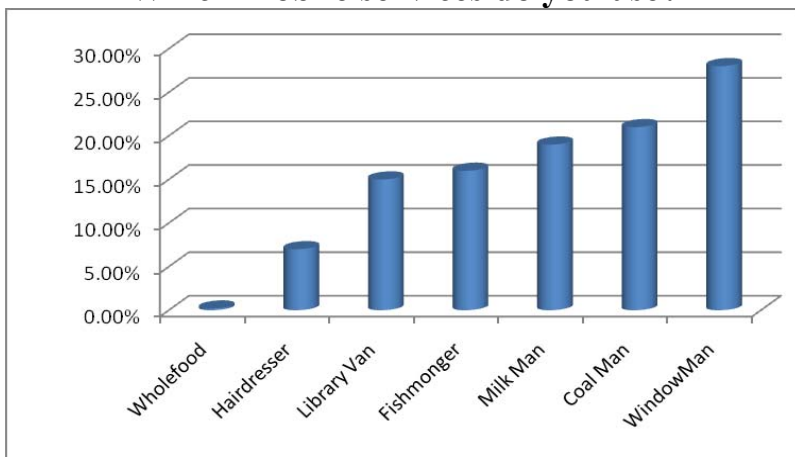
*Spar delivering in Port Navas
Save Children Shop*



*High Cross Garage
Social Club*



Which mobile services do you use?



Do we need the public toilets?



Issue

The issue is whether our public toilets remain open.

Action

Our survey revealed that **87%** of respondents voted **“YES” to toilets remaining open**. Hog Roast Day verified this with 16 “yes” versus 1 “no”. CPC is recommended to ensure the toilets remain open.

Education



The present village school was built in the 1960s and was substantially refurbished in the early 2000s, and at that time the pre-school was built on an adjacent site. The school has long enjoyed the full support of the local community. The relative isolation of the village and its strong sense of identity have ensured that most families send their children to this school for all or part of their primary education.

Constantine Primary School has been a feeder school to Penryn and Helston Colleges for many years. The Parish Plan Survey shows that, 40 % of respondents send their children to Penryn (28), the remainder go to Helston (9), Mullion (2) and Truro (8).

60% of children use the contract bus services to get to their secondary school.

Issues

No significant issues arose from the Questionnaire or Hog Roast Day public consultancies. Indeed, over 92% of all responders were satisfied or very satisfied with the pre-school, primary and secondary education available.

Action

Continue the lively support given to our local schools and their staff.



The Pre - School Eco Friendly building and the 1st birthday



Penryn College



Helston Community College

Adult Education

The rural society is less able to take advantage of the wide range of subjects and venues available to the urban community, yet the results of Constantine Parish Plan Survey show that 102 people succeeded in attending classes in 2006/7. The most popular subjects, in descending order, are;

French (19), Computing (18), Art (17), Yoga (7), Pilates (5)

Other languages (4) and Music Appreciation (4).

Classes at Constantine, Port Navas and Bosvathick account for 64 of these attendances.

The question of future class subjects attracted responses from many people; Computers(74), Foreign/ Cornish Language(47), First Aid(40), Photography(29) with Car Maintenance, Cookery, Flower Arranging, Metalwork and Belly Dancing all gaining significant support.

Responses to the provision Skill Development Courses was disappointingly low at 27 with 7 seeking computer skills and 4 business skills.

The Survey also showed that there are people willing and/or qualified to teach 33 subjects including Horticulture 5, English(language and literature) 4, Art 2, Dance 2 and French 2.

Issue

Maintain Adult Education provision in Constantine

Action

- i. Encourage the Local Authority to continue funding and to curb the excesses of petty regulation with respect to who can teach whom in which place.
- ii. Maintain the local venues for continued Adult Education or “through life learning”.
- iii. Seek to introduce more Skills Development Courses as aids to employment and job creation.

Employment & Training

The Community has a long tradition of self-employment and until recent times was largely self-sufficient in that it included all trades involved with building in addition to blacksmith, wheelwright, tailor, cobbler, doctor, butchers and bakers. Many of these trades were plied in small outbuildings. Today there are still many who have or would like to have a business in the Parish and several Questionnaire responses contained proposals for new trading/business activity. The following table is drawn from the Survey reports and it is set out as % of all respondents. 61 % are under retirement age.

Fully employed (carers 2%)	55%	Self-employed	14%
Business Owners in Parish	15%	Work in Parish	34%
Work within 10 miles	33%	Would like to work in Parish	16%
Like to see more jobs in the Parish	48%	Not like to see more jobs in the Parish	9%
Want small workshops to buy or rent in the Parish	16%	Want office space to buy or rent in the Parish	10%
Believe Parish businesses in danger of being lost	42%	There is no danger of losing Parish businesses	14%

Issues

a. Attract more jobs to the Parish

Action

- i. Ensure Local Planning Authority is aware that more places of work would be acceptable in the Parish.
- ii. CPC, in partnership with CEC, identify and possibly acquire suitable sites for small workshops and offices.
- iii. CPC to take the lead in producing a package to advertise business opportunity in the Parish and seek KDC aid for new businesses.

b. Generate more jobs

Action

When asked, CEC to provide what help it can to new local businesses in setting up.

c. Preserve Parish businesses

Action

- i Everyone to make a point of using local businesses whenever possible. Local businesses to try to keep prices attractive.
- ii CPC and KDC Councillors press hard for rate reduction for “village business”.



Police and Public Services

According to information available on KDC and Devon and Cornwall Police web sites, the average Council Tax payer provides about £130 per year to the Police. A mid seniority police constable is paid £28946 per year and the employers National Insurance contribution on such a salary is £3079 approx. Transport and other support costs are estimated at least £5000. This means a police officer costs about £37025 per year. Assuming that at least 575 people pay Council Tax, 2 police officers are paid for by Constantine Parish.

The Parish Plan Survey revealed very strong views on the lack of police presence in our village and Parish. 77% of respondents indicated that the community police presence is not sufficiently visible. 57% were not happy with the contact system for local police. 97% of primary school children indicated in their survey that they wanted to see the police more often.

Few comments on Public Services fell out of the questionnaire or the Hog Roast Day public consultation. The Bottle Bank and home composting are both well supported. 46% of people who responded to the questionnaire use the Blue Box scheme but 41% do not, and at least 31 people cannot.

48% of respondents enjoy broadband internet connection and 47% use the photocopying and fax services offered by the school, Post Office and the Bow Window.

Manning the Constantine Beat



Since starting the Plan the Parish has been allocated a share in a Community Police Support Officer (CPSO)



Issues

a. Police presence:

This community desires a police presence. Not only the surveys but the response on Hog Roast Day made this very clear. “Bobbies on the Beat” came from the public on Hog Roast Day, and it was the most favoured suggestion put forward.

Action

Ensure that this message “Bobbies on the Beat” gets through clearly to Parish Council, District Council, County Council, and senior police management.

b. Police contactability:

The present telephone contact system is viewed as inadequate by this community. An interim improvement in reporting non-urgent issues has been implemented, but this does not address urgent, non 999, information calls that need to be made. For example a call reporting a road block due to a fallen tree or the hazard presented by escaped farm animals.

Action

Initiate a new Helston or Falmouth based police urgent contact system. This was very heavily backed in the Hog Roast Day feedback.

c. Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch:

These two anti-crime measures are not very prominent in the Parish, indeed Rural Watch is virtually non-existent. Questionnaire responses show a 48% support for extending Neighbourhood Watch a smaller proportion want to see an extension of Rural Watch. The responses show that 88 people are interested in being a co-coordinator for one or other of the Watch schemes and a dozen or so of our teenagers have also stated that they would like to be involved. Only 3 people came forward during the volunteers surgery (5-6.30PM) held after Hog Roast Day and sadly the police representative arrived too late to meet them. More recently contact has been established between the Police and volunteers.

Action

Encourage volunteers to join the Watch schemes.

Medical and Dental



For many years Constantine Parish has enjoyed the services of a well respected, youth friendly, Dispensing Medical Practice able to carry out minor operations on site. The Practice is supported by very active “Friends of Constantine Surgery” and “Hospital Car Service” groups. A recent merger with the Mullion practice has resulted in an expansion of facilities and services.

For a short while, in the last year, the Parish was without its valued NHS Dental Practice, however this problem has been rectified by the arrival of a new dentist. A Homeopathic practitioner is based at the Tolmen Centre and there is a Chiroprapist in the village.

The questionnaire and Hog Roast Day consultation showed that there was little to criticise in the facilities and gave light to several good suggestions as to how they could be developed.

Issues

a. Day Care facilities:

344 people thought that some form of day care was needed and 308 thought a Post Operative Care facility was most desirable. In informal discussion many people thought a local retirement home would be very welcome.

b. Minor operations:

The support for this service was almost as great as that for a day care facility but the nature of comment suggested that not everyone knew what could be done at the surgery.

c. Evening surgeries:

43% of responses to the Questionnaire showed that an evening surgery would be welcomed even if it meant a closure of a morning session, 36% were against the idea.

Action

Friends of Constantine Surgery may wish to work with the medical practice staff to follow up on these issues to see what can be done by better publicity of services and surgery times. They may also be best placed to make the initial proposal to Local Government for the provision of a Day /Post Operative Care facility in Constantine.

d. First Responders:

274 people thought that Constantine should have a First Response scheme and 56 said they would consider volunteering to help run it.

Action

Following Hog Roast Day and the subsequent Volunteers Surgery several people have applied to become part of the nationally organised First Response Scheme and as a result Constantine may look to having in parish Responders in the near future.

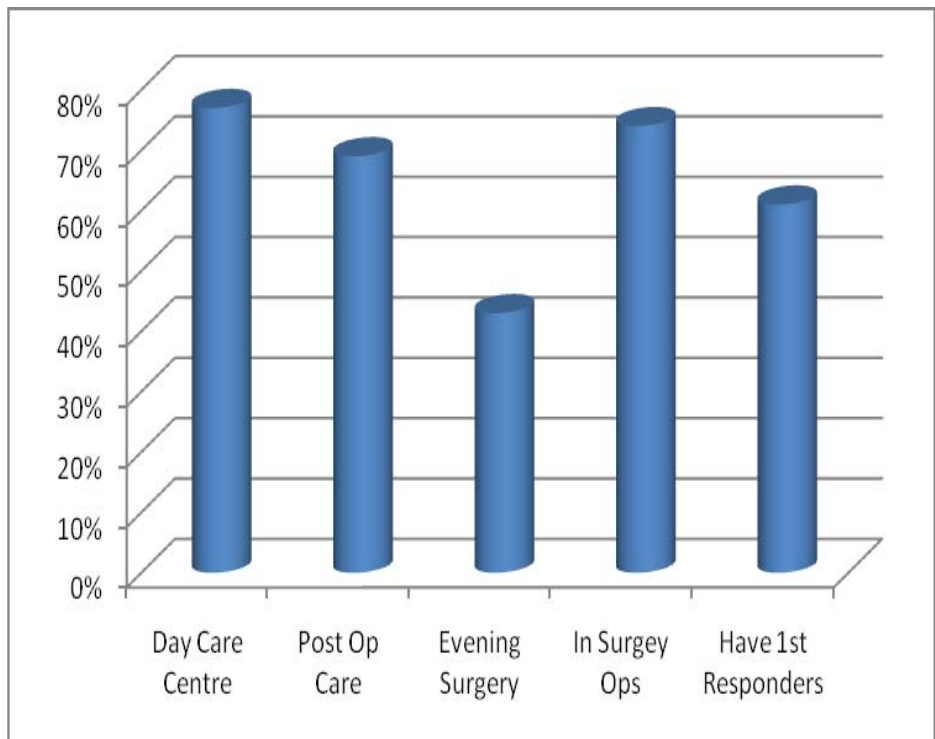
e. **Chiropody and Homeopathy**

48% and 26% of people, respectively, found it useful to have these services on hand in the village.

Action

Encourage the current practitioners to remain in the Parish and new ones to join our community when they leave/retire.

% of support for suggestions.



Traffic Management

Like most communities, Constantine has had to adapt itself to cope with the success of the motor vehicle during the last century. Up to the late 1970s the local road network, together with the more modern and larger roads on the periphery of the Parish, proved adequate. The current situation is now much more difficult and this is due largely to the number of residents who now own one car or more. Our primary school children showed a keen interest in road safety measures and their comments can be found in the Youth chapter.

*Since the start of the production of this Plan
some of the traffic problems have been identified
by the highways authority and palliative action is planned.*



Chaos from 8.00 to 8.15am Buses and cars on “The School Run”,

Issues

a. Speed limits:

A 53% majority of respondents thought that speed limits were about right and 85% of our teenagers agreed with this. However the response to a specific proposal to impose a 20 mph limit in the village was supported by 68%.

Action

Impose a 20 mph limit on village roads. *(This action is now being taken by County Highways.)*

b. Parking

i. This subject was perhaps the most contentious in this element of the Survey. On any day it is obvious that there is insufficient safe parking in the Fore Street, Glebe Terrace/Well Lane areas. However, only 27% of respondents support the introduction of a parking permit scheme whilst 40% do not. 54% believe that there is need for an additional car park in Constantine. Expanding the current car park was suggested by many as was the building a new one behind the Tolmen Centre.

ii. 49% of respondents made no reply to the question concerning provision of a car park in Port Navas although 28% were in favour of such an action. It is possible that these responses may not accurately reflect the wishes of Port Navas residents bearing in mind the number of people parish- wide who may want access to the Helford River.

iii. Parking at the primary school drew comment as part of the traffic calming question relating to the school area. Work is scheduled to take place here which will allow parking parallel to the carriageway rather than at right angles as at present. It is unlikely that this work will make any more parking spaces available but it will make it safer.

Actions

- i. Parish Council and partners to seek to expand the current car park, and seek to provide additional parking off Fore Street.
- ii. Parish Council is urged to monitor the Port Navas parking situation regularly to ascertain if there is a true need of a car park in the hamlet.
- iii. Parish Council to review the need for more parking at school in the wake of the planned work there.

c. Traffic Calming:

The question was asked as to whether traffic calming measures were needed out side the school. 43% said yes, 35% said no but the subject brought forth many comments on traffic calming in the parish generally. Topics which drew most comments were speed limits being ignored/not enforced and large commercial vehicles using speeds inappropriate to their size and that of the carriageway.

Actions

- i. Encourage the police to carry out occasional speed limit enforcement and monitor the conduct of heavy commercial vehicles throughout the Parish.
- ii. Constantine parent groups to advise the Parish Council as to what they want outside the school.



And this is the widest part of Fore Street

Environment

This subject heading covered a multitude of queries in the questionnaire, ranging from property development to parish history, allotments to green power. The principal issues were identified from the questionnaire analysis and then displayed for further public comment on the Parish Plan Hog Roast Day and its subsequent “workshop” evenings.

Issues

a. Conservation vs. Development:

55% of respondents felt conservation was more important than development 22% made no reply leaving about 22% who were for development. Many people found this a difficult question given the need for more housing.

Action

Local Planning Authority to be made aware of the importance local people put on conservation whilst remaining supportive of the local needs housing requirement expressed elsewhere in this Plan.

b. Allotments:

46% wanted more allotments 27% did not. 12 of our teenagers want to be involved in working an allotment

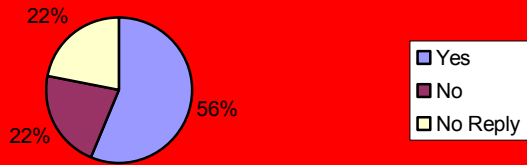
c. Environmentally friendly burial ground:

52% wish to see the establishment of such a facility.

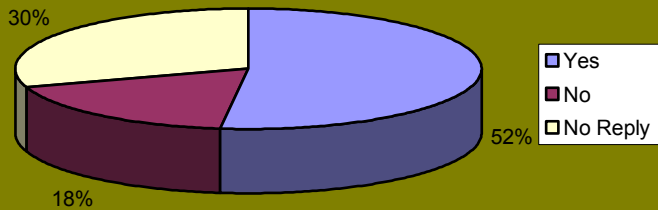
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CPC may wish to join with CEC to identify suitable sites such as the Glebe Fields. A volunteer must be found to manage a youth allotment scheme.

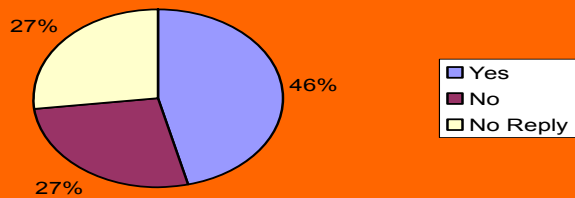
Is conservation more important than development?



Should we have an environmentally friendly burial ground?



Should we have more allotments?



d. Bosahan Woods Wheal Vyvyan and the Glebe Gardens.

79% of people use Bosahan Woods on an occasional basis at least, and 42% use the Glebe Gardens. People were asked to list the locations and items they would like to see preserved in the Parish. The bulk of items mentioned were in, or near, Bosahan Woods and included the Wheal Vyvyan stack, water wheel pits, stamp sites and quarry relics. 71% of people said they wished to learn more about Parish historical features, 63% visited the Tolmen Centre Heritage Collection.

Action

Routes be sought to acquire these sites for the Parish as they provide a core for enjoyment of the environment and physical focus points for local heritage. Parish ownership may secure permanent access to these facilities and the conservation of our now rapidly deteriorating heritage sites. CEC, Heritage Centre and History Group may be the best bodies to forward this cause given support by the PC.

e. Planting of verges.

60% of people wanted to see more “planting” of the wide verges in our housing estates. 23% did not.

Action

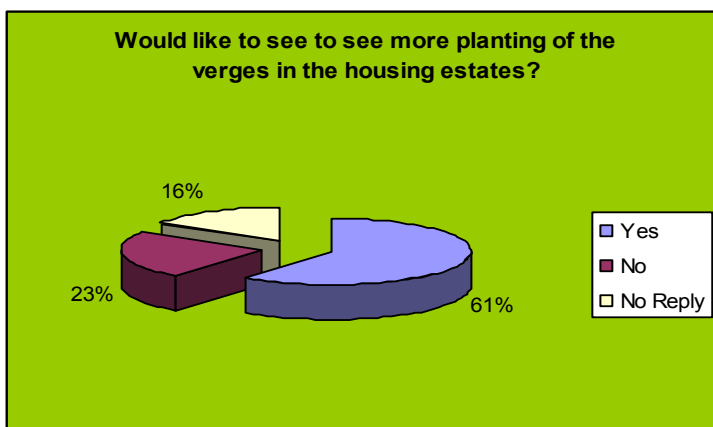
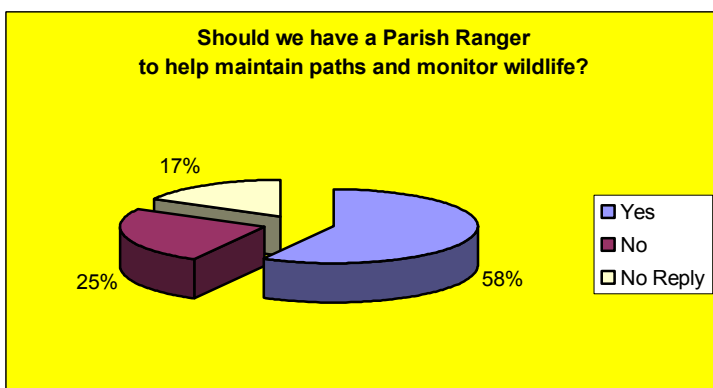
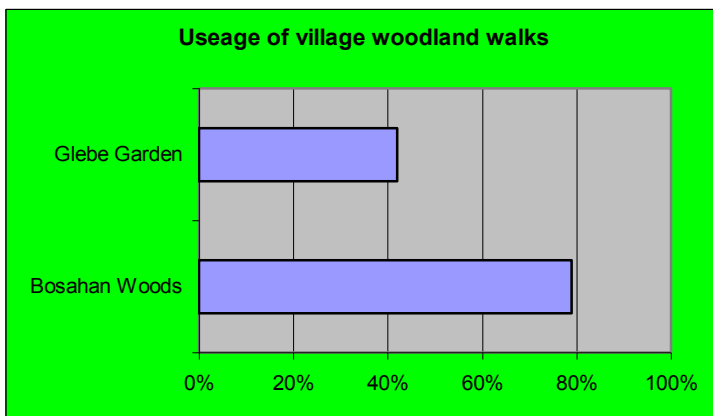
Volunteer verge gardeners to be identified and Local Housing Authority permission and help with funding to be sought for this activity (PC perhaps to lead on this)

f. Parish Ranger(s).

58% of people were in favour, but 17% were against the idea, of having a Ranger(s) to assist with footpath and public area maintenance as well as the monitoring of wildlife . Rangers may have a part to play in general education about wildlife

Action

CPC with CEC to seek funding for the employment of a Ranger(s) perhaps in conjunction with actions relating to d. above. CPC to approve any terms of reference for Rangers.



g. Recycling

The Questionnaire revealed that most people were aware of and used the recycling facilities available in the parish but there was no great support for their extension to include a communal composting scheme. 24% were against but 62% were in favour of establishing a “Thrift Store” to recycle household goods.

Action

CEC may wish to take this project for action.

h. Blue Box Scheme:

This scheme does not extend to all in the Parish or even everyone in Constantine village and it is not used by the majority of people.

Action

CPC may wish to press KDC to review coverage areas and conduct a relaunch of the scheme to persuade more people to use it. Co-ordinating collections with refuse disposal days may help.

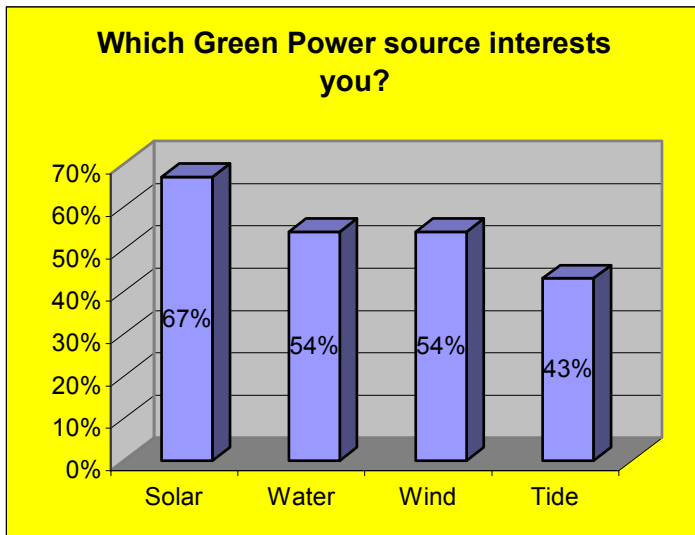


i. Green Power

Only 7% of people were against a community move to generate renewable power sources whilst 68% were positively for such action. The sources of green power most supported were solar at 67%, wind and water second equally at 54%, tidal power third at 43%, woodchip, heat pumps and heat exchangers attracted less than 1%. The post Hog Roast Day “Greener Constantine” workshop threw up the fact that Greener Power could also mean reducing our community carbon footprint as well as the production of power. A number of people volunteered to form a “Greener Constantine Group” to study these matters in greater depth and report on a way ahead in due course.

Action

CPC and CEC to support the formation and work of the Greener Constantine Group. The Group should report their work, findings and proposals to CPC quarterly.



Social Activities



*Constantine School
performance at the Tolmen
Centre.*

*French Twinning Visitors
enjoy Gig Rowing on the
Helford*

*Taekwondo Display during
the Carnival celebrations*

*Some of the Church
Bellringers*

A Carnival Float



It is under this heading that the responses to the Questionnaire show just how alive our community is. At least 13 sports clubs or groups exist in the Parish; the most popular activities being sailing/boating, cricket, bowls and football in that order. Darts, pool and cards are the three most popular indoor organized competitive events. Over 20% of respondents are members of clubs and/or other sporting groups. Of our teenagers who replied to their survey, only 9 are involved in sports groups.

The parish also enjoys the existence of some 39 other local groups, clubs or societies and 41% of all those surveyed are members of these organizations. The Garden Society and music making, in the Bands or Choirs, were the top two activities with the History Group third followed by the Arts Society and WI. The Parish also supports many national and regional organizations with some 70 people stating that they are volunteer helpers in 56 organisations ranging from Help the Children and Meals on Wheels through Cornwall Drama and Shelter Box to the Woodland Trust and Youth Circus.

Several people suggested new groups should be formed but none attracted more than two or three other supporters. However, there was a distinct thread running through the responses that suggested that more needs to be done in the realm of youth activity indeed some of our teenagers would like to join a drama group.

Issues

- a. There are no current issues arising from the Adult Survey but a long term watch needs to be maintained for the continued provision of affordable meeting places.
- b. Are our groups/clubs youth friendly enough to ensure their survival?

Youth

Separate surveys were carried out by the Primary School children and the teenagers of the Parish and their input is indicated throughout this document. This section seeks to highlight the issues that arise from their own analysis of their surveys

The Primary School Children Survey

This survey was designed, carried out and analysed by the children themselves and 56 boys and girls between the ages 4 and 11 took part. The results produced wonderful poems and articles as well as some very interesting ideas which included the erection of a Parish whereabouts map and a request for a zoo! Funding for the former has been found and this idea is now going forward. Alas the zoo presents some rather larger problems and may have to go on hold for some time. The children asked themselves the questions set out below and each question is followed by their suggestions.

	Yes	No
Do you think Constantine Parish is Clean?	38	17

Suggestions

Have monthly village clean. Provide more litter bins.
Clear glass off the Recreation Ground. Pick your dog's mess and keep dogs on leads.

Is it safe?	42	13
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Suggestions

Control troublesome teenagers.

Would you like to see the police officer more?	52	3
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Would you like to see the park* improved?	47	9
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(*Recreation Ground)

Suggested improvement by providing :-

A Tyre swing (34), a Tennis court (33), a Skate park (27)
a Tarmac area (21) and a Roundabout (2).

What do think of the current facilities/activities?

Brilliant 2 OK 46 Rubbish 8

What new facilities would you like?

Swimming pool (49), Cycle trail (38), Zip wire (35)
Indoor games area (23), Gym 17, Football goals (17)
Tennis/badminton(16).

How could road safety be improved?

Pelican/zebra crossing(38), Lollipop person(30), Speed bumps(26)
Speed cameras(14), Cats eyes(15) , White lines(8) {*presumably around the Spar shop and Vicarage terrace corners*}

Issues

a. Standard of activity equipment on the Recreation Ground and in the Parish generally, needs up-dating

Action

Search for funds to upgrade facilities, trace out a cycle trail and secure rights of way.

b. Road Safety issues need to be acknowledged and solutions explained to pupils

Action

CP and /or County Councillor

The Teenage Perspective.

The Mullion Youth Team undertook to assist our teenagers in getting their point of view into this Plan. After numerous consultation/activity sessions a questionnaire was designed and 26 of our young people chose to return a completed one, all attend local state schools and travel on the school buses.

Points not covered elsewhere in this document.

1. 1% want to stay in the Parish, 8% were not sure but the majority 81% were not planning to remain but expected to leave; to attend college/university (52%), to find work (38%), because of family moves (10%).
2. 88% said that they never feel harassed or intimidated in the Parish. Some felt intimidated by other youths but one said that it was because an adult was angry with them.
3. 85% felt comfortable going to our local surgery and 65% said they would be equally comfortable in seeking sexual health advice from our doctors.
4. 81% were aware of the “recycle” opportunities in the village itself.

Issues

a. Travel:

88% normally travel around the Parish on foot and commented that this was often dangerous for want of pavements. 42% also used bicycles to travel locally and 96% thought that on and off road cycleways were a good idea.

Action

Work with highways and local landowners to define cycle paths.

b. Activity/Youth Worker:

There are few youth oriented activities available in the Parish and our teenagers have expressed specific interest in drama and allotments as well as involvement in football and computer groups. 81% wish to have regular access to youth workers.

Action

Identify volunteers to help set up drama, allotment and computer groups. Encourage local sports clubs to have junior sides/training squads. Seek funding to pay for a youth worker to coordinate activities and to pay rents to Tolmen Operating Company and other location providers.

c. Police:

80% of our young people say they do not see the community police officer. Some said that they did not know that the Parish had one! 65% were in favour of Neighbourhood Watch and, if they were allowed, 14 would like to become involved.

Action

CPC is requested to advise our local community police officer of this situation.

d. Training:

Our teenagers have expressed an interest in “out of school” training in the following areas (in order of popularity) Car Maintenance, Photography, Basic Cookery, First Aid, Computers and Metal Work. They have also commented on the fact that public transport stops too soon in the evening to allow them access to training facilities in Helston, Penryn or Falmouth.

Action

Work with Youth Funding Agencies and the County Council to set up local courses or provide help with transport to courses. Identify locally based instructors.



The existing Recreation Ground facilities + Boulder Parc

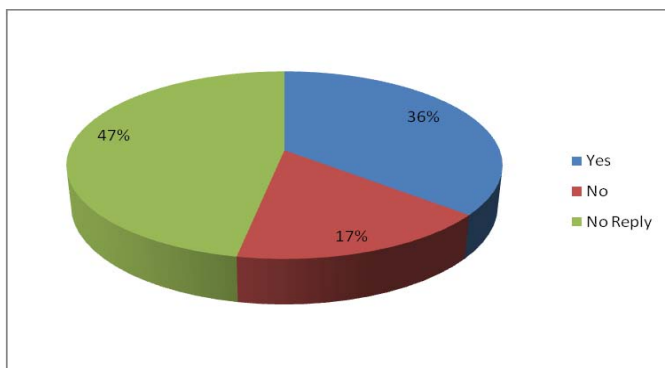


Recreation

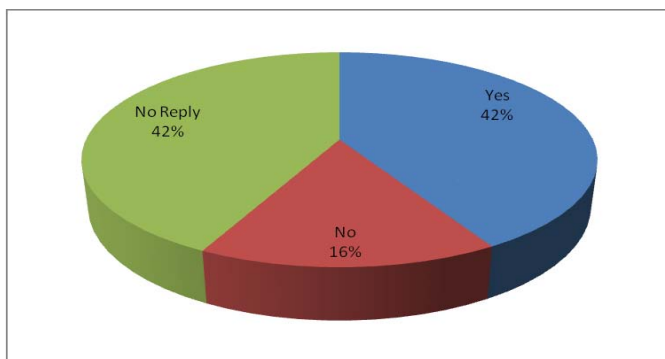
This section relates to the use of the Recreation Ground and Children's Playground but it also covers the provision of new, and improvement of older facilities. The general thrust is that all play facilities need updating and some new, more interesting ones should be provided.

One significant feature in this part of the Questionnaire is the large number of "no reply" responses. This factor is somewhat offset by the very positive responses made by our younger folk.

New Football Pavilion?

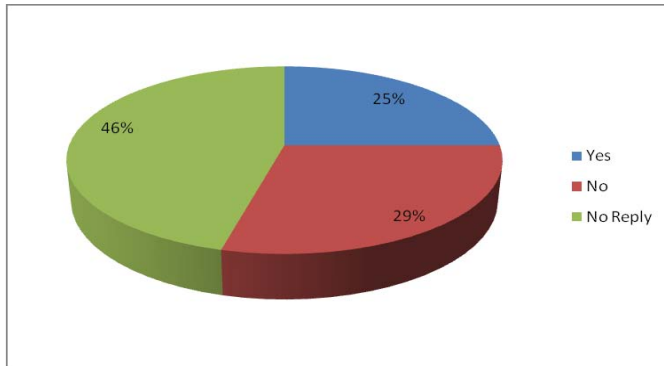


New Tennis Court?



The Youth Surveys showed an 80% support for the Pavilion and Tennis Court

Is there a need for a Skate Board Park?



Both teenagers and primary school children were strongly in favour of this development. The Youth Survey shows 77% support for this and youth involvement in the design.

There is support for adding additional pitch markings to the Recreational Ground and these are for hockey and basket ball.

Improving the Bowls facilities had 22% for, 26% against and 52% no reply, but 50% of our youth were for an upgrade.

Issue

Upgrade the equipment and widen the scope of activities available

Action

Suggest Recreation Ground/Playing Fields Committee forms a multi aged working group to devise a suitable upgrade package and seek funding to produce it.

Public Buildings



Constantine Parish has a large number of well used and well supported Public Buildings. The school, Parish Church, and the Tolmen Centre lead a group of eight in the Parish Plan Survey rating of very important buildings. The Survey also revealed that a large number of volunteers help to run and maintain these buildings.

Issues

a. These 8 Public Buildings currently use 68 volunteers to help run and maintain them. 61 questionnaire respondents declare themselves willing to volunteer.

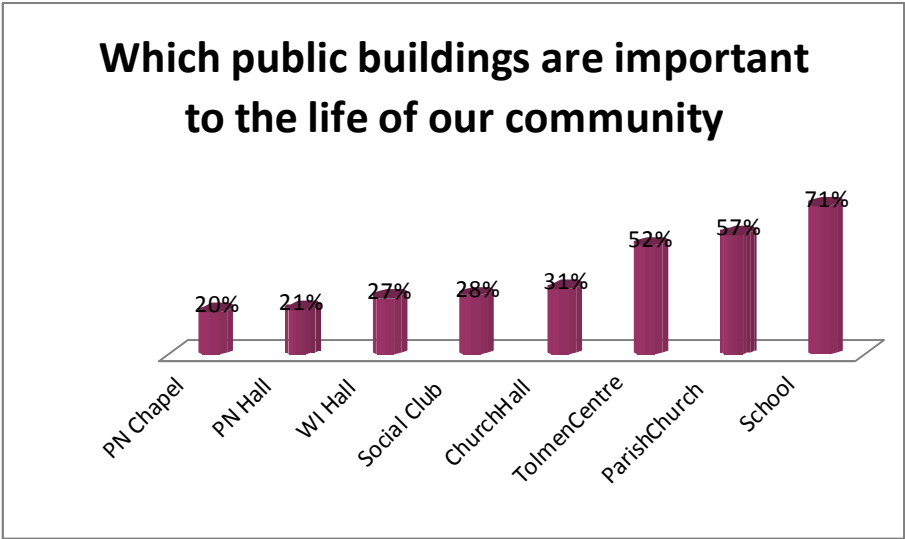
Action

To recruit these volunteers to specific action and gain more by setting up a volunteer programme.

a. Maintenance costs are a major concern for all these public buildings.

Action

Help constituency groups, for each building, develop a “Building Life Plan”.



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NOTES

Ten years ago the Parish produced its first Plan, as part of marking the Millennium. At the same time the CEC was formed to progress the Plan and to provide a starting base for future projects. Shown below are some of the things that have been achieved.



*The Methodist Chapel became
The Tolmen Centre*



The Kids Club was formed,



*The Heritage Collection and the Performing
Arts Theatre were developed and the Café
Tolmen opened*

*And improvements were made to
the area around the bus shelter*



The Parish from the Church Tower 2007

