

**Lydford Parish Plan Questionnaire Results**  
October 2008

Household section

**Q1 How many people live in your household?**

	Count
1	30
2	34
3	8
4	9
5	3
6	1

**Q2 How many females/males lived in the household**

	Female	Male
0-4 years old	1	7
5-10 years old	2	8
11-16 years old	2	2
17-21 years old	2	1
22-39 years old	12	8
40-59 years old	21	22
60-64 years old	11	10
65-74 years old	22	15
75+ years old	16	13

**Q3 How long has your family lived in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Less than a year	8	9%
1-5 years	12	14%
6-15 years	19	22%
16-25 years	15	18%
26-50 years	21	25%
51+ years	9	11%
No response	1	1%

**Q4 How many of your household are registered disabled or housebound?**

	Count
1	9
2	1
5	1

**Q5 Is this dwelling:**

	Count	%
Private rented	2	2%
Main Residence	14	16%
District council rented	0	0%
Housing Association rented	0	0%
Owner occupied	64	75%
Shared equity	0	0%
By virtue of employment (e.g. tied)	1	1%
County farm	1	1%
Other	0	0%
No response	3	4%

**Q6 Is this your household's only residence ( i.e. more than 4 nights a week)?**

	Count	%
Yes	81	95%
No	3	4%
No response	1	1%

**Q7 Do you have problems with surface water or storm drainage in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Many problems	4	5%
Few problems	14	16%
No problems	57	67%
No Opinion	10	12%

**Q8 How many cars/vans/motorbikes/bicycles does your household posses and are in regular use?**

	0		1		2		3		4		5	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Cars	11	13%	39	46%	30	35%	5	6%	0	0%	0	0%
Vans	79	93%	5	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Bicycles	69	81%	4	5%	6	7%	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%
Motorbikes	83	98%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%

**Q9 Where are your household's vehicles normally parked?**

	In a garage		Off the road		On the road		In a public car park		No response	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1st vehicle	32	38%	35	41%	7	8%	0	0%	11	13%
2nd vehicle	7	8%	28	33%	3	4%	0	0%	47	55%
3rd vehicle	1	1%	8	9%	0	0%	0	0%	76	89%
4th vehicle	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	83	98%

**Q10 Difficulties with TV reception, radio, mobile phone reception, broadband, or satellite?**

	Count	%
Yes	33	39%
No	44	52%
Don't know/not applicable	4	5%
No response	4	5%

**Q11 Need a nursery school or pre-school playgroup in the Parish in the next 5 years?**

	Count	%
Yes	5	6%
No	70	82%
Don't know/not applicable	7	8%
No response	3	4%

**Q12 If you have children, do they need a playground provided in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	9	11%
No	21	25%
Don't know/not applicable	35	41%
No response	20	24%

Personal section

**Q13 What sex are you?**

	Count	%
Female	86	57%
Male	65	43%

**Q14 What age band do you belong to?**

	Count	%
11-16 years old	4	3%
17-21 years old	2	1%
22-39 years old	17	12%
40-59 years old	37	25%
60-64 years old	21	14%
65-74 years old	39	27%
75+ years	27	18%

### Q15 How did you come to live in this Parish?

	Count	%
Born in Parish	13	8%
Work in area	19	12%
Relatives nearby	24	15%
Love of village/County	50	32%
Love of country life	53	34%
Availability of housing	13	8%
Retired to Parish	24	15%
Marriage	13	8%
Came with family	21	13%
Other	7	4%

### Q16 If you are looking for alternative accommodation to buy what is the maximum price you can afford (including shared equity)?

	Count	%
£70,000	2	5%
£90,000	1	2%
£130,000	1	2%
£150,000	2	5%
£200,000	3	8%
£250,000	16	40%
£500,000	11	28%
£750,000+	4	10%

**Q17 Are you:**

	Count	%
Employed (more than 30 hrs per week)	26	18%
Employed part-time (15-30 hrs a week)	12	8%
Part-time (less than 15 hrs a week)	6	4%
Self-employed	27	19%
Unemployed	1	1%
In a government training scheme	0	0%
In full-time education	7	5%
Wholly retired	54	38%
Un-waged wife/husband/partner	7	5%
Permanently sick/disabled	2	1%
Other	2	1%

**Q18 Is your employment:**

	Count	%
Semi-skilled manual	9	11%
Skilled manual	5	6%
Clerical	7	9%
Retail	5	6%
Professional/Managerial	43	54%
Other	11	14%

**Q19 Where is your main place of work or study?**

	Count	%
At home	33	40%
Elsewhere in the Parish	9	11%
Outside Parish, but within 10 miles	13	16%
Within 11-30 miles of home	21	26%
Over 30 miles from home	6	7%

**Q20 What is your major means of transport to work or study?**

	Count	%
Car	55	57%
Van	4	4%
Bus	4	4%
Train	1	1%
Motorcycle	1	1%
Bicycle	0	0%
On foot	6	6%
Other	0	0%
Not applicable	25	26%

**Q21 Should more tourism be encouraged in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	44	28%
No	59	38%
No Opinion	52	34%

**Q22a Should more overnight tourists be encouraged in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	48	31%
No	63	40%
No Opinion	45	29%

**Q22b If yes, what type of development should be allowed to accommodate them?**

	Count	%
Camping sites	19	40%
Sites for touring caravans	14	29%
Sites for permanent holiday caravans	8	17%
Bed & Breakfast	37	77%
Guest Houses	26	54%
Hotels	24	50%
Other	0	0%

**Q23 If you work part-time, would you like the opportunity for more work?**

	Count	%
Yes, but remain part-time	8	23%
Yes, work full-time	2	6%
No	25	71%

**Q24 If the lack of childcare facilities restricts you in finding employment/training/study, is this because?**

	Count	%
There are no facilities	8	5%
You are not aware of facilities	0	0%
You cannot get to existing facilities	0	0%
Existing facilities are too expensive	0	0%
Other	4	3%

**Q25 If you intend to become self-employed in the next 12 months, what type of business will you be starting?**

	Count	%
Retail	0	0%
Service	0	0%
Construction	1	14%
Manufacturing	0	0%
Other	6	86%

**Q27a Would you like the facilities of the school to be made available to the local community outside of school hours?**

	Count	%
Yes	55	35%
No	32	21%
No Opinion	69	44%



**Q27b Would you be prepared to pay to use them?**

	Count	%
Yes	42	27%
No	49	31%
No Opinion	65	42%

**Q28 If adult/evening classes were to be organised would you be interested in attending?**

**If yes, which classes would you like?**

	Count	%
Yes	49	31%
No	60	38%
No Opinion	47	30%

**Q29 How often do you use public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Daily	52	37%
Weekly	43	30%
Monthly	19	13%
About twice a year	7	5%
About once a year	4	3%
Never	16	11%

**Q31 Would you like to see maps of public footpaths & bridleways put up in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	100	64%
No	36	23%
No Opinion	20	13%

### Q32 Is there a need for a village focal point?

	Count	%
Yes	60	38%
No	40	26%
No Opinion	56	36%

### Q33 Does the Parish suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?

	Count	%
Noisy neighbours	5	3%
Traffic noise	40	25%
Escaped farm animals in gardens	7	4%
Escaped farm animals on the roads	6	4%
Low flying aircraft	14	9%
Motorcycle scrambling	6	4%
Military exercises	25	16%
Lighting	5	3%
Recreational Pursuits	6	4%
Other	13	8%

### Q35 Which of the following do you think would be useful for the Parish?

	Count	%
Habitat/wildlife survey of Parish	38	24%
Design guide for new development	38	24%
Design guide for alterations to buildings	33	21%
Renewable energy source	43	27%
Visitor survey	7	4%
Noise survey	14	9%
Traffic survey	54	34%
Drainage survey	34	22%
Other	1	1%

**Q36 Do you have difficulty getting to any of the following?**

	Count	%
Mental health services	0	0%
Family planning services	1	1%
Counselling services	0	0%
Local Social Services office	0	0%
Hospital	7	4%
Doctor	4	3%
Chemist	3	2%
Chiropodist	4	3%
Optician	9	6%
Dentist	6	4%
District Nurse	1	1%
Maternity Care	1	1%
Home Help	2	1%
Meals on Wheels	0	0%
Health Visitor	0	0%
Ambulance services	1	1%
Other medical facility	0	0%

**Q37 How often would you be prepared to become involved/assist in a good neighbour scheme/local volunteer/self help community scheme (e.g. shopping for seniors)?**

	Count	%
Once a week	10	9%
Once a month	14	13%
Occasionally	39	36%
Never	45	42%

**Q38 Would you be likely to use the following types of shop if they were available in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Garage	81	52%
Hardware	38	24%
Village food store	110	70%
Other	22	14%

**Q39a How many times a month do you use the counter service at the local Post Office?**

	Count	%
More than 10	10	8%
Between 5 & 10	35	27%
Less than 5	57	44%
Never	28	22%

**Q39b And what do you use it for?**

	Count	%
Postal services	99	63%
Pensions/allowances	8	5%
Vehicle tax/TV licence/other bills	25	16%
Giro bank/savings certificates	7	4%
Information leaflets	9	6%
Other services	19	12%

**Q41 If a community shop was set up would you use it and what would you like it to sell?**

	Count	%
Often	58	45%
Occasionally	57	44%
Never	14	11%

**Q42 Would you be prepared to help run/support a Community Shop?**

	Count	%
Yes	41	59%
No	29	41%

**Q43 Which existing INDOOR/OUTDOOR Sports Activities or Social Activities do you participate in?**

	Count	%
Archery	5	3%
Badminton	13	8%
Basketball	4	3%
Bowls	1	1%
Cricket	6	4%
Croquet	6	4%
Cycling	36	23%
Football	1	1%
Hockey	2	1%
Netball	0	0%
Quoits	2	1%
Rugby Union	2	1%
Shooting	2	1%
Soft-ball	0	0%
Tennis	10	6%
Table Tennis	5	3%
Volleyball	4	3%
Other	19	12%

### Q43 Social?

	Count	%
Band	6	4%
Beetle Drive	0	0%
Bell ringing	4	3%
Choral society	1	1%
Dance	11	7%
Drama	6	4%
Gardeners society	16	10%
Knitting circle	3	2%
Luncheon club	17	11%
Music society	2	1%
Painting & drawing	11	7%
Photography	5	3%
Playgroup	7	4%
Quilting	6	4%
Rambling club	10	6%
Whist drive	1	1%
Other	5	3%

**Q44 Which of the following INDOOR/OUTDOOR activities would you participate in if they were available in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Badminton	10	6%
Billiards	4	3%
Brownies	3	2%
Cubs	9	6%
Darts	1	1%
Guides	2	1%
Judo	2	1%
Keep fit	16	10%
Mothers Union	2	1%
Pool	3	2%
Scouts	6	4%
Skittles	3	2%
Snooker	4	3%
Squash	9	6%
Volleyball	9	6%
Women's Institute	8	5%
Yoga	20	13%
Youth Club	5	3%
Young Farmers	3	2%
Other	3	2%

**Q45 Does the Parish need more local outdoor sports facilities for:**

	Count	%
Children up to 16	52	33%
Young people 17-25	29	18%
People 26-60	16	10%
People over 60	15	10%

**Q46 How many times a month do you use the village hall & do you think it is adequate for the needs of the Parish?**

	Count	%
More than 10	5	3%
Between 6 & 10	11	7%
Between 1 & 5	55	37%
Less frequently	66	45%
Never	11	7%

**Q47 Is speed a hazard in the Parish? If yes would you like to further speed restrictions, warning signs etc?**

	Count	%
Yes	95	75%
No	31	25%

**Q49 Are the public transport services in the Parish generally good?**

	Count	%
Good	64	41%
Reasonable	51	33%
Poor	2	1%
No Opinion	39	25%

**Q50 Do you think there are any 'danger-spots' on the roads in the Parish e.g. large vehicle access etc?**

	Count	%
Yes	78	50%
No	26	17%
No opinion	52	33%



**Q51 Would you like to see street lighting in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	14	9%
No	122	78%
No opinion	20	13%

**Q52 Are the facilities and provisions for cyclists/horse riders/pedestrians in the Parish:**

	Count	%
Good	47	30%
Reasonable	57	37%
Poor	23	15%
No opinion	29	19%

**Q53a Do you use the library service?**

	Count	%
Every visit	5	3%
Every 2 or 3 visits	3	2%
Less frequently	10	6%
Never	115	74%
No response	23	15%

**Q53b Is the service provided good, reasonable etc?**

	Count	%
Good	16	84%
Reasonable	1	5%
Poor	1	5%
No opinion	1	5%

**Q54 How often do you get information about the Parish from any of the following?**

	Often		Occasionally		Never	
	Count	Row N %	Count	Row N %	Count	Row N %
Parish Magazine	121	88%	16	12%	1	1%
Website	13	18%	25	34%	36	49%
General Word of Mouth	68	60%	40	35%	6	5%
Parish Meetings	14	22%	17	26%	34	52%
E-mail	2	3%	12	20%	45	76%
Organised distribution network	11	20%	9	16%	36	64%
Newsletters	11	19%	17	29%	30	52%
Noticeboards	40	40%	49	49%	11	11%
Other	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%

**Q55 Where would you like to obtain information from your local authorities (e.g. information on refuse collected, Parish Council meetings, road works etc)?**

	Count	%
Digital television	1	1%
Interactive digital television	2	1%
Internet	31	20%
Email	23	15%
Telephone	5	3%
Village noticeboards	80	51%
Library	7	4%
Mail	30	19%
Village shop/Post Office	55	35%
Other	12	8%

**Q56 Is the Parish church important to you, and why?**

	Count	%
Sunday worship	43	27%
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	70	45%
As historic building	90	57%
Because every Parish should have one	55	35%
Concerts	37	24%
Flower shows	33	21%
Focal point for the Parish	61	39%
Festivals	34	22%
Other	4	3%

**Q57 Are you aware of the responsibilities/services and local boundaries governed by the following authorities?**

	Count	%
Dartmoor National Park	113	72%
West Devon Borough Council	103	66%
Devon County Council	72	46%
Lydford Parish Council	98	62%
Ministry of Defence	55	35%
Forestry Commission	49	31%
Duchy of Cornwall	29	18%
National Trust	81	52%
Commoners	38	24%

**Q58 How satisfied are you with the way those services are provided or responsibilities discharged?**

	Totally satisfied		Quite satisfied		Dissatisfied		No opinion	
	Count	Row N %	Count	Row N %	Count	Row N %	Count	Row N %
Dartmoor National Park	13	8%	69	44%	20	13%	54	35%
West Devon Borough Council	23	15%	65	42%	8	5%	60	39%
Devon County Council	7	5%	56	36%	4	3%	89	57%
Lydford Parish Council	40	26%	53	34%	10	6%	53	34%
Ministry of Defence	14	9%	34	22%	14	9%	94	60%
Forestry Commission	10	6%	42	27%	0	0%	104	67%
Duchy of Cornwall	9	6%	22	14%	1	1%	124	80%
National Trust	26	17%	53	34%	2	1%	75	48%
Commoners	12	8%	14	9%	4	3%	126	81%

**Q59 Do you think there is sufficient information about planning decisions affecting the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	55	35%
No	40	26%
No opinion	61	39%

**Q60 Do you think the degree of planning control in the Parish is?**

	Count	%
Too restrictive	33	21%
About right	61	39%
Not strict enough	13	8%
No opinion	49	31%

**Q61 What are your main Crime and Safety concerns?**

	Count	%
Burglary	78	50%
Vandalism	20	13%
Antisocial behaviour	20	13%
Personal safety	10	6%
Noisy neighbours	7	4%
Speeding traffic	87	55%
Lack of police presence	39	25%
Other	0	0%

**Q62 Have you recently experienced any of the following in your daily village life over the last 6 months?**

	Count	%
Vandalism	6	4%
Antisocial behaviour	12	8%
Noisy neighbours	6	4%
Speeding traffic	82	52%
Racial harassment	0	0%
General exclusion	0	0%
Other	3	2%

**Q63 Which of the following need improving in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Road maintenance	25	16%
Road cleaning	14	9%
Verge maintenance	31	20%
Refuse collection	4	3%
Provision of litter bins	17	11%
Telephone kiosk reliability	2	1%
Dog bins	49	31%

**Q64 If any of the following services could be provided within the Parish, which would you use most often?**

	Count	%
Bulk waste collection	44	28%
Community compost facilities	34	22%
Garden machinery for community use	20	13%
Glass collection for recycling	59	38%
Plastic recycling	88	56%
Tin/aluminium collection	53	34%
Licensed store	16	10%
Farm waste	6	4%
Cardboard/paper collection	62	39%
Other	2	1%

**Q65a Do you recycle?**

	Count	%
Yes	142	91%
No	13	8%
No opinion	1	1%

**Q65b Recycling**

	Count	%
Green boxes	137	87%
Plastic collection	73	46%
Paper bank	72	46%
Bottle bank	93	59%
Green waste bags	52	33%
Local tip	85	54%
Other	10	6%

**Q66 If any suggestions raised by this questionnaire require money for implementation, where should this money come from?**

	Count	%
Private contributors	19	12%
Moderate Council Tax increases	40	25%
Higher Council Tax increases	2	1%
Fundraising	49	31%
Sponsorship	41	26%
Other	17	11%