



Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan

Residents' questionnaire report YOUTH

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Introduction

Dorstone Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and formed a Steering Group to undertake this work for the Parish. The group has been meeting monthly since March and comprises of three sub-groups, one of which is the Consultative Group which oversees consultation with the Community including the preparation, distribution and analysis of this Questionnaire.

This report presents the basic results of that questionnaire which was conducted during November 2013. The report has been independently produced by Data Orchard CIC¹, commissioned by the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan steering group, and based directly on the residents' responses to the distributed questionnaires.

Version history

Issue 1.0 - Report to Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Issue 1.01 – Addition of some age detail for Q14 and removed a graph of percentages

Presentation of results

This report is mostly comprised of tables and charts presenting the results of the survey. Given the low number of the population and responses (19 out of a potential 30), percentages are not supplied. The tables show the number respondents who selected each option.

Survey methodology

Over the past four months, the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group talked to as many Parishioners as possible to determine the issues which people see as important. We have used this information to prepare this questionnaire. The questionnaire was developed by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group along with advice from Data Orchard before a final version was agreed in October.

During early November volunteers hand delivered questionnaires to all households in Dorstone parish. Residents were given sufficient questionnaires to allow completion by each adult member aged 16 and over, and a Youth Questionnaire for those young people aged 10-15. The completed questionnaires were sealed in an envelope provided, and collected by the person who delivered it within the following two weeks. The sealed returned envelopes were opened in the presence of an independent adjudicator, representative from Data Orchard, mostly on 26th November with further deliveries on the 28th November and the 3rd December.

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Results

Response to the survey

The number of questionnaires returned, at least partially completed, was 19. According to the 2011 Census, the total number of children aged 10 to 15 years old, usually resident in the group parish on 27th March 2011 was 30². Based on this census figure, responses have been received from 63% of residents aged 16 and over.

Residents who responded to the questionnaire	Census 2011 Resident population aged 16 and over	
Number	Number in parish	% of population responding
19	30	63%

Neighbourhood Planning – Vision Statement

This is a general statement of how we would like Dorstone to be in the future. Tell us in the space below what you think of these ideas.

We want Dorstone to be:

- An attractive place to live that meets the needs of all age groups from young to old.
- A community that looks after its residents whilst welcoming new residents and visitors.
- A place which promotes and encourages successful farming and small businesses, and where young people can seek employment and remain in the parish.
- A sustainable environment which looks after the natural landscape and wildlife and provides a peaceful and enjoyable way of life.
- A community that recognises that small amounts of change and growth can help improve the lives of residents.

Any comments.

In total there were two responses to the vision statement which were:

- I think that these statements portray a very good picture of what Dorstone should be!
- Good

² Table KS102EW - Age structure. ONS Crown Copyright Reserved [from Nomis on 13th December 2013]

Some questions about you.

Question 1. How old are you?

Please write your age in the box.

Age band	No.
9-10 years	4
11-12 years	6
13-15 years	9
Total respondents	19

Question 2. Are you:

	No.
Boy	10
Girl	9
Total respondents	19

Housing

Question 3. If new houses are built what should they look like?

	No.
Similar to existing buildings	17
Different styles	1
Don't know	1
Total respondents	19

Renewable Energy

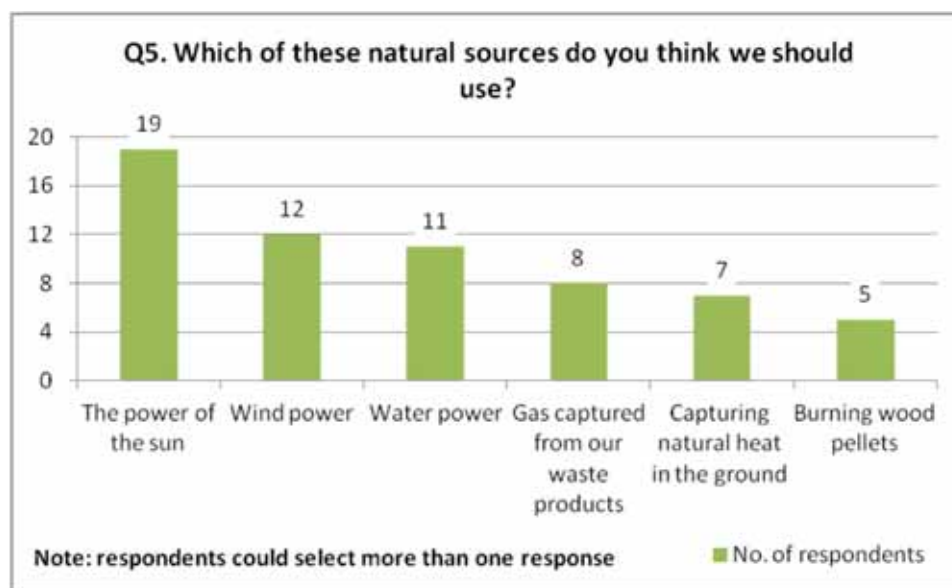
Question 4. Do you think Dorstone should get more of its energy from natural sources?

	No.
Yes	18
No	0
No opinion	1
Total respondents	19

Question 5. If yes which of these natural sources do you think we should use? (please tick all those that apply)

	No.
The power of the sun	19
Wind power	12
Water power	11
Capturing natural heat in the ground	7
Burning wood pellets	5
Gas captured from our waste products	8
Total respondents	19

Note: respondents could select more than one answer



Additional comments

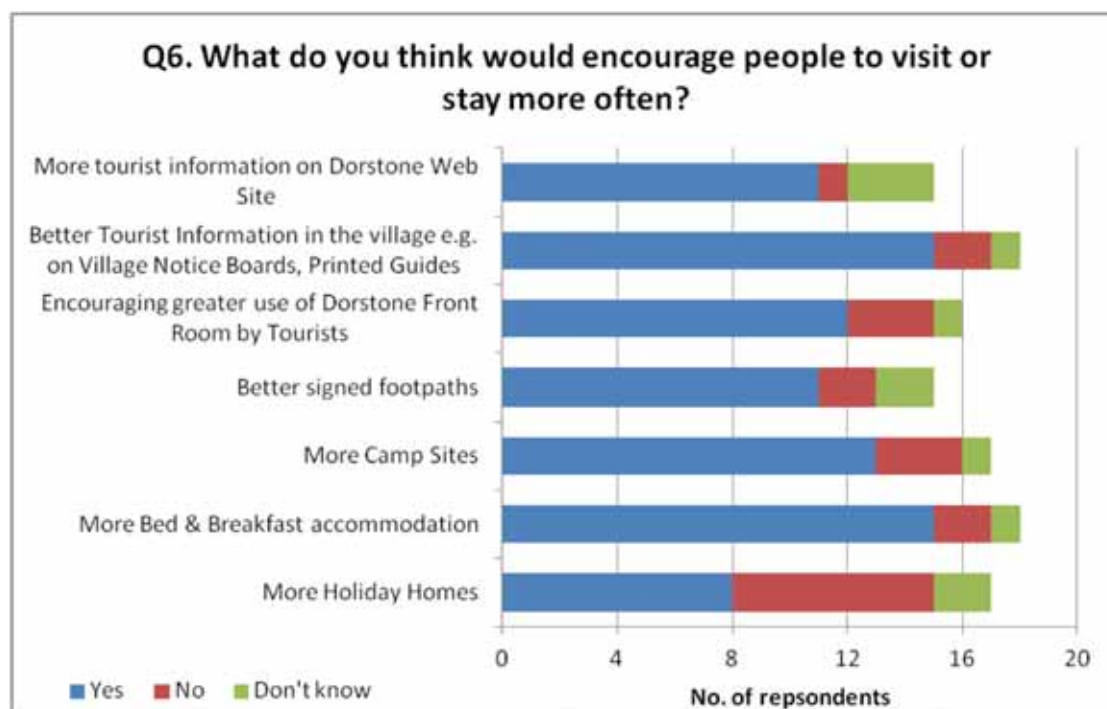
- Water power and Burning wood pellets Yes but make the mechanism look more natural (nature)

Tourism

Dorstone is a popular place to visit and stay.

Question 6. What do you think would encourage people to visit or stay more often?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Total respondents	Not answered
More Holiday Homes	8	7	2	17	2
More Bed & Breakfast accommodation	15	2	1	18	1
More Camp Sites	13	3	1	17	2
Better signed footpaths	11	2	2	15	4
Encouraging greater use of Dorstone Front Room by Tourists	12	3	1	16	3
Better Tourist Information in the village e.g. on Village Notice Boards, Printed Guides	15	2	1	18	1
More tourist information on Dorstone Web Site	11	1	3	15	4



Any other suggestions There were 2 comments made as follows:

- Kids facilities, older children (12+) to attract children as well
- Sell more useful things in the Front Room
- Better signed footpaths left blank and wrote 'fine'
- 'But not too many' written next camp sites or better signed footpaths

Question 7. Would you like to see the development of cycle paths up and down The Golden Valley?

	No.
Yes	17
No	1
No opinion	1
Total respondents	19

Additional comments

- 'But not too many' written next to question

Mobile Phone

Question 8. Do you use a mobile phone?

	No.
Yes	15
No	4
Total respondents	19

If yes please answer the following,

Question 9. How good is the signal you get when you are at home, within Dorstone Parish or nearby?

	Home	Within Dorstone	Nearby
Good - full signal	4	0	4
OK - enough signal to make a call	2	4	4
Bad - no signal	8	7	2
Total respondents[#]	14	11	10
Not answered	1	4	5

[#] NOTE base is 15 who answered Yes to using a mobile phone for Q8

Small Businesses, Farming & Employment

Question 10. Should we try to attract small businesses into the parish?

	No.
Yes	14
No	2
No opinion	2
Total respondents	18
Not answered	1

Question 11. If yes please tick those you think would be suitable for Dorstone

	No.
Workshops	9
New homes with their own offices or workshops attached	7
Farm Diversification; (e.g. cheese making, farm shops rural crafts, campsite, etc).	15
Total respondents	18
Not answered	1

Other There were 4 comments made as follows:

- Maybe a small shop like there used to be
- Arty shops (crafts)
- A little café
- A village shop

Looking after the best of our countryside, buildings and special places

Question 12. Are there any buildings/historical sites which you believe are important to protect? Please tick relevant box

	No.
Church	17
Playing Fields	15
Village Hall	11
Pandy Inn as a Pub	8
Shop/DFR	6
Total respondents	19

Others There were 5 comments made as follows:

- The tump, Arthur's Stone, river
- I am not sure about this one but Arthur's Stone. Also the tump and river
- Village green, telephone box
- The Tump
- Dorstone 'castle'

Question 13. When planning new buildings in Dorstone, how important is it to ensure that the following are protected?:

	Important	Not important	No opinion	Total respondents	Not answered
Particular views (please specify)	10	2	3	15	4
Our open spaces	13	2	3	18	1
Our best scenery (please specify)	10	1	5	16	3
Local wild plants and wildlife	16	1	1	18	1

Particular views There were 3 comments made.

- Up onto the hills
- Looking out across the valley
- Merbach, Dorstone Hill

Our best scenery There was 1 comment made.

- Fields

Community Facilities

Question 14. How does living in Dorstone make you feel?

	No.	
Very happy	12	The three fairly and very unhappy were 12, 13 and 14 years old. Two boys and a girl.
Fairly happy	4	
Fairly unhappy	2	Unfortunately no comments were provided as to why they were unhappy.
Very unhappy	1	
Total respondents	19	

Why? There were 14 comments made

Very happy

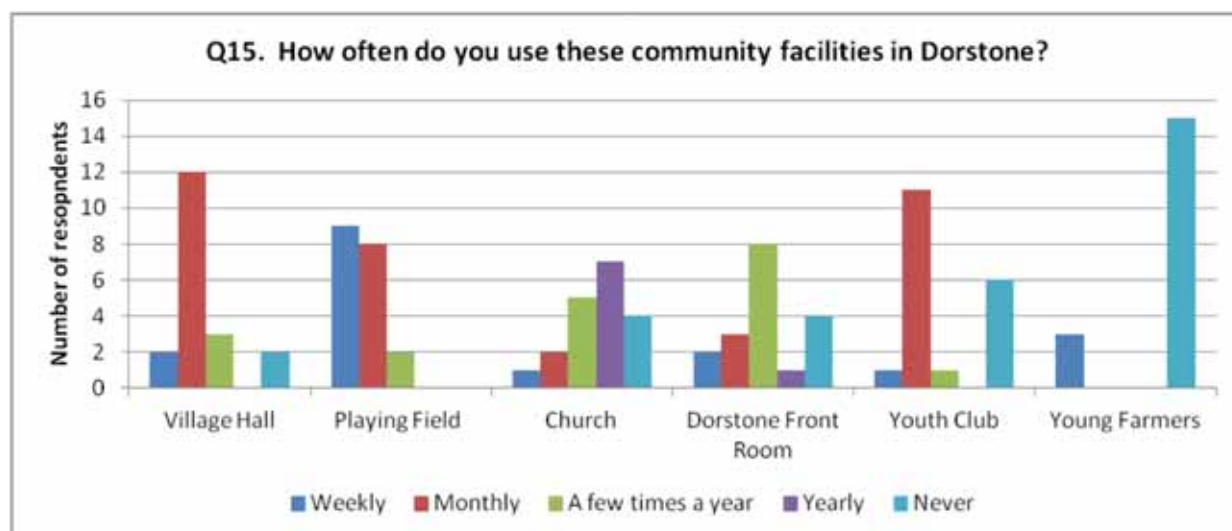
- Because I like all the houses and friends
- Because it is a nice village
- Because it is a small, friendly and lovely environment to live in
- Because it's a place that's quiet and peaceful, just right for me!
- Because of the wildlife and walks
- Great community, safe place to live, little traffic and other disruptions
- I feel it is a very secure, friendly and helpful place
- I've lived here all my life and the village and its buildings have only got better!
- Like open space, like to ride ponies
- Lots of people know of Hereford and Hay and bigger places like that but no so many know Dorstone and it feels like it's our little village and its nice and private
- Nice community

Fairly happy

- It's fun and a lot of fun people but not much to do
- Only fairly happy because the bus transport to/from here is expensive and unreliable
- There should be more things for 'youths' to do

Question 15. How often do you use the community facilities in Dorstone?

	Weekly	Monthly	A few times a year	Yearly	Never	Total respondents	Not answered
Village Hall	2	12	3	0	2	19	0
Playing Field	9	8	2	0	0	19	0
Church	1	2	5	7	4	19	0
Dorstone Front Room	2	3	8	1	4	18	1
Youth Club	1	11	1	0	6	19	0
Young Farmers	3	0	0	0	15	18	1



Question 16. If you have any other comments about the Neighbourhood Plan please make them here.

There were 9 comments made.

- A park for older kids/teenagers in the playing fields
- I can't wait to see in 20 years time how the village will be. I think it's very important that we sustain the villages' quietness, ruralness and that it is a countryside town.
- I feel it is important to respect the views of residents but we also should not be scared to innovate. Above all, we must protect Dorstone as the safe haven it is!
- I think at the bottom of the wood at the bottom of the playing field we should have a zip wire and a climbing frame for the older children age 10 and up.
- I think Dorstone is a great place and shouldn't be changed too much. I don't want to see new, modern buildings popping up or even worse old, historic buildings knocked down. When building new houses they should only be kept to the style of those around them. That's the main thing for me. I would also like to see possibly a small village shop with all the household essentials like bread, milk, cheese and potatoes, it would be great if the produce could be locally made or grown.
- I think that you should do what you think I am just giving my thoughts.
- More things for youths to do please
- Protect wildlife more
- The Front Room need to sell useful things

***** End of main report *****

Appendix 1 - Questionnaire