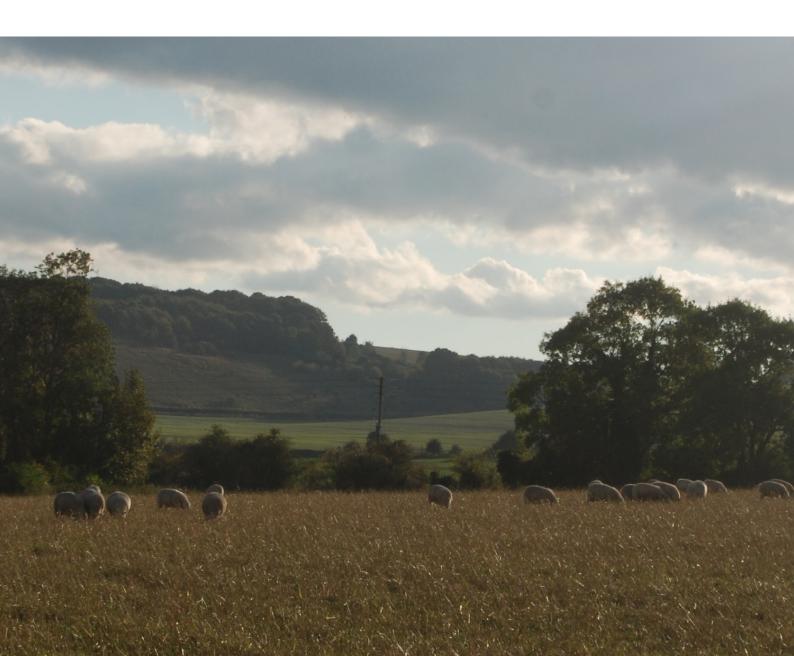
ASTON TIRROLD & ASTON UPTHORPE COMMUNITY LED PLAN

March 2017



THE ASTONS

The adjacent parishes of Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe in South Oxfordshire are separated by the width of a road. Informally known as the Astons, the community behaves as a single entity with shared events and activities and, since May 2015, a joint Parish Council. For example, the recreation ground is in Tirrold, the village hall is in Upthorpe and two of the three churches are in Tirrold. Like other settlements just north of the A417 west of Streatley, the Astons are spring-line villages at the foot of the Berkshire Downs in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This Community Led Plan is the beginning of a community-wide programme to protect and enhance the Astons.

What is the Astons' Community Led Plan?

The Astons' Community Led Plan identifies local issues that are important to people living in the two villages and shows how to make improvements through community action. Action plans will be completed with the cooperation of volunteers and local agencies and organisations. The Astons' CLP addresses important social, economic and environmental issues, such as road safety, land use, housing issues, community facilities, play areas, transport and services.

Below are sections on each of the key issues raised with the views of the villages and action plans after which come results of the 2015 CLP Survey.

Methodology

Following a village-wide meeting in the Village Hall, the Parish Council gave the go-ahead for a CLP and a steering group of volunteers was established under the chairmanship of Naomi Simmonds (CLPSG). The CLPSG canvassed the views of village societies, clubs and organisations before preparing a questionnaire that was completed by almost everyone over the age of 13 in the Astons. The findings were presented at two meetings in the Village Hall.

The CLPSG used the results of the questionnaire and evidence acquired from village organisations and individuals both before its completion and after to write this Community Led Plan, which has now been endorsed by the Astons' Parish Council and South Oxfordshire District Council as an accurate summary of community views.

Many respondents to the questionnaire wrote long-form responses in the open answer boxes provided. We have chosen just a few to include in the body of this document as illustrations of key points.



Village participation rates

Anonymously completed questionnaires were collected from 182 of the 205 occupied households in the Astons, a participation rate of 89%.

SODC's Rural Place Profile shows that, at the time of the 2011 census, there were 375 people living in Aston Tirrold and 180 in Aston Upthorpe; a total of 555 residents of all ages. Most returned questionnaires were from individuals, but some households chose to return a shared questionnaire representing the views of two or more occupants. Consequently the 337 completed questionnaires represents the views of more than 337 resident over age 13.



MAIN FINDINGS

1. Roads & traffic

It's clear that the overwhelming majority of people living in the Astons are worried by road safety matters and, indeed, scared for their own and their families' safety. The key issues concern dangerous junctions, traffic speed, traffic volumes and potholes.

2. Housing & development

The Astons are beautiful villages that might well be made ugly by unnecessary and unsympathetic development. The majority of people in the Astons want to protect the open spaces in the villages, the streetscapes and sense of peace. Responses to the questionnaire include many that showed anger at development decisions made over the last few years.

3. Community

There is a strong sense of community in the Astons that people cherish and wish to enhance by improving the communication of information, encouraging fitness & activities, improving and expanding the network of cycle ways & footpaths, and encouraging good neighbourliness.

4. Environment

Enjoyment of the environment is critical for many. It is reflected in responses to the sections on development and community.

5. Communications & business

Despite efforts to get the best broadband possible, people in the Astons still feel speeds need to improve to make businesses in the villages work well. Mobile phone signals are less good than would be liked.

6. Public transport

For those who need to use public transport, the removal of Oxfordshire County Council's subsidies for the bus routes through the Astons is a blow. Also, many say they would use a well-integrated and frequent bus service to local towns and stations in preference to their cars.

7. Crime & personal safety

People feel safe in the Astons, but there are incidents of crime such as burglary, often from outbuildings, and a general sense that constant vigilance is needed.

It's clear from responses to the questionnaire and discussions with groups and individuals in the Astons that road safety at key junctions and speed of traffic through the villages makes road users fear for their lives. To this can be added concern about the increasing volume of traffic and the poor condition of our roads.

When asked about measures to improve road safety, 83% support a 20mph speed limit within the Astons, 63% support interactive speed warnings at entrances to the villages and 89% support better enforcement of the 7.5t weight restriction. However, some measures were strongly rejected, especially those that would adversely impact the historic streetscape. 71% oppose the introduction of streetlights - dark night skies are important to 87% or residents. 60% oppose the introduction of speed bumps and 53% oppose the introduction of speed cushions.

Dangerous junctions – A417

93% of questionnaire respondents believe visibility at the Chalk Hill and Spring Lane junctions with the A417 is so limited as to be a danger to life. 92% believe there is a risk of collision. 85% want mirrors installed. 90% believe there is a risk of traffic approaching from the Streatley direction hitting stationary vehicles waiting to turn into the Astons. 83% want a reduced speed limit on the A417 along the section that includes the junctions. Villagers and non-villagers have had accidents.

A selection of what villagers wrote:

I have had an accident per the last question (risk of traffic on the A417 heading west colliding with vehicles waiting to turn right into Chalk Hill). Car wrote off.

When going to Reading I use Chalk Hill - it is like Russian Roulette - my husband wrote off his car there.

Oxford CC/Highways are seemingly unconcerned over the manifest dangers of A417 and B4016 junctions.

Chalk Hill exit should definitely have a mirror to check traffic, speeding along the A417.

I have had near misses - particularly getting onto A417 from Chalk Hill. A mirror opposite entrance would be helpful.

The speed of vehicles on the A417 should be controlled to 30/40mph as the junctions at Chalk Hill and Spring Lane are integral to the villages.



My daughter was in a car which was hit from behind while they were waiting to turn right into Chalk Hill. The police said if she had been in a less sturdy car she might have died, so it is a great concern to us. Also the junction at The Croft/Moreton Road is still a nightmare. You have to creep up the Croft.

Dangerous junctions - Croft Corner

This staggered junction in the middle of the village has long been a problem. Drivers on the straight road from South Moreton through the Astons often do not observe the Give Way sign that gives priority to traffic moving between The Croft and Thorpe Street. Cars travelling too fast exacerbate the effect of this. Villagers believe more accidents are certain to occur.

A selection of what villagers wrote:

My main concern is Croft Corner where the give way lines are ignored and people speed through.

The main concern for our family is Croft Corner as people tend to ignore the give way sign.

The junction I think is dangerous, where the Croft meets then Moreton Road. I have had a car written off when it was my right of way and the car on Moreton Road did not stop, this not stopping happens frequently.

Moreton Road requires traffic calming measures.

Junction of Croft Road with Moreton Road is extremely dangerous. Many cars shoot across from South Moreton direction without giving way. A stop sign would be safer - reducing traffic speed. The Croft junction needs to be a stop not give way sign. Drivers coming from South Moreton play chicken at that junction; it's only a matter of time before there's a crash. Some drivers don't even see the junction and drive straight through.

Traffic speed

87% of villagers believe that many vehicles move too quickly through the Astons for the prevailing road conditions. The main concerns are the entry roads into the villages, especially Moreton Road from South Moreton and Hagbourne Road from Bessels Way. Traffic surveys support these fears. 83% would like to see a 20mph speed limit within the Astons.

A selection of what villagers wrote:

Speed calming measures are essential - we are running on luck that additional/fatal accidents have not yet happened.

I think the village should have a speed limit of 15 or 20 mph to protect our children.

Too many drivers speed. We should have a 20mph speed limit.

Excessive speeds approaching the village and very harsh braking are a major issue into the village from Hagbourne Road.

Speed as people come down Chalk Hill past the recreation ground.



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Traffic volume

66% of respondents to the questionnaire are concerned about the growing volume of traffic through the villages. Some comment on the number of HGVs travelling through the Astons without stopping, in contravention of the 7.5t limit. With new housing in Wallingford and Didcot and the growth of the Science Park at Chilton, there's every chance that volumes will increase. Some have suggested better signage in the villages to help visiting motorists.

Potholes

Like communities throughout Oxfordshire and the UK, the Astons suffer from ill maintained road surfaces. Persistent reporting of issues has recently achieved improvements. Residents are urged to report issues at **www.fixmystreet.com**. This doesn't just work for potholes, but problems with verges, drains, safety and overgrown verges as well.



Careful consideration should be given as to the vital impact of the extensive housing development in the area on vehicle movement in the villages and mitigating measures implemented.

Project Team Action

These issues are of the greatest concern to people living in the Astons. A Project Team led by the Parish Council and including people not on the PC will analyse them and recommend ways, however imaginative, to reduce the threat to life and limb. The PC has already commissioned a report on how to calm traffic within the Astons. One possible solution is the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The Project Team has begun to collect data and views that will lead to recommendations for action. A member of the CLP Steering Group has undertaken extensive research on road safety issues, including many discussions with residents. Not all the issues raised by this research are included here, but will be valuable inputs to the road safety initiative led by the Astons Parish Council with the continuing involvement and support of members of the CLP Steering Group.

The Roads & Traffic Project Team needs at least five people. If you're interested to be involved email the CLP Steering Group or contact a member. Details on page 22.

The two civil parishes sit within the boundary of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and outside the Science Vale Development Area. The Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe Conservation Area covers most of both village settlements and includes many listed buildings and some listed walls. It also protects trees. South Oxfordshire District Council designates the Astons as a 'smaller village'.

People who live in the Astons feel strongly about development within the villages. They want to protect views across open paddocks, attractive streetscapes that have taken centuries to develop, houses built as early as Tudor times and churches that are even older. They do not want unsympathetic and disproportionate buildings; many respondents strongly criticised recently approved developments.

Respondents to the questionnaire make it clear that the villages do not want large-scale developments. Further, the vast majority of respondents consider that future housing development should be sympathetic to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Conservation Area.

37% of respondents want no new development at all and 59% want only limited development. 80% of respondents think no more than 20 new homes should be built over the next decade.

Question 65 of the questionnaire asked about the acceptable number of new houses built over the next decade; 53% said they'd be happy with up to 10 and 27% with between 10 and 20. However, concern was expressed about the style of new houses, how sympathetically they are designed to blend into a village with the characteristics of the Astons, where in the villages developments should happen, scale, and affordability.



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Protection of open spaces

86% of respondents to the questionnaire oppose building on green spaces within the village and 75% oppose building on greenfield sites on the edge of the village.



A selection of what villagers wrote:

Please respect this area of outstanding natural beauty. Housing or developing on the green heart of the village should be opposed. It would completely change the character of a village. This is a lovely historic place, let's preserve it for the future.

Essential we protect the character of our open spaces within the village. This is a unique characteristic, not just in Oxfordshire but nationally and internationally.

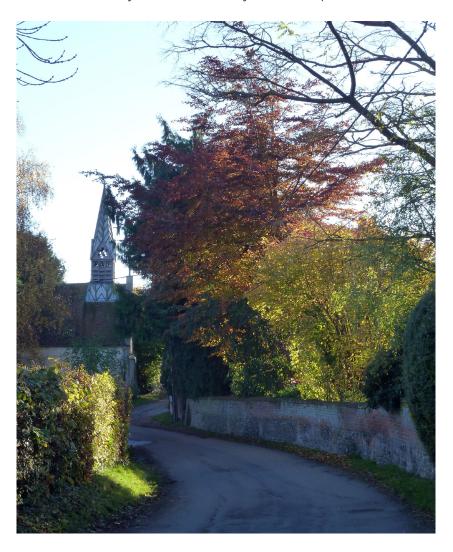
The open spaces inside the village are one of the really special things about this village - we should protect them.



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Strong opposition to overdevelopment

Only 23% of respondents to the questionnaire support building in large gardens and 19% support replacing one house with several on the same plot. 58% support building on brownfield sites. Some respondents made the point that the Astons already have unsafe traffic that can only be exacerbated by overdevelopment.



A selection of what villagers wrote:

Councils should not permit so many bungalows to be made into houses. If they wish people to downsize, then make smaller properties available please.

The recent development of five properties in a small space is ugly and brings a dangerous increase in traffic on an already dangerous set of bends in the road.

[A recent development] The houses are too big for the site. They do not fit into the local vernacular, the access is frightening.

Any extra development increases cars, delivery vans, etc., using very narrow lanes. Journeys to schools, shops, doctors, etc., would all be increased. The lack of public transport means the above is inevitable.

I want to say that development in the village should remain as little as possible, because the greenfield sites are home to wildlife. Unless brown-field sites are used, I strongly disagree with further development.

No multiple housing developments allowed, no more than two houses on plots, size dependant but also space between and around.

I like the village how it is - it's near perfect.
I'd prefer it if no new houses were built.

Retain what makes the Astons special

The community has strong views on what features would be important in any future housing development:

- maintaining the historic village environment is important to 95% of respondents;
- taking account of the historic pattern of buildings and open space is important to 93%;
- being proportionate to the environment: 98%;
- sympathetic to nearby properties: 95%;
- historic character of nearby premises: 91%;
- maintains existing view and vistas: 92%;
- includes off-street parking: 91%;
- provides adequate plot/garden space: 91%.

A selection of what villagers wrote:

Keep the historic value of the village. It builds on the beauty of the open spaces around us.

The style of housing should blend with the village. We do not need people building statement or modern designs.

The size of the village currently is perfect. Too much more development would mean more traffic, less picturesque views and too many people!

There are major developments in nearby Science Vale, with 20,000 new houses being planned. The Astons are a treasure of great historical importance and character. Let's keep it that way - we do not need to spoil this treasure with development.





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Views on size and affordability

61% of respondents to the questionnaire support the development of 1-2 bedroom homes and 53% support 3-4 bedroom homes. Only 13% support the development of homes with 5 or more bedrooms. However, there was more balance between support and opposition for those wanting shared equity and also for and against social housing. There is a bias against private sector rented accommodation. 43% are in favour of retirement/sheltered housing and 20% against, the remainder neither support nor oppose.

When asked specifically about the aged and disabled, 87% of respondents to the questionnaire believe housing designed to meet the needs of older people is important and 81% believe the same for those with disabilities.



support the need for 1 and 2 bedroom homes

A selection of what villagers wrote:

Many wish to stay in the Astons when they retire, become less able to maintain/live in their existing home. We should ensure existing homes are not over developed because we will end up with too many larger homes and insufficient 'downsizing/affordable housing'.

More homes for young adults.

Unlike Blewbury, the Astons does not encourage affordable housing. Only rich 'out of town' people can afford to come here. All our young people have to move away.

Low income families should not be priced out of the village. Small villages lack infrastructure to support much sheltered housing.

Project Team Action

Villagers in the Astons want to influence development so as to keep the villages beautiful and attractive to live in. The Parish Council is the body in the villages most able to influence the outcome of planning applications. It will therefore lead the Project Team. Villagers other than councillors will be involved, too. The outcome looked for is a clear expression of what people in the Astons want to see and what they don't want to see.

The overwhelmingly strong sense of community that comes from the responses to the questionnaire won't surprise those of us who live in the Astons. However, new initiatives can be started and current practices improved.



A selection of what villagers wrote:

The size of the villages means that most people know each other and the community spirit is excellent.

Knowing lots of people, with a real sense of community.

The unspoilt historic feel of the place and the old buildings.

The community spirit. Lots of events and societies, involvement of villagers of all ages.

The pro-active sense of community. There is also going on -Astonbury, APAC, Bonfire Night, etc. and on the whole people get on well.

The active ARC and social events linked especially Astonbury!

Enviable/unique community feel to the village. Although many residents are commuters, it still manages to feel local and close community. Huge amount going on for such a small population. Active community. Very rural feel, sheep grazing in the centre of the village. Winding network of footpaths and access to surrounding countryside.

The lovely sense of community which comes from people pulling together and creating great events from Astonbury, firework nights, village fair, etc.
The majority of people are so welcoming, kind and thoughtful and I enjoy catching up with many of them in our fab local pub - how lucky we are!!



Communications within the Astons

A Project Team will review:

- how well the Astons News works both in print and online;
- newcomers' welcome pack and how it is distributed;
- · making more use of social media;
- preparing, printing and distributing a map of the Astons that shows house names as well as streets and paths.

Fitness & activities

Following the questionnaire and at the subsequent village meetings there is a strong feeling that more sports and activities can be organised in the Astons.

Cycle ways

81% of respondents to the questionnaire showed strong support for improving the network of cycle ways. A Project Team will investigate the feasibility of a cycle network between the Astons and neighbouring villages using current tracks.



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Good neighbourliness

There is strong support for initiatives to encourage good neighbourliness, especially towards older residents and the infirm.

A Project Team will review the following ideas and propose action:

- integrated support for the elderly;
- buddy scheme;
- defibrillator now available at The Sweet Olive and the pavilion;
- training first responders;
- · volunteer drivers;
- encourage weekly GP surgery;
- registers of skills;
- free-share;
- community emergency response plan.

One idea for later is a community shop.

Project Team Action

Four Project Teams will be needed for Community projects:

- Communications within the Astons;
- Fitness & activity;
- Cycle ways;
- Good neighbourliness.

ENVIRONMENT 4



There have been settlements in what are now the Astons for over a thousand years. The springs that led our Anglo-Saxon forebears to build here still flow freely through the ditches that line our lanes. The landscape we see today is a result of man's management and care of the land that has been used for agriculture and recreation for many centuries. The natural environment of the Parish is of great amenity value to residents and attracts many visitors who come to enjoy the flora, fauna, footpaths and outstanding views. This asset needs to be carefully nurtured and treated with respect by all who use it. The houses and streets fit the natural environment well and it's clear that Astons people cherish this beauty and want to protect it.

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Natural Environment Group

A Natural Environment Group will take an interest in how people fit into the environment within the Astons to ensure the heritage we enjoy is passed on for years to come.

Many respondents to the questionnaire would like footpaths in the Astons kept better and, in some cases, adapted to be easier for the elderly and infirm to use. Overhanging trees and thick overgrowth are cited as problems as is poor accessibility for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and buggies. Surfaces of paths need regular attention. There are many footpaths within the villages and from them to neighbouring villages. Not all are in good condition and there could be more created.



There was a good level of support for the idea of renewable energy and the desire to be energy efficient, but less enthusiasm for initiatives that would be inconsistent with being in an AONB. The Natural Environment Group will encourage members of the community who are willing to look into the potential capability and capacity of renewable and low carbon energy generation. The impact of different technologies varies by place and circumstance.

Among other initiatives, it would make sure public benches are clean, litter is picked up, waterways run well, and as little dog mess as possible. There is support, too, for a tree, wildflower and bulbplanting programme in appropriate public places.

The Natural Environment Group will encourage members of the community who are willing to look into the potential capability and capacity of renewable and low carbon energy generation.



Project Team Action

The Natural Environment Group will work closely with other interested groups within the village and be a coordinating body encouraging villagers to take an interest. It needs at least five people.

The questionnaire revealed that mobile telephone and broadband connectivity is a problem for those who always or sometimes work from home. 19% of respondents to the questionnaire work or study at home in the Astons and 7% do so some of the time. 40% of respondents who currently work at home would like better mobile signals and 39% better broadband. 46% of respondents believe better public transport would make it easier to set up new businesses.

Many respondents identified unsatisfactory mobile phone coverage and broadband causing difficulties for home workers. (This last despite excellent work a few years ago to put the Astons at the top of BT's rural roll-out of high-speed broadband.) Further, 74% said that better mobile phone coverage is necessary if the community wants to see more businesses setting up in the villages and 69% made the same comment about broadband. Improved mobile phone signal would also help contractors working in the village and visitors. 66% of respondents supported setting up wifi hotspots in the community.



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Parts of the village have very slow and unreliable internet speeds due to very old and poor quality telephone cables - frequent drop outs and crackly telephone calls

A selection of what villagers wrote:

Infinity broadband is terrible, so slow!

Mobile signal is a real problem for working in village.

Project Team Action

A Project Team will assess the extent to which both mobile telephony and broadband are below acceptable levels and investigate what can be done to improve them.

Oxfordshire County Council's decision to stop subsidising most buses within the county has impacted the few buses scheduled to run through the Astons. Those that regularly use buses need them to get to Wallingford and Didcot and have been disadvantaged by their removal. In addition, the questionnaire revealed that 96% of respondents mostly use their own car for journeys from and to the Astons, but that 43% would like to use buses more.



Project Team Action

The Parish Council is a member of the Downland Villages Transport Group, which is trying to preserve a limited service after the current services ceased on 20th July 2016. The Project Team will explore solutions to the shortage of public transport so that buses might be scheduled to coincide with trains at local stations and provide a better service to Didcot and Wallingford for shopping, doctors' surgeries and so on.

Most crime in the Astons is small scale. Break-ins, often to sheds and out-houses, are the most common and then not often. However, vigilance is needed and responses to the questionnaire support heightening awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by promoting the Thames Valley Police Community Messaging Service and ensuring crimes are mentioned in the Astons News and in email alerts.

The Parish Council has recently initiated an emergency plan for the villages in case of a major accident or disaster.



Project Team Action

A Project Team will encourage closer links to Thames Valley Police, wider awareness of crime in the area, buddy groups for the old and infirm, and the widespread use of SmartWater technology to protect possessions, including those in out-houses. SmartWater kits have already been distributed under a CLP initiative.

YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

If you would like to be involved in any of the above project teams or have comments to make, please contact any member of the CLP Steering Group or any of the Parish Councillors. The Astons intend to use the CLP questionnaire responses and ideas to create greater social inclusion and cohesion.

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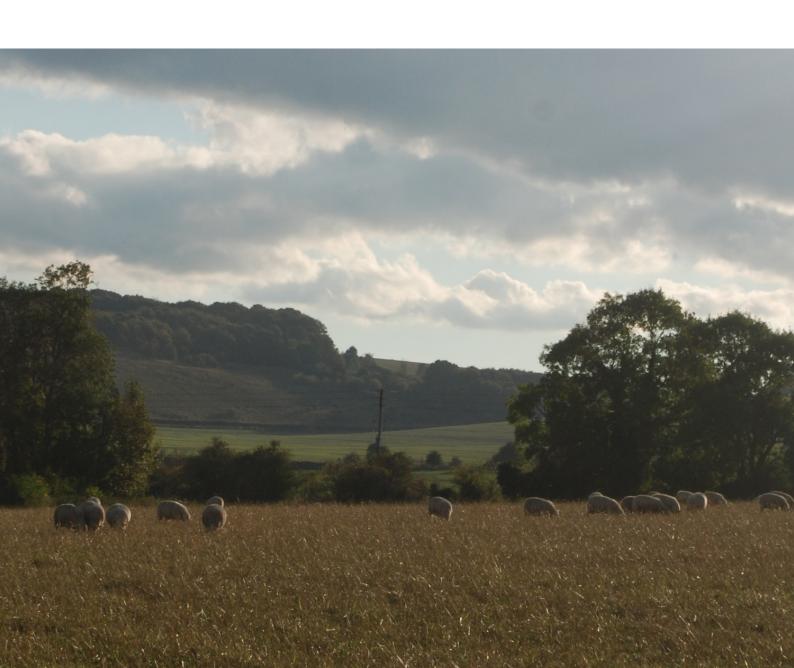
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ASTONS COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY 2015

MARKED UP QUESTIONNAIRE

Total number of responses = 337



Part 1 - Living in the Astons

Q1. What do you like most about living in the Astons? (Please comment in the box below).

306 comments in appendix

Q2. And what do you like least about living in the Astons? (Please comment in the box below).

284 comments in appendix

Part 2 - Community

Q3.	How welcome did you feel when you came to the village? (Please tick one box only).
	Very welcome
Q4.	Did you receive the "welcome" pack when you first came to the village? (Please tick one box only).
	Yes
Q5.	How involved do you feel in village life? (Please tick one box only).
_	Very involved58 (18%) Not very involved
	Fairly involved
Q6.	Would you like to become more or less involved in village life? (Please tick one box only).
	More involved
Q7.	From which of the following do you find out what is happening in and around the Astons? (Please tick all that apply).
	Village website
	Monthly Astons News
	Village noticeboards73 (22%) Astons Twitter
	If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 38 comments in appendix
Q8.	From which of the following would you prefer to find out what is happening?
	(Please tick all that apply). Village website

If you have further comments, please make them in this box:

31 comments in appendix

Q9. Please note that the Astons village website is being replaced later this year and we'd like your views on improvements. What improvements, if any, would you like to see to the Astons website? (Please tick all that apply).

More accurate information	67 (26%)	Blogs	23 (9%)
Information always up-to-date	176 (67%)	Easy editing of pages by non-	27 (10%)
		specialists	
Events calendar	196 (75%)	On-line booking for village	96 (37%)
		facilities	
Easy to follow layout and links	128 (49%)	Photo gallery	105 (40%)
Discussion groups	37 (14%)	Astons history	113 (43%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 61 comments in appendix

Q10. Do you have any suggestions for improving the value of these other means of communications in the Astons? (Please comment in the boxes provided).

Monthly Astons News newsletter
Village noticeboards
Astons eNews

84 comments in appendix
59 comments in appendix
47 comments in appendix

Q11 How often do you attend these regular activities in the Astons? (Please tick one answer for each activity)

	Most	About half	Few events	Never
	events	the events		attend
Astons Cafe	12 (4%)	10 (3%)	99 (33%)	178 (60%)
Astons Online monthly drop-in workshops	5 (2%)	3 (1%)	19 (7%)	262 (91%)
Astons Performing Arts Club	19 (7%)	16 (5%)	47 (16%)	209 (72%)
Book Club	10 (3%)	1 (0%)	5 (2%)	270 (94%)
Cricket Club	10 (3%)	13 (4%)	64 (22%)	207 (70%)
Church services and events	18 (6%)	22 (7%)	120 (40%)	140 (47%)
Garden Club	24 (8%)	8 (3%)	53 (18%)	206 (71%)
History Group	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	27 (9%)	248 (86%)
Parish Council meetings	8 (3%)	2 (1%)	62 (22%)	216 (75%)
Pilates	21 (7%)	1 (0%)	19 (7%)	247 (86%)
Post Office in Village Hall	16 (5%)	30 (10%)	131 (43%)	125 (41%)
Short Mat Bowls	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)	280 (99%)
Soccer Club	6 (2%)	0 (0%)	8 (3%)	273 (95%)
Thursday, Friday or Saturday evenings @ The	26 (9%)	43 (14%)	102 (34%)	131 (43%)
Sweet Olive				
Toddler Group	9 (3%)	5 (2%)	15 (5%)	258 (90%)
WI	14 (5%)	1 (0%)	8 (3%)	269 (92%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 65 comments in appendix

Q12 How often do you attend these occasional activities in the Astons? (Please tick one answer for each activity).

	Most events	About half the	Few events	Never attend
		events		
ARC Safari Supper	62 (21%)	30 (10%)	39 (13%)	165 (56%)
Astonathlon	77 (26%)	25 (8%)	60 (20%)	139 (46%)
Astonbury	165 (53%)	32 (10%)	44 (14%)	70 (23%)
Artweeks exhibitions	49 (17%)	47 (16%)	56 (19%)	142 (48%)
Bonfire Night	190 (59%)	45 (14%)	54 (17%)	34 (11%)

Boules days	51 (18%)	23 (8%)	40 (14%)	176 (61%)
Carol singing around the village	42 (14%)	27 (9%)	45 (16%)	176 (61%)
Christmas Carol Service	102 (34%)	30 (10%)	50 (17%)	116 (39%)
Church Safari Supper	29 (10%)	13 (4%)	28 (10%)	222 (76%)
Garden Safari	55 (18%)	35 (12%)	47 (16%)	161 (54%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 33 comments in appendix

Q13 Are there any other activities you would like in the village? (Please comment in the box below).

89 comments in appendix

Q14 How strongly would you support the following suggested facilities for young people in the Astons? (Please tick one box on each line).

	Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to	Strongly
	support	support	support nor oppose	oppose	oppose
Improve playground facilities for younger children (aged 3-6)	82 (28%)	68 (23%)	128 (43%)	16 (5%)	2 (1%)
Improve playground facilities for older children (aged 7-12)	91 (31%)	76 (26%)	113 (38%)	14 (5%)	2 (1%)
Create a youth club for teenagers	95 (31%)	102 (34%)	96 (32%)	8 (3%)	1 (0%)
Create new facilities and/or activities for teenagers	108 (36%)	102 (34%)	87 (29%)	6 (2%)	0 (0%)
Encourage formation of junior sports clubs	120 (39%)	113 (37%)	71 (23%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)

If in favour of new facilities, activities or sports clubs, please make suggestions in this box:

81 comments in appendix

Q15 Would you like to see young people given more of a say in village affairs? (Please tick one box only).

If in favour, what suggestions do you have? Please make suggestions in this box: 44 comments in appendix

Q16 How strongly would you support the following suggested facilities for the elderly and people with disabilities and/or limited mobility in the Astons?

• •	Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to Strongly
	support	support	support nor	oppose oppose
			oppose	
'Buddy' scheme to support elderly &	139 (45%)	120 (39%)	50 (16%)	1 (0%) 1 (0%)
vulnerable residents				
Improve parking at village facilities	78 (26%)	92 (31%)	124 (41%)	7 (2%) 0 (0%)
Improve access at village facilities	79 (26%)	103 (34%)	110 (37%)	7 (2%) 0 (0%)
Dementia friendly facilities	94 (31%)	131 (43%)	76 (25%)	2 (1%) 2 (1%)
Create new facilities and/or activities	101 (33%)	124 (41%)	75 (25%)	3 (1%) 0 (0%)
for elderly and people with				
disabilities and/or limited mobility				

Q17 Do you have any further suggestions for improving provisions in the Astons for the following? (Please comment in the boxes provided).

removing: (ricase comment in the boxes provided).	
Elderly residents	71 comments in appendix
Residents with disabilities and/or limited mobility	42 comments in appendix
Improve parking at Astons facilities for people with disabilities	31 comments in appendix
and/or limited mobility	
Improve access to Astons facilities for people with disabilities	27 comments in appendix
and/or limited mobility	

Q18 How often do you use the following facilities in the Astons? (Please tick one box per row).

	2 or more	On average	Less than	Never
	times a month	once a month	6 times a year	
Village Hall	43 (14%)	44 (14%)	166 (53%)	60 (19%)
Le Shop at the Sweet Olive	80 (25%)	71 (22%)	82 (26%)	83 (26%)
Pavilion	20 (7%)	39 (13%)	145 (47%)	103 (34%)
Recreation ground	123 (39%)	53 (17%)	107 (34%)	31 (10%)
Children's play area	86 (28%)	30 (10%)	76 (25%)	118 (38%)
Churches	30 (10%)	22 (7%)	144 (46%)	118 (38%)
The Centre for Reflection	12 (4%)	3 (1%)	30 (10%)	258 (85%)

Q19 Would you use any of the following suggested new facilities in the Astons if they were possible? (Please tick one box per row)

	Yes	No
Tennis court	167 (54%)	142 (46%)
Gym/fitness equipment at the rec	167 (55%)	138 (45%)
Cycle track/walking circuit to adjoining villages	252 (81%)	60 (19%)
Skate park	79 (27%)	218 (73%)
Swimming pool	186 (61%)	119 (39%)
Footpath to the pavilion from Lollingdon Track	152 (54%)	132 (46%)
Allotments	75 (25%)	224 (75%)
Community farm	122 (41%)	172 (59%)
Community orchard	143 (48%)	154 (52%)
Village Christmas tree	228 (73%)	84 (27%)

Are there other new facilities that you would support in the Astons? Please make your suggestions in this box:

44 comments in appendix

Q20 How likely would you be to support the following initiatives if they were started in the Astons? (Please tick one box per row).

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	Very likely	Fairly likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely
Cood raighhaus ashara	100 (220/)	1 [7 ([00()	,	,
Good neighbour scheme	100 (32%)	` /	42 (13%)	13 (4%)
Train volunteers to act as first responders	86 (28%)	115 (38%)	72 (24%)	31 (10%)
Community defibrillator to improve	158 (50%)	108 (34%)	36 (11%)	12 (4%)
chances of survival for heart attack		, ,		
victims				
Volunteer drivers to doctor/hospital	90 (29%)	118 (38%)	76 (24%)	28 (9%)
appointments	, ,	, í	` ,	` ,
Weekly surgery in village staffed by a local	120 (38%)	104 (33%)	61 (19%)	31 (10%)
GP practice	,	, ,	, ,	, ,
Village register of skills and expertise	85 (28%)	120 (39%)	75 (24%)	29 (9%)
List of volunteers willing to share their	86 (28%)	132 (42%)	63 (20%)	30 (10%)
skills FREE				
List of volunteers willing to share their	64 (21%)	110 (37%)	79 (26%)	48 (16%)
skills PAID	, ,	, í	, ,	, ,
Freeshare scheme involving garden and	62 (20%)	92 (30%)	102 (34%)	47 (16%)
domestic equipment	, ,		, ,	
Astons response plan for emergencies	133 (42%)	120 (38%)	42 (13%)	20 (6%)
(e.g. power cuts, flooding, etc.)	,	, ,	. ,	` ,
Use of the churches for a wider range of	71 (23%)	127 (40%)	81 (26%)	36 (11%)
village activities				•
	•			

Are there other new initiatives that you would support in the Astons? Please make your suggestions in this box:

19 comments in appendix

Q21 Are the churches within the village important to you for any of the following reasons? (Please tick all that apply).

For worship/spiritual fellowship101 (36%)	Focal point within the 147 (52%)
	community
Baptisms115 (40%)	Historic buildings225 (79%)
Weddings & blessings154 (54%)	Place to hold plays, concerts & 111 (39%)
	other entertainment
Funerals152 (54%)	Quiet contemplation125 (44%)
Church bells177 (62%)	Churchyard140 (49%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 33 comments in appendix

Part 3 - Environment

Q22 How important to your life here are each of the following? (Please tick one box per row)

	Very	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
	important	important	important [*]	important
Living adjacent to working farmland	162 (50%)	91 (28%)	55 (17%)	14 (4%)
Relative peace and quiet	272 (82%)	49 (15%)	7 (2%)	2 (1%)
Distant rural views through gaps between	247 (76%)	55 (17%)	17 (5%)	8 (2%)
properties				
Views from village across open countryside	274 (84%)	40 (12%)	10 (3%)	4 (1%)
Trees and hedgerows around village	254 (78%)	56 (17%)	10 (3%)	5 (2%)
Berkshire Downs	235 (72%)	72 (22%)	14 (4%)	5 (2%)
Green spaces within the village	263 (80%)	52 (16%)	8 (2%)	4 (1%)
Mature trees	254 (78%)	56 (17%)	9 (3%)	5 (2%)
The churchyards	174 (54%)	93 (29%)	40 (12%)	15 (5%)
Footpaths through the village	250 (77%)	65 (20%)	5 (2%)	5 (2%)
Few pavements	151 (47%)	87 (27%)	62 (19%)	19 (6%)
Dark night sky (absence of streetlights	233 (72%)	48 (15%)	22 (7%)	22 (7%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 47 comments in appendix

Q23 Which FOUR measures do you think would most benefit the village environment? (Please tick up to four boxes only).

(I lease tick up to rour boxes only):			
Remove litter166	(50%)	Provide more street bins	93 (28%)
Tidy up road verges161 ((49%)	Improve street furniture e.g.	82 (25%)
		benches, telephone box	
Develop wildflower areas132 ((40%)	Improve road signage	58 (18%)
Stop vehicles damaging verges165 ((50%)	Put electricity wires underground	124 (38%)
Plant more trees74 (2	22%)	None of these	13 (4%)
Plant flowers and shrubs106 ((32%)		

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 62 comments in appendix

Q24 Which of the following would you support if they were set up? (Please tick as many boxes that apply).

Tree planting schemes	168	(60%)
Bulb planting schemes	177	(64%)
Wildflower planting schemes	182	(65%)
Local group to promote environmental improvements and activities in the	111	(40%)
Astons		
Mapping of local biodiversity		25%)
Walking guides	134	(48%)
Updating of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal/Management Plan	75 (2	27%)
documents (Documents are on CLP website (www.theastonsclp.org.uk)		

Q25 How often do you use footpaths through the village and connecting to other villages? (Please tick one box in each column).

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A few times a	Less than once a
				year	year
Within Village	106 (34%)	117 (37%)	44 (14%)	36 (11%)	12 (4%)
Outside Village	36 (13%)	74 (27%)	66 (24%)	67 (25%)	30 (11%)

Q26 What would encourage you to use these paths more often? (Please tick one box for each line).

gree
1%)
2%)
2%)
0%)
•
2%)
,
(4%)
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Do you have further suggestions for improvements? Please make your comments in this box:

Q27 In which of the following is it difficult to use a wheelchair, mobility scooter or buggy/pram? (Please tick all that apply to you).

Does not apply to me	244 (85%)	Rectory Lane	5 (2%)
Aston Street	12 (4%)	Chalk Hill	5 (2%)
Baker Street	5 (2%)	Moreton Road	7 (2%)
The Croft	2 (1%)	Thorpe Street	4 (1%)
Spring Lane	6 (2%)	Hagbourne Road	3 (1%)
Fullers Road	4 (1%)	Footpaths	38 (13%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 24 comments in appendix

Q28 To what extent are any of the following a problem in the village? (Please tick one box for each line).

,	To a great extent	To some extent	To a small extent	Not at all
Litter	39 (13%)	114 (37%)	118 (38%)	37 (12%)
Dog fouling	84 (26%)	138 (43%)	71 (22%)	25 (8%)
Fly tipping	21 (7%)	78 (26%)	113 (37%)	92 (30%)

⁴³ comments in appendix

Q29

	Support strongly	Tend to support	Neither support nor	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose
Using renewable sources of energy in your own property	75 (25%)	93 (31%)	oppose 99 (33%)	21 (7%)	15 (5%)
Group buying of energy if it reduced energy bills	105 (34%)	98 (31%)	84 (27%)	15 (5%)	10 (3%)
Powering Astons communal buildings by renewable energy if it reduces overall costs	110 (36%)	101 (33%)	71 (23%)	16 (5%)	10 (3%)

If you support - which communal buildings should this apply to? Please name them in this box:

60 comments in appendix

Q30 Would you support or oppose the following renewable energy installations in the Astons? (Please tick one box for each line).

	Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to	Strongly
	support	support	support nor	oppose	oppose
Solar/photovoltaic cells on residential buildings	54 (17%)	76 (25%)	oppose 76 (25%)	54 (17%)	49 (16%)
Solar/photovoltaic cells on public buildings	79 (25%)	89 (29%)	69 (22%)	31 (10%)	44 (14%)
Wind turbines on residential buildings	13 (4%)	35 (11%)	58 (19%)	78 (25%)	122 (40%)
Wind turbines on public buildings	20 (6%)	49 (16%)	49 (16%)	71 (23%)	120 (39%)
Air or ground source heat pumps	85 (28%)	78 (26%)	105 (34%)	16 (5%)	21 (7%)

If you have further comments, please make them in this box:

27 comments in appendix

Q31 Would you support or oppose the following developments in the local area? (Please tick one box for each line).

Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to	Strongly
support	support	support nor	oppose	oppose
		oppose		
14 (4%)	44 (14%)	43 (14%)	57 (18%)	156 (50%)
29 (9%)	70 (22%)	64 (20%)	56 (18%)	96 (30%)
10 (3%)	35 (11%)	69 (22%)	63 (20%)	133 (43%)
4 (1%)	7 (2%)	47 (15%)	51 (17%)	198 (64%)
9 (3%)	23 (7%)	51 (16%)	35 (11%)	198 (63%)
	support 14 (4%) 29 (9%) 10 (3%) 4 (1%)	support support 14 (4%) 44 (14%) 29 (9%) 70 (22%) 10 (3%) 35 (11%) 4 (1%) 7 (2%)	support support support nor oppose 14 (4%) 44 (14%) 43 (14%) 29 (9%) 70 (22%) 64 (20%) 10 (3%) 35 (11%) 69 (22%) 4 (1%) 7 (2%) 47 (15%)	support support support nor oppose 14 (4%) 44 (14%) 43 (14%) 57 (18%) 29 (9%) 70 (22%) 64 (20%) 56 (18%) 10 (3%) 35 (11%) 69 (22%) 63 (20%) 4 (1%) 7 (2%) 47 (15%) 51 (17%)

Q32	Do you have any further comments about the Astons' environment? (Pl them in the box below). 24 comments in appendix	ease make
Q33	Are you satisfied with waste collection services? Yes	
Q34	Are there specific places within the parishes that you consider warrant protection and/or management? (Please state them in the box below). 70 comments in appendix	particular
	Part 4 - Communications & Business	
Q35	Where do you usually work/study? (Please tick one box only). Not applicable I work/study mostly from home I work/study locally (e.g. Wallingford/Didcot) I work 50:50 at home and away I work/study further afield (e.g. Reading/Oxford/London) If you have further comments, please make them in this box:	62 (19%) 61 (19%) 24 (7%)
	19 comments in appendix	
Q36	What factors would make it easier for you to work/study from home? (Fall that apply). Not applicable Better mobile phone signal Improved fibre broadband Better parking for clients Networking opportunities within the community Improved public transport to and from village Facility to arrange shared runs to station More reliable power supplies Making Village Hall more available as an on-line hub and meeting place If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 30 comments in appendix	139 (46%) 122 (40%) 119 (39%) 9 (3%) 15 (5%) 49 (16%) 20 (7%) 10 (3%)
Q37	What factors would make it easier for more business to set up in the core (Please tick all that apply). Better mobile phone signal/service Improved fibre broadband Better parking for clients Networking opportunities within the community. Improved public transport to and from village Facility to arrange shared runs to station More reliable power supplies Making Village Hall more available as an on-line hub and meeting place. If you have further comments, please make them in this box: 22 comments in appendix	195 (74%) 182 (69%) 62 (24%) 43 (16%) 120 (46%) 43 (16%) 25 (10%)
Q38	Do you use a mobile phone? (Please tick one box only). Yes	8 (2%)

Q39 If yes, how would you rate your mobile phone coverage in your house, your garden and around the village? (Please tick one box in each column).

	Very good	Fairly good	Not very	No good at	Don't know
			good	all	
Mobile coverage - House	67 (21%)	112 (35%)	78 (25%)	59 (19%)	0 (0%)
Mobile coverage - Garden	64 (21%)	144 (47%)	74 (24%)	23 (8%)	0 (0%)
Mobile coverage - Village	43 (14%)	140 (47%)	87 (29%)	19 (6%)	11 (4%)

Which is your provider? Please state in this box: 210 comments in appendix

Q40	For which of the following do you use broadband? (Please tick all that apply). I don't use the internet
Q41	How satisfied are you with the broadband speed you are getting? (Please tick one box only). Very satisfied
Q42	Is your broadband a fibre optic superfast broadband? (Please tick one box only). Yes
Q43	Would you support setting up Wi-Fi hot spots for communal use in parts of the Astons? (Please tick one box only). Yes

Part 5 - Public Transport

Q44 Which of the following modes of transport do you use to travel to and from the Astons?

	Own/	Car lift	Taxi	Commer-	Motor-	Local bus	Cycle	Walk
	family	from		cial	bike/	service		
	car	friend/		vehicle	scooter			
		neighour						
Modes of transport - tick	305	57	129	7	9	41	120	163
all that apply	(94%)	(18%)	(40%)	(2%)	(3%)	(13%)	(37%)	(50%)
Modes of transport - tick	222	2	0	1	3	1	2	1
one used most often	(96%)	(1%)	(0%)	(0%)	(1%)	(0%)	(1%)	(0%)

Q45	And which of the following mo (Please tick all that apply).	odes of transport would you like to use more often?				
	Own/family car			• •		
	Car lift from friend/neighbour Taxi	` ,	Local bus service Cycle	` ,		
	Commercial vehicle		Walk	• •		
Q46	How often do you use the local					
	Daily		A few times a year Never			
	Weekly Monthly	` ,	Nevel	243 (74%)		
Q47	Which, if any, changes to bus sapply).	services wo	ould you welcome? (Please tick	all that		
	More regular service to Didcot dur	ing the day.		136 (56%)		
	More regular service to Didcot dur					
	More flexible services using smalle			` ,		
	Bus shelters Services timed to link with specific					
	More regular service to Wallingfor			` ,		
	Services to stop close to doctors'					
	If you have further comments, p 27 comments in appendix	olease make	them in this box:			
Q48	If you use the train, which state Cholsey					
	Didcot					
	If other, please state which in the 3 comments in appendix	nis box:				
Q49	How likely would you be to use			it were		
	more available? (Please tick o Very likely			61 (20%)		
	Fairly likely					
Q50	Have you any further commen		blic transport to and from the	Astons?		
	(Please make them in the box 36 comments in appendix	pelow).				
	Part 6 - Roads, Tra	ffic, Crim	e and Personal Safety			

Our village roads now carry far more vehicles than they were designed for and many villagers have expressed concerns about traffic and road safety. Please note that Oxfordshire County Council has told the Parish Council that there is no longer a road safety budget; further, they are not able to progress a request for road mirrors. The budget for refurbishment of road markings has been exhausted. We, nevertheless, consider it is valuable to collect views of the community for the future.

How satisfied are you with the current safety of roads in the Astons? (Please tick Q51 one box only).

Very satisfied	11 (3%)	Fairly dissatisfied	101 (31%)
Fairly satisfied	119 (36%)	Very dissatisfied	43 (13%)
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.	57 (17%)		

Q52 Please indicate how concerned you are with each of the following. (Please tick one box on each line).

box on each me,				
	Very	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
	concerned	concerned	concerned	concerned
Volume of traffic passing through	99 (30%)	116 (36%)	97 (30%)	13 (4%)
village				
Speed of vehicles travelling through village	181 (55%)	104 (32%)	36 (11%)	8 (2%)
	150 (460/)	106 (220/)	61 (100/)	0 (20/)
Size of vehicles passing through village	150 (46%)	106 (33%)	61 (19%)	9 (3%)
Safety for pedestrians on village roads	135 (42%)	125 (39%)	50 (16%)	11 (3%)
Safety for cyclists on local roads	121 (38%)	136 (42%)	52 (16%)	12 (4%)
Safety for children using village roads	166 (51%)	122 (38%)	27 (8%)	9 (3%)
(footballs, scooters, etc.)				
Safety for elderly/those with	141 (44%)	136 (42%)	37 (11%)	9 (3%)
disabilities/limited mobility using roads				
Potholes and road subsidence	211 (65%)	82 (25%)	28 (9%)	6 (2%)
Flooding on local roads	102 (32%)	124 (39%)	81 (25%)	14 (4%)
Mud on roads	40 (13%)	78 (25%)	168 (53%)	30 (9%)
Damaged verges	77 (24%)	116 (36%)	101 (32%)	24 (8%)
Parking on village roads	69 (22%)	112 (35%)	110 (35%)	27 (8%)
Speed at junction of Hagbourne Road	127 (39%)	112 (35%)	70 (22%)	13 (4%)
with B4016 (Bessel's Way)		, ,		
Visibility at junction of Hagbourne Road	166 (51%)	102 (31%)	45 (14%)	11 (3%)
with B4016 (Bessel's Way)	, ,	, ,	` ,	
Risk of collisions at junctions of A417	223 (70%)	71 (22%)	20 (6%)	6 (2%)
near Chalk Hill & Spring Lane	l i i	` '	,	, ,
Speed at the junctions of A417 with	219 (68%)	75 (23%)	22 (7%)	6 (2%)
Chalk Hill & Spring Lane		, ,	,	, ,
Visibility at the junctions of A417 with	240 (74%)	61 (19%)	17 (5%)	5 (2%)
Chalk Hill & Spring Lane (e.g. risk to		` '	,	, ,
road users pulling out into path of A417				
traffic)				
Risk of A417 traffic colliding with the	210 (65%)	81 (25%)	27 (8%)	5 (2%)
rear of vehicles waiting to turn right		(/	(- //	
into Chalk Hill				
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If you have any particular concerns or further comments, please make them in this box: 75 comments in appendix

Here is a list of measures which could be considered to improve road safety in and around the Astons. Please indicate how strongly you support or oppose each suggestion. (Note that some of these would require fundraising and/or increasing the part of our council tax which forms the parish precept).

Q53	This question concerns traffic	c speed. (P	lease tick	one box on e	ach line).	
		Strongly support	Tend to support	Neither support nor oppose	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose
	20mph speed limit on village roads	188 (59%)	76 (24%)	29 (9%)	19 (6%)	9 (3%)
	Road narrowing/pinch points Install street lighting in the Astons	75 (24%) 30 (10%)	64 (21%) 16 (5%)	65 (21%) 42 (13%)	69 (22%) 54 (17%)	37 (12%) 170 (54%)
	Install speed humps (across the whole road)	47 (15%)	25 (8%)	55 (17%)	56 (18%)	133 (42%)
	Install speed cushions (centre of each carriageway)	32 (10%)	56 (18%)	56 (18%)	55 (18%)	109 (35%)
	Interactive speed warning signs on approaches to the Astons	97 (31%)	101 (32%)	50 (16%)	28 (9%)	37 (12%)
	Halt sign for traffic entering village on Hagbourne Rd at Thorpe St junction	90 (29%)	84 (27%)	102 (33%)	19 (6%)	18 (6%)
Q54	This question concerns throu					
		Strongly		Neither suppo		- .
	Deter HGVs (e.g. by	support 212 (66%)	support 74 (23%)	nor oppose 31 (10%)		
	enforcement of weight limit)	212 (00 70)	74 (23 70)	31 (10 /0)	3 (170)	2 (170)
	Improve direction signs in the Astons	99 (32%)	101 (32%)	91 (29%)	11 (4%) 11 (4%)
Q55	This question concerns road	maintenanc	e. (Please	tick one bo	x on each l	ine).
		Strongly support	Tend to support	Neither support nor	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose
				oppose		
	Press for cleaner roads and drains	129 (40%)	102 (32%		3 (1%)	2 (1%)
	Press for more effective road repairs	228 (70%)	69 (21%)	25 (8%)	2 (1%)	2 (1%)
	Pay for pothole repairs ourselves	48 (15%)	64 (20%)	74 (23%)	72 (23%)	62 (19%)
Q56	This question concerns safety line).	y at A417 ju	ınctions. (Please tick o	one box on	each
	•	Strongly support	Tend to support	Neither support nor oppose	Tend to oppose	Strongly oppose
	Install mirrors for drivers to see approaching traffic before pulling out	•) 71 (22%)		10 (3%)	1 (0%)
	Reduce speed limits on A417 at junctions with roads into the Astons	177 (56%)) 82 (26%)	40 (13%)	14 (4%)	4 (1%)
	Install traffic lights on A417 at junctions with roads into the Astons	54 (17%)	29 (9%)	74 (24%)	71 (23%)	81 (26%)
	Install 'Be prepared to stop' and traffic queue sign on A417 approach from Goring before Chalk Hill junction	161 (51%) 98 (31%)) 44 (14%)	6 (2%)	9 (3%)

Q57	Do you have any other suggestions or concerns on roads, traffic or road safety not already covered above? (Please comment in the box below). 56 comments in appendix
Q58	This question is for drivers only. Do you find the traffic mirror at the junction of Hagbourne Rd with A4016 (Bessel's Way) helpful? (Please tick one box only). Yes
Q59	How concerned are you about current levels of crime in the village? Very concerned

Not at all concerned...... 26 (8%)

unpleasant and there are a number of measures which could impro	ve safety
further. (Please tick as many as you support).	
Encourage every household to join Neighbourhood Watch	222 (73%)
Encourage every household to link to the Thames Valley Police Community	/ 177 (58%)
Messaging Service	
Encourage every household to tag valuables with Smart Water	103 (34%)
Publicise and encourage use of the 101 non-emergency number to tell poli	ice 207 (68%)
about anything suspicious	
Arrange and publicise opportunities to meet local Community Support office	cers 113 (37%)
in the village	
Provide regular crime updates on the Village website	186 (61%)
Provide regular crime updates in the Village News	210 (69%)
Encourage use of movement sensitive lighting	137 (45%)
Encourage everyone to know which neighbours to turn to in an emergency	, 202 (66%)
Publicise and encourage use of the fly-tipping hotline	155 (51%)

While crime rates are low in the Astons, personal experiences of crime are always

Q61 Do you have any personal experience of crime within the village? Please outline, if you wish in the box below.

and stolen dogs.....

Publicise and encourage use of websites like www.dogwatchalert.com for lost 150 (49%)

58 comments in appendix

Q60

Q62 Do you have any other concerns you would like to raise about crime or any suggestions for how to make the Astons even safer? (Please comment in the box below).

17 comments in appendix

Part 7 - Housing and Development

The Astons are currently classified as a "Smaller Village" by South Oxfordshire District Council and therefore does not have an allocation of new housing. It is likely that this will change as a result of a current SODC review responding to a central government requirement for many more houses. Communities cannot block future allocation but we understand that their wishes in terms of the nature and location of new housing within villages will be taken into consideration.

Please note: Affordable housing can be rented or part-bought (shared ownership) from a Housing Association; it is for those who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market, or who would have significant financial difficulties in doing so.

Q63 Do you envisage needing different housing in the Astons in the future? (Please tick one box only).

I don't expect to need a different property	229 (71%)
I expect to need a smaller property	67 (21%)
I expect to need a larger property	26 (8%)

Which of the following comes closest to what you would like to see in the Astons in the next decade? (Please tick one box only).

I wish to see no development of new housing	122 (37%)
I only wish to see limited development of new housing	193 (59%)
I wish to see considerable development of new housing	13 (4%)

Q65 Given that some development in the Astons is highly likely in the next decade, how many houses do you think should be built in the Astons? Note there are approximately 230 houses in Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe at present. (Please tick one box only).

Up to 10	170 (53%)	31 to 50	14 (4%)
11 to 20	88 (27%)	More than 50	7 (2%)
21 to 30	43 (13%)		

Q66 Please indicate how strongly you would support or oppose future development on each of the following types of site. (Please tick one box for each line).

	Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to	Strongly
	support	support	support	oppose	oppose
		ı	nor oppose		
Large gardens of existing houses	19 (6%)	55 (17%)	81 (25%)	58 (18%)	108 (34%)
Replacing one house with several	11 (3%)	51 (16%)	70 (22%)	66 (21%)	122 (38%)
On green spaces within the village	7 (2%)	12 (4%)	28 (9%)	53 (17%)	218 (69%)
On land which is already occupied	67 (21%)	118 (37%)	67 (21%)	21 (7%)	48 (15%)
by buildings e.g. farm buildings					
(brownfield sites)					
In fields on the edges of the	11 (3%)	33 (10%)	34 (11%)	51 (16%)	187 (59%)
village (greenfield sites)					

Q67 Please indicate how strongly you would support or oppose future development of each of the following. (Please tick one box for each line).

	Strongly	Tend to	Neither	Tend to	Strongly
	support	support	support nor	oppose	oppose
			oppose		
1-2 bedroom homes	82 (26%)	110 (35%)	62 (20%)	24 (8%)	34 (11%)
3-4 bedroom homes	45 (15%)	116 (38%)	76 (25%)	23 (8%)	42 (14%)
5 or more bedroom homes	13 (4%)	27 (9%)	85 (29%)	65 (22%)	105 (36%)
Shared equity/ownership	28 (9%)	77 (26%)	89 (30%)	44 (15%)	58 (20%)
homes					
Affordable (social) housing	42 (14%)	73 (24%)	79 (26%)	38 (12%)	77 (25%)
as defined above					
Private sector rented homes	15 (5%)	41 (14%)	120 (40%)	54 (18%)	67 (23%)
Retirement/sheltered homes	42 (14%)	89 (29%)	115 (37%)	34 (11%)	28 (9%)

Other, please write in this box: 40 comments in appendix

Q68 How important do you consider the following features for future housing development? (Please tick one box per row).

	Very	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
	important	important	important	important
Housing designed to meet the needs of	95 (31%)	174 (56%)	31 (10%)	9 (3%)
older people				
Housing designed to meet the needs of	84 (28%)	162 (53%)	48 (16%)	10 (3%)
people with disabilities				
Is sympathetic to historic setting	209 (67%)	79 (25%)	21 (7%)	4 (1%)
Is sympathetic to the historic character of	201 (65%)	81 (26%)	22 (7%)	3 (1%)
nearby premises				
Maintains the historic village environment	210 (69%)	81 (26%)	12 (4%)	3 (1%)
Takes account of historic pattern of	211 (69%)	73 (24%)	19 (6%)	3 (1%)
buildings and open space				
Takes account of the absence of pavements	160 (52%)	103 (34%)	33 (11%)	9 (3%)
Takes account of road junctions with limited	185 (60%)	103 (34%)	15 (5%)	3 (1%)
width & sightlines				
Use of traditional building materials	178 (57%)	92 (30%)	34 (11%)	6 (2%)
Is sympathetic to immediate environment	214 (69%)	83 (27%)	8 (3%)	3 (1%)
Is sympathetic to nearby properties	212 (69%)	79 (26%)	14 (5%)	3 (1%)
Is proportionate to the environment	217 (71%)	83 (27%)	5 (2%)	2 (1%)
Includes off-street parking spaces	186 (60%)	94 (31%)	20 (6%)	8 (3%)
Provides adequate plot/garden space	169 (55%)	104 (34%)	29 (9%)	5 (2%)
Meets high environmental standards	163 (54%)	109 (36%)	27 (9%)	4 (1%)
Maintains existing views and vistas	208 (68%)	74 (24%)	22 (7%)	3 (1%)

Please list here any other features that you think should be considered? 29 comments in appendix

Q69 How important do you consider the following feature for future housing development - Is sympathetic to North Wessex Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Note the definition of AONB: An outstanding landscape whose distinctive character and natural beauty are so precious that it is in the nation's interest to safeguard them. (Landscapes for Life).

Very important23.0 (74%)	Not very important	11 (4%)
Fairly important	Not at all important	5 (2%)

Q71 Do you have any further comments about development in the villages. (Please state in the box below).

55 comments in appendix

Part 8 - Background Information

The following questions are to provide understanding of the attitudes of groups within the village, for example, older residents compared with younger residents. They will not be used to identify individual responses.

Q72	Are you?	
	Male136 (43%)	Female184 (58%)

Q73 Please indicate your age. (Please tick one box only).

Under 16	14 (4%)	35 to 4462 (19%)	65 to 7450 (16%)
16 to 24	29 (9%)	45 to 5449 (15%)	Over 7521 (7%)

Q74	How long have you lived in the Astons? (Please tick one box only).			
•	<pre><1 year</pre>			
Q75	Which parish do you live in? (Please tick one box only). Aston Tirrold213 (67%) Aston Upthorpe104 (33%)			
Q76	Which of the following best describes you? (Please tick one box only). Full-time student			
Q77	Do you have a disability or a long-term health issue that impacts on your day to day life? (Please tick one box only). Yes			
Q78	If 'yes', would any of the following help you in your day to day life if they could be made available? (Please tick all that apply). Picking up shopping			
THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD ONLY BE ANSWERED BY THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD TO AVOID DUPLICATION				
Q79	Please indicate the number of each of the following categories in your household. (Please insert numbers in the boxes as applicable). Result to follow			
Q80	Do you have any dogs in your household? (Please tick one box only). Yes94 (42%) No			
Q81	Please add here any further comments, ideas and opinions about the questionnaire and its topics if you wish. 28 comments in appendix			