

THE ASTONS VILLAGE APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather some details on what your household thinks about matters affecting the villages and village life, such as housing, leisure, transport, traffic and many others. It has been devised by the Village Appraisal Committee.

The information gathered will be useful in drawing an accurate portrait of the villages as they are now, for the information and interest of both current and future residents. It will also be extremely valuable in giving guidance when deciding what developments or improvements, if any, would be considered advantageous to the villages as a whole.

Questionnaires are being delivered by hand, and they will be collected after a few days, when you have had time to think about the questions. We have tried to make them as simple as possible, but please ask the Collector for help if there is anything you're not sure about. Please also make any additional comments on the back page - we would welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Please note that your name does not appear on the form, and your answers will be entirely confidential. A full summary will be published in due course.

SECTION I: HOUSEHOLD

This section is to be completed by one household representative.

How many people including children normally live in your household.....

Please enter below the number of people in your household in each age group:

Age	0 - 4	5 - 10	11 - 16	17 - 21	22 -39	40 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 74	75+
Male									
Female									

Part 1: Housing

1.1 How long has your household lived at this address: *(tick one box only)*

- a) Less than a year
- b) 1 - 5 years
- c) 6 - 15 years
- d) 16 - 25 years
- e) 26 - 50 years
- f) 51+ years

1.2 Is this dwelling: *(tick one box only)*

- a) Detached
- b) Semi-detached
- c) Terraced
- d) End of terrace

1.3 How many bedrooms does your dwelling have: *(tick one box only)*

- a) 1
 - b) 2
 - c) 3
 - d) 4
 - e) 5
 - f) 6
 - g) 7
 - h) 8
 - i) 8+
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1.4 Has any member of your household moved from the village in the last 5 years:

- a) Yes
 - b) No
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If yes go to question 1.5, if no go to question 2.1

1.5 For which of the following reasons did they leave:

- a) Lack of suitable housing
 - b) Lack of suitable job
 - c) Difficulty in getting to work
 - d) Further education
 - e) Getting married
 - f) Other *(please specify on back page)*
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Part 2: Education

2.1 If you have children of primary school age, do they attend:

- a) State school
 - b) Independent school
 - c) Both
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2.2 If you have children of secondary school age, do they attend:

- a) State school
 - b) Independent school
 - c) Both
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Part 3: Transport & Highways

3.1 How many motorised vehicles are there in your household (including cars, lorries, vans and motor-cycles) *(enter number)*:

Number

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END OF SECTION I

Please go to Section II (adult) or Youth Questionnaire (aged 11-17 inc)

SECTION II: PERSONAL

Please make sure that each adult member of the household aged 18 and over fills in one column. For example Person 1 will always put their answers in column 1, Person 2 in column 2 and so on throughout the questionnaire.

Part 1: People

1.1 Sex: *(tick one box only)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Male						
b) Female						

1.2 What age group do you belong to: *(tick one box only)*

a) 18 - 21						
b) 22 - 39						
c) 40 - 59						
d) 60 - 64						
e) 65 - 74						
f) 75+						

1.3 Where did you spend most of your childhood (up to 17): *(tick one box only)*

a) In these villages						
b) Outside these villages						

Part 2: Housing

2.1 Is your present accommodation suitable for your needs?

a) Yes						
b) No						
c) No Opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 2.1

2.2 During the next 10 years would you like to see the housing stock of the villages (currently about 225 houses):

a) Remain the same						
b) Increase by up to 10 dwellings						
c) Increase by up to 30 dwellings						
d) Increase by up to 50 dwellings						
e) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 2.2

2.3 What kind of additional housing do you think the villages need: (tick more than one box if appropriate)

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) No housing is needed						
b) Housing for young people						
c) Large family housing						
d) Housing for the elderly						
e) Housing for local people						
f) Housing for low income families ...						
g) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 2.3

2.4 Within the villages do you think there is sufficient accommodation for disabled people?

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 2.4

2.5 Do you think there are enough houses for first-time buyers in the villages?

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 2.5

Part 3: Employment

3.1 Are you at present: (tick one box only to show main answer)

a) Employed						
b) Self-employed						
c) Unemployed						
d) In government training scheme						
e) In full-time education						
f) Wholly retired						
g) Un-waged housewife/husband						
h) Permanently sick/disabled						
i) Other						

3.2 If you are earning, is your work: (tick one box only)

a) Unskilled.....						
b) Semi-skilled.....						
c) Skilled.....						
d) Clerical.....						
e) Professional/Managerial.....						

3.3 Where is your main place of work or study: *(tick one box only)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) At home.....						
b) Elsewhere in the villages.....						
c) Outside villages/within 10 miles.....						
d) Within 11-30 miles.....						
e) Over 30 miles.....						

3.4 What is your major means of transport to work or study: *(tick one box only)*

a) Car.....						
b) Van.....						
c) Bus.....						
d) Train.....						
e) Motor-cycle.....						
f) Bicycle.....						
g) On foot.....						
h) Other.....						
i) Not applicable.....						

3.5 Would you like to see more jobs becoming available in the villages:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 3.5

3.6 If a few cottage industries/workshops were proposed for the villages, what would your likely reaction be: *(tick one box only)*

a) In favour.....						
b) Against.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 3.6

Part 4: Local Facilities

4.1 If the facilities of the local Schools were to be available out of school hours, would you like to see them used for:

a) A creche.....						
b) Swimming.....						
c) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						
d) No opinion.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 4.1

Part 5: Local Countryside and Environment

5.1 How often do you use the public footpaths and bridleways of the parishes: *(tick one box only)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Daily.....						
b) Weekly.....						
c) Monthly.....						
d) About twice a year.....						
e) About once a year.....						
f) Never.....						

5.2 Can you usually follow the footpaths and bridleways in the parishes without much difficulty:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) Don't know.....						

(If no go to 5.3) Please write any comments on back page, marked 5.2

5.3 If no, what are the difficulties: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) Farm animals.....						
b) No stiles or gates.....						
c) Barbed wire.....						
d) Mud or water.....						
e) Crops in fields.....						
f) Bushes or nettles.....						
g) No signposts.....						
h) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

5.4 Would you like to see maps of public footpaths and bridleways displayed in the villages:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

5.5 Whom do you think should take responsibility for protecting the countryside of the villages/parishes: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) All of us.....						
b) Landowners and farmers.....						
c) Local authorities.....						
d) The government.....						
e) Don't know.....						

5.6 Do you think there is a problem with dog fouling in the villages:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

5.7 Should dogs be allowed on the Recreation Ground:

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 5.7

5.8 Do the villages suffer from any of the following types of disturbance: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) Traffic Noise.....						
b) Motor cycle scrambling.....						
c) Clay pigeon shooting.....						
d) Farm animals.....						
e) Anti-social behaviour.....						
f) None.....						
g) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

5.9 What do you think could be done with the roads, lanes and paths to make the local countryside better:

for Very Important write 1 in your own column
for Worth Doing write 2 in your own column
for Not Necessary write 3 in your own column
for Don't Know write 4 in your own column

a) Remove litter.....						
b) Keep roadside verges clean & tidy....						
c) Let roadside verges grow for wildlife						
d) Stop vehicle damage to road verges...						
e) Signpost paths and bridleways.....						
f) Repair gates stiles and bridges.....						
g) Open more footpaths and bridleways.						
h) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

Part 6: Health and Social Services

6.1 Have you used any of the following services which cover the villages/parishes in the last 5 years:

for Often write 1 in your own column
for Occasionally write 2 in your own column
for Never write 3 in your own column

a) Doctor.....						
b) District Nurse.....						
c) Health Visitor.....						
d) Home help.....						
e) Ambulance.....						
f) Maternity care.....						
g) Loan of medical equipment.....						
h) Meals on wheels.....						

Part 7: Emergency, Environment and Other Services

7.1 Do you regard the police coverage of these villages to be: *(tick one box only)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Good.....						
b) Reasonable.....						
c) Poor.....						
d) No opinion.....						

7.2 What is your opinion of the following services in the villages/parishes:

for Good write 1 in your own column
for Reasonable write 2 in your own column
for Poor write 3 in your own column
for No Opinion write 4 in your own column

a) Road maintenance.....						
b) Road cleaning.....						
c) Verge maintenance.....						
d) Refuse collection.....						
e) Provision of litter bins.....						
f) Telephone kiosk's reliability.....						
g) Domestic water quality.....						
h) Storm water drainage.....						
i) Provision of seats.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 7.2

7.3 What are your views on the service provided by the:

for Good write 1 in your own column
for Reasonable write 2 in your own column
for Poor write 3 in your own column
for No Opinion write 4 in your own column

a) Electricity company.....						
b) Water company.....						
c) Gas company.....						
d) Telephone company.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 7.3

7.4 Does the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme operate effectively:

a) Yes					
b) No.....					
c) No opinion					

Please write any comments on back page, marked 7.4

7.5 Do you think that enough is being done to maintain the character of the Downs as an integral part of the parishes:

Pers 1 Pers 2 Pers 3 Pers 4 Pers 5 Pers 6

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 7.5

Part 8: Retail Services and Other Facilities

8.1 Do you use the following facilities:

for Often write 1 in your own column
 for Occasionally write 2 in your own column
 for Never write 3 in your own column

a) Supermarkets in Wallingford.....						
b) Supermarkets in Didcot.....						
c) Supermarkets elsewhere.....						
d) Local shops in Blewbury.....						
e) Local shops in East Hagbourne....						
f) Post offices outside Aston Tirrold...						

8.2 If you use the local Post Office, please say what for: (tick more than one box if appropriate)

a) Postal services.....						
b) Pensions/allowances.....						
c) Giro bank/savings certificates, etc..						
d) TV licence/other bills.....						
e) Information leaflets.....						
f) Other services.....						

8.3 Do you think the villages need any of the following facilities:

a) Village shop.....						
b) Mobile shop(s).....						
c) Other (please specify on back page)						

Part 9: Sport, Social and Entertainment

9.1 Do you use the following facilities:

for Often write 1 in your own column
 for Occasionally write 2 in your own column
 for Never write 3 in your own column

a) Village Hall.....						
b) Recreation Ground.....						
c) Village Pub.....						
d) Village Churches.....						
e) U R C Hall.....						

9.2 Which clubs would you like to see formed in the villages: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Gardener's society.....						
b) Rambling club.....						
c) Painting and drawing.....						
d) Drama.....						
e) Choral society.....						
f) Music society.....						
g) Band.....						
h) Photography.....						
i) Bell ringing.....						
j) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

9.3 Would you like to see a hard surface facility on the Recreation Ground for:

a) Tennis.....						
b) Netball.....						
c) 5-a-side football.....						
d) Roller skating.....						
e) Skateboarding.....						
f) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

9.4 Would/do you use any of the following facilities at the Village Hall:

a) Badminton.....						
b) Aerobics/Keep fit.....						
c) Self-defence.....						
d) Indoor bowls.....						
e) Country Dancing.....						
f) Table Tennis.....						
g) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

Part 10: Transport and Highways

10.1 Do you have problems travelling to and from the villages for: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) Taking children to school						
b) Travelling to work.....						
c) Shopping.....						
d) Social and leisure activities.....						
e) Other.....						
f) Not at all.....						

10.2 Is street parking a road hazard in the villages:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 10.2

10.3 Would you be prepared to take part in a scheme to share private vehicles for:

for Often write 1 in your own column
 for Occasionall write 2 in your own column
 for Never write 3 in your own column

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Shopping.....						
b) School.....						
c) Social or leisure.....						
d) Work.....						

10.4 Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) Routes.....						
b) Timing.....						
c) Frequency.....						
d) Reliability.....						

10.5 If you use the rail service, what do you use it for and how often:

for Often write 1 in your own column
 for Occasionall write 2 in your own column
 for Never write 3 in your own column

a) Work.....						
b) Shopping.....						
c) Medical visits.....						
d) Social or leisure.....						
e) Other <i>(please specify on back page)</i>						

10.6 Do you think vehicles travel too fast in the villages:

a) Yes						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion						

Please write any comments on back page marked 10.6

Part 11: Information and Communication

11.1 Do you use the mobile library service: *(tick one box only)*

a) Every visit.....						
b) Every 2 or 3 visits.....						
c) Less frequently.....						
d) Never.....						

11.2 Do you read the monthly Village News: *(tick one box only)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Every issue.....						
b) Every 2 or 3 issues.....						
c) Less frequently.....						
d) Never.....						

11.3 How many times a month do you look at village notice boards: *(tick one box only)*

a) More than 10.....						
b) Between 5 and 10.....						
c) Less than 5.....						
d) Never.....						

Part 12: Religion

12.1 Are you a member of: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) Church of England						
b) United Reform Church.....						
c) Catholic church.....						
d) Methodist Church.....						
e) Other.....						
f) None.....						

12.2 Do you attend a place of worship:

a) Often.....						
b) Occasionally.....						
c) Never.....						

12.3 Do you think the local churches are involved enough in local community affairs:

a) Yes.....						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 12.3

Part 13: Local Government

13.1 The Parish Councils raise money from the Council Tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent:

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Totally satisfied.....						
b) Quite satisfied.....						
c) Dissatisfied.....						
d) Don't know how it is spent.....						
e) No opinion.....						

Please write any comments on back page marked 13.1

13.2 Do you think that the Parish councils ought to spend more money, or less, or about the same as at present on:

- for More write 1 in your own column*
- for Same write 2 in your own column*
- for Less write 3 in your own column*
- for No opinion write 4 in your own column*

a) Traffic calming measures.....						
b) Tree planting.....						
c) Better games/recreational facilities..						
d) Street lighting.....						
e) Other (please specify on back page)						

13.3 Have you ever been to a Parish Council meeting:

a) Yes.....						
b) No.....						

13.4 Would you like more information about the activities of the Parish Councils:

a) Yes.....						
b) No.....						
c) No opinion.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 13.4

13.5 Are you satisfied with the way in which the planning system is implemented in the parishes: (tick one box only)

a) Totally satisfied.....						
b) Quite satisfied.....						
c) Dissatisfied.....						
d) No opinion.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 13.5

Part 14: General

14.1 How did you come to live in these villages: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

	Pers 1	Pers 2	Pers 3	Pers 4	Pers 5	Pers 6
a) Born in parish.....						
b) Work in area.....						
c) Relatives nearby.....						
d) Love of village life.....						
e) Love of country life.....						
f) Availability of housing.....						
g) Retired to Parish.....						
h) Marriage.....						
i) Came with family.....						
j) Other.....						

14.2 How would you like the villages/parishes to develop: *(tick more than one box if appropriate)*

a) As a working community.....						
b) As a retirement community.....						
c) As a commuter community.....						
d) As a tourist centre.....						
e) To stay as they are.....						
f) Other.....						
g) None of these.....						

Please write any comments on back page, marked 14.2

END OF QUESTIONNAIRE

**Thank you for your time and help in completing this questionnaire
Please make any comments you feel appropriate on the back pages, and return it to the
Collector in the envelope provided**

COMMENTS

<u>Question No.</u>	