

LITTLE MILTON VILLAGE SURVEY

SUMMARY

The following summary picks out some of the key points from the survey conducted in spring 2013. The full results are available to read at <http://www.littlemilton.org.uk> or at the Shop or The Lamb. If you are unable to access the internet and would like your own printed copy of the full survey results, contact Barry Coward on 01844 278970.

- ⤴ The overall response rate from households was 83.5%, which is a very good response rate
- ⤴ The village population is estimated at 496. We have an above-average number aged 45-59 and below average 20-44. We have an average number of children
- ⤴ Over half the village population have lived here 10 years or more
- ⤴ Traffic was the major concern with strong support for the following:
 - Weight limit on A329 (70% support)
 - Enforcing existing speed limit (volunteer Speedwatch scheme) and introducing a 20mph limit through village
 - Enforcing existing weight limits (Haseley Road)
- ⤴ Dog fouling is perceived as a problem around the village (65%)
- ⤴ Most households supported solar panels on buildings, but not wind turbines
- ⤴ Carbon capture schemes have strong support (89%)
- ⤴ The village newsletter is read, at least in part, by 88% of villagers
- ⤴ The shop and post office are important to villagers (85%) and only 5% of villagers do not use the shop and post office at all
- ⤴ 49% of young people under 19 think there should be more activities for young people
- ⤴ 78% of villagers think the church is important for various reasons
- ⤴ About 15 children currently living in the village will be starting at the village school in the next 5 years
- ⤴ 66% of villagers read the parish council notes in the newsletter
- ⤴ 19% of villagers think the parish council should do more to collect litter in the village; 15% think the village green should be better maintained
- ⤴ 67% of villagers think Trading Standards should do more to enforce HGV weight limits; 51% think Thames Water's service needs improving
- ⤴ 53% do not want any more houses in the village; 40% would accept infill up to about 10 houses; 7% would accept more than 10 houses
- ⤴ 63% do not want houses built on the Green Belt
- ⤴ For 90% of villagers car is the main means of transport out of the village; for 5% the bus service is vital
- ⤴ If bus services were improved in the evenings and at weekends, a small number of people would use them
- ⤴ 35% of broadband users do not know the speed of their connection; only 7% of households report a service faster than 4Mbps
- ⤴ 70% think the broadband service is not good enough
- ⤴ Over half the houses in the village use BT as their Internet Service Provider
- ⤴ 57% of households are willing to wait for the national/county programme to deliver faster broadband (it has since been announced that Little Milton will be included in the upgrade programme over the next 2 years)
- ⤴ 100 households (50% of village) would like mains gas; however, only 13 are prepared to pay the current costs to obtain such a service
- ⤴ Mobile phone coverage in houses is patchy, with only 33% reporting an OK or good service
- ⤴ No one mobile phone network stands out as giving better coverage in the

- village than any other
- ⤴ 53% of households do not want Council Tax to rise to fund any improvements mentioned in the survey questionnaire
- ⤴ Many people (110) are interested in volunteering to help run village organisations and activities, but feel they have too many family or work commitments
- ⤴ 52 volunteers came forward as a result of the survey

The Steering Group would like to thank everyone who completed the survey questionnaire.