

N3P Health and Wellbeing questionnaire analysis

Background

In order to determine what residents of the parish felt contributed most to the health and wellbeing of residents, the working group constructed a questionnaire

Respondents were asked to rate existing asset between very important (Score 5) through to very unimportant (Score 1). They were also asked to say in free text what additional features they would like in the village which would contribute to health and wellbeing.

Distribution and take up

Paper copies were available in Tubb Pharmacy and Trevor's butchers. Evening sessions were held in the Dolphin, Ship and Yacht club. Copies were sent home to primary school parents in children's school bags.

The questionnaire was available electronically through the N3P website, and newsletters sent out by the school, the parish clerk and to those registered with the N3P database.

136 Completed and analysable questionnaires were returned. Almost half of these were from the 61-80 age group. The existing assets listed on the questionnaire were ranked.

Rank table of existing assets named on questionnaire

1) The River and Waterfront	11)Pubs	21)Bishops Court Branch Surgery
2)Yealm Medical Centre	12)Newton and Noss Village Hall	22)Cafes
3)Walks and Footpaths	13)Yealm Yacht Club	23)Butts Park play park
4)Tubb Pharmacy	14)WI Community Hall	24)Newton Green
5)Preserving Views	15)Noss Green	25)Community Orchard
6)Preserving Trees and Green Space	16)Holy Cross Church	26)Tilly Institute
7)Shops	17)Noss Play Park	27)Reading Room
8)Post Office	18)St Peter's Church	
9)Primary School	19)Rosemont Care Home	
10)Woodlands	20)Butts Park Sports field and Pavilion	

Top 5 priorities by age group

The full results of the questionnaire by age groups may be displayed by clicking on the links below:

[Age 20 and under](#) [Age 21 to 40](#) [Age 41 to 60](#) [Age 61 to 80](#) [Age over 80](#) [All ages](#)

<20 (n5)

River and waterfront, Woodlands, Preserving Views, Preserving Trees and Green Space, Yealm Medical Centre

21-40 (n11)

Primary School, River and Waterfront, Yealm Medical Centre, Walks and Footpaths, Preserving trees and greenspace

41-60 (n28)

River and waterfront, Preserving trees and green space, Walks and footpaths, preserving views.

Equal 5th place Woodlands, Tubbs Pharmacy, Yealm Medical Centre, Shops.

61-80 (n 69)

River and waterfront, Tubbs Pharmacy, Yealm Medical Centre, Walks and footpaths, preserving views

>80 (n 13)

Yealm Medical Centre, Tubbs Pharmacy, Preserving trees and green space, River and waterfront, Walks and footpaths

Most respondents took the opportunity to add free text. The summary below categorises these into broad headings.

Free text Summary

Free text supplementary ideas from questionnaires

Better buses	15
Safer walking (especially to school)	9
Tennis Courts (should have been on list of existing assets)	8
Better broadband	7
SportsHall/Gym	6
More parking	6
More shops	5
Meeting place for children/teenagers	5
Swimming Pool	5
Safe cycling	4
Affordable Housing	3
Office facilities	3
A Village Hub	3
Restriction of house size	3
Control of parking	3
Housing for downsizing	2
Ferry between newton and Noss (self-operated?)	2

Allotments	2
Protection of Noss hard	2
Hairdresser	2
Shop in Noss	2
Paint the water tower	1
Art /Craft facilities	1
Library	1
Restrict size of lorries	1
Restriction of 2nd homes	1
More Young People	1
Better rubbish disposal recycling facility	1

Commentary

Take up was a little disappointing, particularly among the younger age groups.

The age bias will have skewed the results, but there was consistency among all age groups about the importance of the river and waterfront, walks and footpaths, views, trees and green space.

Health centre, pharmacy, shops, post office and school were also highly valued among all age groups.

An improved bus service was the commonest free text suggestion. The questionnaire designer was rightly criticised for not including the Noss Tennis Courts among the existing assets hence the multiple free text mentions.

A safe walking route to school was of particular importance in the 41-60 age group.