

Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council

Actions from the survey carried out in Summer 2023.

The Parish Council considered the results of the survey carried out across the Parish at its meeting on 11th September 2023. A summary of the results is available on the Home page of the website.

The PC noted that surveys were distributed widely to homes across the Parish but that only 8 were returned. This was disappointing in terms of giving us information, but could also be interpreted as residents not having too many concerns about issues within the Parish.

The PC was very pleased that four people had expressed a willingness to be occasional volunteers on activities such as litter picking and painting street furniture. It was agreed that volunteer registration forms would be sent out to these residents, and that they would then be contacted when an activity such as a litter pick has been arranged. One respondent was willing to be an occasional volunteer but did not give any contact details. If you think you did volunteer but haven't heard from us, please get in touch with any Parish Councillor or with our clerk, Melanie Harben lancashireparishclerk@gmail.com. If you are interested in being involved with gardening, please get in touch about that too.

The PC noted that residents were somewhat more concerned with areas which are not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council. Of these, hedges and potholes were the key areas of concern. We have agreed that we will continue to contact Lancaster County Council Highways department on both of these issues, and will use the views of residents expressed in the survey as part of our requests to Highways. Residents can also contact County Highways directly and we would encourage everyone to do this. The more complaints there are the more we are likely to see action.

We discussed crime prevention and vehicle speed in villages with Sergeant Lindsay Brown at our meeting. Crime in the parish is reported to be low. The police are developing a new initiative about local residents being involved in speed monitoring and will contact us when they are ready to put this in place. We will then look for volunteers who want to be involved.

The PC noted that residents either did not know about or were not concerned by the Parish Council's work on the **Community Emergency Plan** (see this on the Home Page of the website), or about the Parish Council's work on planning applications. The Parish Council is formally consulted on planning applications within the parish and would welcome relevant input from residents as part of determination of its views on planning applications.

Suggestions made by respondents included a walking group, the erection of Parish identification signs, and additional information on what's on in the Parish displayed on notice boards. The Parish Council would not be in a position to run a walking group, but would be very happy to see such a group develop. There is already a singing group which meets in the village hall which could be a model for a walking group and the PC would be happy to link a proposed walking group to the singing group for advice. The PC is unclear what Parish identification signs would add and was not sure whether these normally refer to villages rather than Parishes. The PC could not itself put together a list of 'what's on' across the Parish, but would be very happy to display such a list on the Parish Council notice boards if the village halls, church, and school were able to put such a list together, and will seek to find a way to do this.