

LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH PLAN RESULTS 2023



LOCKTON PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

HOUSEHOLD

46 completed questionnaires

- 36 respondents live in the village.
- 39 respondents confirmed it is their main residence.
- 27 respondents are retired/14 work outside of the parish, whilst 11 work within the parish.
- 6 respondents answered Yes to being a Volunteer.

How long have you lived here? Ages and number of people in Households

Under 1 year	
1 - 5 years	9
5 - 10 years	5
10 - 20 years	9
20 - 30 years	12
Over 30 years	11

Age	Male	Female
Under 5	0	1
5 - 11	1	1
12 - 18	0	1
19 - 30	2	5
31 - 65	22	20
Over 65	20	15

Where do you work?

In the Parish	11
Outside the Parish	14
Retired	27
Volunteer	6

TRANSPORT

- Every household who responded has a vehicle.
- 30 respondents confirmed they parked their vehicle(s) off the road. 18 Confirmed they did not.

Are parked cars a problem and if so, where?

Where	Yes	No
Near your home	10	25
In the Village	10	25
In the Parish outside the village	2	26

Some residents have 3 or 4 cars with their own off-road parking but consistently park in front of our property. Some of our vehicles are parked off road as a courtesy to other residents - Cars are often parked outside our front door/window by non-residents. They are often noisy & inconsiderately positioned – Outside Moorview Cottages, and down the street opposite the Church – People are blocking roads, which make it difficult for large vehicles, eg. Dustbin wagon – Random parking by visitors to the village in holiday season – On the bend from the main road around to the village street (around the grass area/chestnut tree) – Can be a problem when there is something on at the village hall – People parking cars & vans on the curve close to the Lockton Tearooms & Gallery, forcing those driving towards Levisham (or the top end of Main Street) to deviate to the wrong side of the road, not knowing what might be approaching from Levisham

Walkers, holidaymakers parking inconsiderately (eg. Blocking driveways, parking over pavements) – Cars parked on the bend at the Youth Hostel are blocking view of incoming traffic – not really a problem, as such, rather an eyesore! – vehicles parked across or opposite driveway making access difficult on occasions but unpredictable –

No parking space available for 2 cars, we both work & need 2 cars to get to work – When holiday cottage is full, there is nowhere to park near our home – the village becomes very busy at the weekend.

Sometimes makes visibility difficult when trying to exit our drive, difficult to navigate at times, especially near Stoneshill – In the village, often the roads are single file.

People who visit the area and park in silly places, ie half on the road or over gate holes – occasional issues when events on at the village hall – find it difficult to get through village with a tractor & machinery – people frequently park our house therefore restricting access.

BUS SERVICE

- 16 respondents do use the bus; 31 do not use the service.

Some of the comments on Transport:

Services, such as they are, are woeful - £2 promotion is a good incentive. More services from Pickering would make the bus more viable as a transport option – the bus service is an invaluable one to residents and visitors to the area – Sometimes, would use more if buses were more frequent – Public transport for the village is inadequate. To attract more users, it needs to be radically reformed vis-à-vis access & convenience – the service is pathetic – It is frustrating that the bus does not run in the evenings as would like to use the service but cannot! – Very occasionally use the bus, would like to use more often but the timetable doesn't suit us – strongly believe that for those with poor mobility it is important to have a bus service that comes into the village – We try & avoid using the car, the service bus to Whitby & Malton is invaluable. Some members of our family don't drive and come by bus.

HOUSING

- 12 households felt there is a need for additional housing in Lockton, 30 disagreed with the need.
- Overwhelmingly, 43 households felt they were unlikely to have housing needs in the next 5 years and only 2 felt that their household would have the need for housing within that timeframe. Almost the same result was reflected in a household directly benefitting from the availability of affordable local housing.
- 16 households were content with the balance between homes occupied by permanent residents and those that were not, 26 respondents disagreed with this statement.
- 26 households said they would prefer fewer homes as second properties, 12 disagreed with this.
- 25 households would prefer to see fewer homes rented as holiday cottages, 13 disagreed with this.
- 34 households would prefer to see more homes occupied by permanent residents; 7 disagreed with this.
- 29 households would support a Council Tax premium on second homes/holiday lets, 10 would not.

Some further comments on Housing:

To encourage younger families into the village. Too many holiday homes. Grown up children would love to live here but no affordable housing.

We do not want “affordable housing” here. We pay top price on Council Tax and purchase price, so that we can live in an exclusive part of the country. Why lower the tone?

Affordable housing for young/local people. A good idea.

Affordable housing for young families to be attracted to the village.

As part of the national housing shortage then additional housing is needed everywhere. Ideally this needs to be focussed on being affordable and targeted, ie. Starter homes/homes for older people

My partner and I own one of the Airbnbs in the village. We sympathise and agree with the probable view of residents that Airbnbs are generally not a good part of village life (other than for the café and local pubs etc) We use the cottage as much as possible ourselves & our view is to move to the village in the next few years. We don't live too far away, and so try to attend local events & visit the café regularly.

Yes, to Social Housing. Children have left the village and would have stayed if affordable housing.

A large number of properties not occupied most of the time.

Smaller good quality lower-priced for starter homes. Might encourage younger families to our aging village.

2nd homes supporting the village is not a problem, Holiday homes are.

Tax Airbnb & Holiday Lets, Holiday homes No

We would like to stay in Lockton but there are few family houses in reasonable budget. If we had kids, we would need to move unless we were able to build.

Second homes/holiday Lets bring income to the village, and I think others should get to enjoy our village too!

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There is no affordable housing for local people – any property coming on the market is out of local people's affordability.

Affordable homes for young families to keep the village alive, although we would not particularly benefit.

To enable young people to live in the village.

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Prices have shot up & working from home makes Lockton a feasible place to live. Makes it less affordable for young people. Designated local affordable housing?

CHURCH GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY

Is the Parish Church important to you?

<i>Virtually every response felt that the Parish Church offered something that was important to them including all the items listed below.</i>	
Special services, eg. Harvest festival, Christmas	
Christenings, Weddings, and funerals	
As an historic building	
Community Focal Point	
Other Importance included: "People use the Church to rest or look up ancestors." "We do visit it and value it, as a way, to remember former friends & neighbours." "Very important centre of Christian worship." "It is an underused & expensive, & invaluable asset of the village. Ways of getting folk in? flower festival/teas for walkers?" "Cemetery is a lovely spot & we had a very easy experience of sorting out a plot last year when our mum died."	
Other comments: <i>Better now that the wildflower meadow has gone – Shame about the loss of the wildflower meadow – We were disappointed that the cemetery lost the wildflower meadow – having a successful village hall means the Church resource is less obvious than it would be in other villages – I am disappointed at the decision of the PC to stop the development of the wildflower meadow – I'm more interested in the "Gods Acre" approach, although I do appreciate there is a conflict of views here – It is important that they are there now and for the future, we are the custodians – Graveyard & Church well used by people who have connections to the village, or ding their family tree. Cemetery now welcoming & well kept – They are well kept – Having a successful village means the church as a community resource is less obvious than it would be in other villages.</i>	

COMMUNITY FACILITIES, RECREATION & LEISURE

- 39 Households attend events in Lockton Village Hall, 6 said they did not.
- 14 respondents said that they would support or help to run other events and activities, 6 said no

Events, Activities and Classes that respondents attend include the following:

Yoga, Parish Council meetings, Domino Drives, Events to support the Church, Art classes when available, Talks, Art workshops, Cuppa & Cake mornings, Quiz nights & evening entertainment, Fundraising events, I am involved in the biodiversity/nature group which is wonderful.

Suggestions for other events and activities you would like to see and/or support include the following: Film Club, Bridge Club, Fundraisers, Community Projects, “Pub Quiz”, Film screenings, Fundraising events, it’s a shame the local history group no longer meets as I find that interesting, Keep fit classes, We would be interested in helping

1 resident had skills they would be prepared to share; these include the following.

How to mind my own business.

Comments on Village Hall

A useful community hub – Publicise hiring rates, and contact details on the Village noticeboard – It could have a fresher, more appealing colour externally, as we think a lot of non-locals don’t even know it’s there! – the village hall is an important village resource which should be maintained by the Parish Council – Needs Broadband to widen it’s type of use - It could be advertised as a venue for hire – an important asset which I have used for music events – Not in keeping with Village architecture/construction – Support Yes, Help to run No – If it were radically improved, it might attract more usage? Public Wi-Fi would be useful – It is an important asset for the parish/village – Will always support events in the village hall when we can – Committee doing good job in upkeep of the village hall, but seems to be underused by the village – Many activities are weekday daytime which we cannot attend due to work constraints – we are involved with the annual Barn Dance, the kitchen works well & it’s a vibrant village event -

Multi Use Games Area & Children’s Play Area

- 10 Households have family members or visitors who use it, 32 households don’t use it.
- 12 Respondents would be willing to help with maintenance of this facility, 12 said No.
- 11 respondents would be willing to help with the maintenance of the children’s play equipment, 19 said No.

Comments on the Multi-Use Games and Play Area:

Needs major overhaul. A lot of equipment broken, and tennis court very slippery – Would be nice see it in fully working order (zip line, etc) and the tennis courts need some TLC. Again, a lot of visitors don’t even know it is there, maybe better signage? – This area should be maintained by the Parish Council – We would like to see the multi-use area operational for tennis/games – Play equipment has holes in the wood (gone rotten) – It is all in poor condition and of poor appearance, and if it is to be retained at all, then it needs substantial improvement – Happy to maintain play area & tennis court especially – Again, an asset but needs maintaining – Would help when I can – Lovely facility which although not used by us, we enjoy seeing others use it – Would love to see the tennis court repaired & maintained – If the budget ever permitted, refurbishment of tennis court would be welcome – it is a great facility and it would be good to see it maintained and safe. Our grandchildren use it every time they visit for the past 8 years -

Allotment Plot

- 7 Respondents would be interested in having an allotment, 35 would not.

Lockton Tearooms and Gallery

- 28 respondents used the Tearooms, 12 did not.

Do you attend any events, evening/day classes in the Parish?

Yes	23
No	22

Events which respondents attend:

Yoga, Quiz, Ceilidh, Talks, Art workshops & Exhibitions, I am involved in the biodiversity/nature group which is wonderful, Fundraising events for Church & Village Hall – Social events to support village initiatives, fund raising events – Wreath making – what classes are there?

Events which respondents would like to see & any other comments:

Village Fete & Craft Fair – We love the Tearooms!! – Film screenings – It's a shame the local history group no longer meet as I'd find that interesting – I would like to see a book/film club in the village which is something & would be happy to organise – Pilates – Open Gardens? – More evening events/classes Mon-Thurs would be fab! Wine tasting please at the Tearooms or village hall – Monthly Film Club.

PAVEMENTS FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS

- 43 households use the pavements in Lockton and 34 were happy with their condition with 9 raising concerns.
- 44 Households use the local footpaths and bridleways around the parish and 37 feel they are well maintained & accessible however 3 disagree.
- 14 respondents do cycle/horse-ride on routes around Lockton Parish and 13 were satisfied with their access & condition. 2 respondents were not satisfied.

Comments on pavements:

Many are uneven, cracked or broken, and over-grown with grass/moss, making them slippery Often covered in dirt & mud – most of the path's need upgrading – Curb stones broken everywhere, paths along to the cemetery is better now being maintained a bit more – Kerbing & Tarmac in poor condition throughout the village – Near Church & Youth Hostel (poor condition in places) Kerb stones crumbling in certain places – strong camber on most & those leading to main road are rotted & overgrown

Comments on footpaths/bridleways:

Some gates are broken and there are fallen trees blocking paths in some places. Less gates would be better, or at least gates which can be opened whilst sat on a horse easily – Footpath opposite the cemetery, there is a large tree blocking path down to the stream – Footpath next to Water Treatment, often overgrown – I am not aware of the Parks Authority undertaking any regular maintenance of any footpaths/bridleways in or around the Parish – Too many locations to mentioned, all with the same issues of poor (or no) maintenance – Some (such as the path above Levisham Valley) is occasionally used by motor bikes. Other footpaths are occasionally used by horse-riders, which should not be allowed – Mostly OK & appropriate for country walks. Path from Rectory to Mill eroded – the footpath from the top of the village to the bottom of Levisham bank is heavily eroded & very slippery – Bridleways generally in good condition thank you! – There's a part of the path on the Brow through the wood that's fallen away & difficult to navigate especially when muddy, it restricts being able to use the path safely.

COMMUNICATION

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the village?

- 18 respondents visit the Lockton Parish Council website, 26 did not.

Parish Council Newsletter		Village Notice Boards	
Lockton Herald		Local Paper	
Lockton Tea rooms		Word of Mouth	

Other information respondents would like to see/Other comments:

The Parish Council Newsletter is an improvement on the Lockton Herald as it focuses on the work of the PC – It is for the PC rather than the village, maybe make it a Lockton website and put on more info on the history, etc. – The Lockton Herald is excellent, I do not really know why the Parish Council doesn't support it more. Is there a boycott – shame if there is, it's the best village newsletter I've seen – WhatsApp Group could be used to alert villagers when the parish council minutes, etc are posted & any other relevant info – Chester – Notices on the village hall gate – Future events – the parish council newsletter is factual & unbiased, as well as informative – Didn't know there was a Newsletter, might get it now!

Would you be interested in having a Resident WhatsApp group?

Other comments: No. WhatsApp is an inappropriate tool and lacks the security & privacy.

Yes	22
No	22

COUNCIL SERVICES

Are the current arrangements for refuse collection satisfactory?

- 39 households said Yes. 3 Sometimes. 3 said No.

Other improvements respondents would like to see/Other comments on council services:

Roadside refuse is a problem, maybe organise volunteers in March to clean it up when it can be seen. No charge for garden waste – Roads often water-logged as inadequate drainage – Reduce Street lighting for dark skies – We would not like to see any more lighting – correct lights to be converted to downlighters – Potholes – Drainage inadequate after downpours – Brown bin collections are too expensive – Worn surfaces in places, 1 or 2 potholes – More environment recycling for plastic, glass, paper etc, the Boxes are inadequate – Kerbs & gutters overgrown – Flooding on Hudgin Lane – most street lighting unnecessary, Dark Skies? – More frequent road cleaning would be great – New cardboard recycling bins are awful & don't stack with existing ones. Would love to see a wheelie bin for recycling like in Scarborough – Potholes are never repaired properly – street lighting very dim – Opportunity to recycle more items, eg Tetra Packs

TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY

- 22 respondents felt that there were significant danger spots on the village roads, 17 did not.
- 25 respondents felt that there was a speeding problem in the village, 15 did not.
- 35 respondents felt that there was a speeding problem on the A169, 6 did not.
- 7 respondents felt that there was a speeding problem on other roads in the Parish, 18 did not.

Comments on danger spots and on areas where speeding is a problem:

Cars parked outside Molly's old cottage, on the bend opposite Square Farm is a hazard. Back Lane, Westfield Lane, Hostess Lane – Hudgin Lane: vehicles speeding down the lane into the village, residents step directly onto the road as no footpath, so can be very hazardous – Whilst not a village road, the A169 has danger spots on it within the vicinity of the village – Exit onto A169 – At the junction with A169, double lines on this stretch of road would help – Getting out of the village (both roads), traffic too fast – Lack of pavement along Back Lane for residents (& dogs) & for play area – Junction with A169, traffic driving too fast and often overtaking at the junction – Accessing Davids Lane by foot, no footpath – A few locals (Lockton & Levisham) drive far too quickly through the village past the Church – Turning left in to the village from the A169 encourages a few drivers to overtake at speed, at risk to approaching traffic – Speeds reached by a few drivers on the A169 are well over the speed limit – Bend at Youth Hostel blocked by cars – The junction with Lockton Lane and the A169 through to David's Lane – the ever-recurring dip in the road on the A169 near the Fox & Rabbit – Junction at the Tearoom/Hudgin Lane, speeding traffic. Parking at the bend on the Square – Speed limit past the play area – The dip on the left-hand side of the road just down from the pub – Inappropriate parking on corners & hill, being unable to access some of the roads some of the time – Near the village Hall & into the village square. A169 T-junction turning right to Pickering from Lockton or right from Whitby -

Speeding Comments:

On the lane outside the playground, especially deliver vans. As specified above, cars regularly go too fast through the village – speeding on A169 especially motorbikes – A169, lack of double white lines – In village, speed of traffic where there is no pavement – Anywhere on the A169, motor cyclist mainly – Insufficient speed cameras on A169, motorbikes use it as a racetrack – maybe a 'pedestrian crossing' warning at the end of Lockton Lane on A169 – Some drivers regard the A169 as a racetrack – we notice driver going to and from Levisham are speeding through Lockton – speed limit of 30mph should be extended from the cemetery, cars are speeding from the main road and it is dangerous for hikers/walkers – Motorists speeding through the village To & From Levisham – A169, overtaking on the stretch of road before the turn off for Lockton – Speeding vehicles make turning right out of the village difficult/dangerous – On the A169 past Lockton Lane end – Road to and from Levisham – Joining A169, fast traffic from Whitby – Traffic heading through the village tend to drive faster than required – Rest of the roads are the same as the rest of the roads in the UK with the usual bad drivers – On the approach to the village or as people leave the village, and come down the hill – Most areas – A169 in general, people don't expect to see pedestrians/cyclists/horses despite warning signs. Village & parish roads generally people are very good – a particular issue on the road coming into the village & past the Church, mainly Deliveries & Levisham residents – By children's playground – Cars passing through main village on the way to Levisham, frequently go too fast. 20mph would be an appropriate speed – people driving too fast through the village especially near the church yard and YHA, recently a lady writing off 2 cars by speeding.

SECURITY, EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 3 respondents have been affected by crime, whereas 42 had not.

Comments on Security, Emergency Services:

We need police “drive-by” at night on Back Lane, Westfield Lane and Hostess Lane after darkness – Whether or not I have used the emergency services is not relevant to my consideration of the adequacy of these services. I have seen there is a need for the same, and I have seen that those services are well provided – First responder in the village is an excellent addition – Police dealing with neighbour disputes is sometimes inadequate -

ENVIRONMENT

There was a mixed response to the question, “Does Lockton suffer from any of the following types of disturbance”. All comments were captured below.

	Yes	No	If yes, problem & location
Dog Fouling			<i>Everywhere! - Westfield Lane, Back Lane & Middle Lane - Dog fouling is a minor problem largely attributable to local residents who do not take responsibility for their animals, such residents being few in number – Tourists not picking up on verges – In village occasionally but not as bad as it used to be – many of the Lanes – grass verges – Road to Fox & Rabbit, Lawn outside Box Tree Barn – Westfield Lane verges – Only holiday-makers or people from outside the village – people put in bags & hang from trees (Staindale) – Hostess Lane & Westfield Lane verges – on roadside verges</i>
Drainage			<i>Back Pond Farm & Hudgin Lane - Back Lane & Westfield Lane Westfield running into Hudgin Lane. At the crossroads by the Tearoom – Road opposite the cemetery/playground – coming into the village – Hudgin Lane – floods near the cemetery -</i>
Light Pollution			<i>Abundance of fairy lights in gardens – Dark skies project – unnecessary lampposts – Throughout the village, with excessive outdoor lighting & excessive public/street lighting – Second homes/Holiday cottages have lots of flood lighting & garden lighting – Blackpool Illuminations! Some holiday homes with outside lights -</i>
Litter			<i>Roadsides – Westfield Lane – Hostess Lane (by the kennels). Along the back lanes off the A169 – Litter left by cars near the cemetery – Litter from the dog kennels, which blows down the road – generally the road near the cemetery – Westfield Lane verges – Hostess Lane by the kennels -</i>
Noise Disturbance			<i>Dogs persistently barking – Dogs barking when consistently left unattended – Dogs barking – Cows crying at night -</i>

Smells			<i>Only farm smells! Sometimes only when slurry is being spread, and then only for a short time, Farmyard manure is much better – Normal farm smells</i>
Vandalism			Road sign, top of hill.

Do you think that surface drainage on roads/footpaths is a problem in your Parish?

- 15 Households thought surface drainage a problem, 28 did not.

Comments on locations:

As before, Back Lane. Back Lane, bottom of Westfield Lane – Back Lane – Westfield Lane running into Hudgin Lane – on the road coming into the village, near Pond Farm, down Hudgin Lane – Back Lane – Flooding Hudgin Lane – as you leave Lockton on the left, poor drainage in a downpour – Drainage on entrance to village is problematic despite best efforts – entrance to village before cemetery – near cemetery – Like seeing the police on Westfield/Back Lane through the village, their presence definitely deters rural crime – Opposite the Village Hall & Tearooms – Hudgin Lane has excess water and mud in rain -

Any final/other relevant comments not covered in the questionnaire:

I would like to see a greater commitment to biodiversity. There are many in the community who are aware of the need to do far more to encourage a healthier and more biodiverse environment, but this should play a much larger part in the Parish Plan – Would like Lockton to be designated part of the Dark Skies Area, street lighting is unnecessary & obtrusive – A project to deliver “Dark Skies” public lighting in Lockton, despite generous offers from NYMNPA, and exemplary situations in villages such as Hawnby. When will this be delivered in Lockton? – 5 years ago, a similar questionnaire was circulated. What progress has been made on any of the issues raised in that questionnaire? – The Parish Plan is hugely out of date, when will it be updated & published, what topics will be included, and what public involvement will be sought? – It’s sad to see the village losing its heart & soul, there are hardly any children in the village now, & not many young couples to keep the village alive. In winter it feels very deserted and in summer, the village feels like a glorified holiday park – We love living here!

Summary of main findings/changes

- 46 completed questionnaires. v. 62 in 2018
- Main change is a greater % over the age of 65.v. 2018 (+4%)
- Seems to be a trend of more permanent/main residences than 5 years ago.
- A drop in households requiring housing in next 5 years compared to 2018.
- Over 75% of respondents would prefer to see homes occupied by permanent residents, a similar percentage would support a Council Tax premium.
- Overwhelming positive response to those using the Village Hall, residents would like to see similar events as those requested in 2018.
- Higher satisfaction levels on footpaths and bridleways than 2018, with good practical ideas to improve.
- Fewer households seem to use the playground and multi-use area than 5 years ago, however this may be due to the concern on its condition.
- Many negative comments and majority wish to see improvements to the play area.
- 7 respondents would be interested in an allotment, numbers are comparatively low, however opportunity to double the pc rental income revenue, with similar annual rent levels as existing.
- Overwhelming emphasis on speeding concerns in the village, and particularly the A169, including the junction into the village (35 respondents)
- 50% of respondents would like a Resident WhatsApp group, perhaps a different medium like Messenger or Text due to security concerns?
- An overwhelming majority are happy with Council Services.
- Main environmental concerns are dog fouling and road drainage.