

OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2011

Q.1. THE ENVIRONMENT

	Constantly	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Traffic Noise	30	52	38	16
Traffic speeding	77	68	14	9
Traffic congestion	24	48	32	22
Parking problem	56	42	25	14
Litter	32	38	27	11
Dog fouling *	15	30	29	10
Poor street lighting	4	8	16	53

* including Cats & horses

Further comments highlighted problem of cyclists on footbridge (9)

Q. 2. RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Traffic Noise: Bridge (13) Lorries through village (3) Castle View (2)
Police (1)

Traffic speeding: Castle View (30) Main Road (21) School Road/Wellburn House (19) Horsley Road (18) Entrances/exits to village (12)

Traffic Congestion: Castle View (14) Village Shop (12) Bridge (12)

Parking: Horsley Road (16) Shop (14) School (14) Castle View (9) Before Bridge (9)

Litter: Back Castle View (8) By Shop (6) River Banks (4) everywhere (2)

Dog Fouling: Field by Dene Garth (27) Back Castle View (11) Grassed areas (6)

(N.B Comment regarding Light at Percy Place sub station is now in wrong place as path has been altered.)

Q. 3. Litter/Dog Bins – more needed to help solve problem?

	Yes	No
Litter Bins	17	68
Dog Bins	17	66

Locations Litter Bins: Tyne Gardens (6) Ist School (4) Bewick Lane Car Park (3) Horsley Road (3)

Dog Bins: Entrance to Dene on Horsley Road (19) Back Castle View (6) Top of footpath Castle View (5) Windsor Cresc (4)

(Comment re providing doggie bags)

Q.4. Would you help with Litter pick or Village Clean Up

YES (66) NO (94) Not Needed (1)

Q.5. Would you like recycling facilities in Ovingham?

YES (103) NO (73)

Q.6. Type: Bottles, Cans, Clothing, Tetra Pak wax cartons

Where: White Swan car Park (10) Playing Fields (9) Riverside Park (6) Old School (3)

Q.7. Would you use recycling if available at Riverside Park or Terminus?

YES (141) NO (30)

Q.8. More seats & Benches?

YES (78) NO (76)

Locations: Village Greens (27) Churchyard (9) Playing Field (9) Dene Garth Green (8) Bus Stops (8) Windsor Crescent (7)

Q.9. ROADS

	Immediate locality	Main road thro' village
Wider pavements	11	55
Pavement condition	50	49
Pedestrian crossings	20	34
Reduce max speed	56	83
Positions speed signs	20	38
Speed cameras	24	36
Traffic calming	22	34
Other	0	0

Suggestions: No parking by Model Cottage (7) Dropped kerbs (5) Max 20mph (4) Safe walking route to school (4) Traffic lights on Bridge (2)

Q.10 Danger spots

No response (43)

Suggestions: Horsley Road Junction & Horsley Road (42) Castle View (31) School area (27) by shop (24) by church (24) Bridge approach (21) bend by wellburn (11) Brewery Cottages (9) Main Road (9) Old Post office (8) Bridge End (8) Tyne Gdns junction (8)

Q.11 More pavements?

YES (54) NO (72) NO RESPONSE (57)

Where: Road to Wylam (16) entrance to Bewick Lane/estate (11) Brewery Cottages (8) Dene Garth Est. (7) Reading Room to Bridge end (6) Around church (6)

Q. 12 IMPROVED DRAINAGE

YES (107) NO or No response (75)

Where: Castle View (27) Horsley Road (22) Road to Wylam (20) Piper Road (15) Pack Horse Bridge (11) Burnside Close (11)

Q. 13 Blocked gullies/drains

YES (82) No or no response (106)

Where: Castle View (31) Burnside Close (14) By Shop/Terrace (14) Piper Road (11) Horsley Road (8) Bridge End area (8) Bewick Lane area (7)

Q.14 STREET NAME SIGNS CHANGE/ALTERED

YES (63)

Q.15 WHERE

No cycling sign on bridge (16) Bewick Lane est. (11) Irving Place (8) Castle View (7) Steadings (6) New Houses (5)

Q16. State of roads & verges

Good (15) In need of some attention (62) Poor (45) Urgently require attention (48)

Where: Horsley Road (Inc Gallow Hill) (87) Castle View (40) Main Road (25) Wylam Road (24) Bridge entrance (12)

Q.17 Happy with Grass Cutting standards

YES (96) NO (67)

More cuts (32) pick up cuttings (19) new contractors (15) too much (4) better weed control (2)

Q.18 Number of Cars in Household

0 = 15 1 = 69 2 = 81 2+ = 15

Q.19 Is parking an issue

Yes: (73) No: (60)

Where: Horsley Road (34) Castle View (23) outside school (20) By church (11) By shop (10)

Q.20 Public transport use

5 days a week	27
1 to 2 days a week	53
Less than weekly	53
In emergencies only	12
Never	15

Q.21 Changes want to see to use more

Later/earlier services (37) Cheaper fares (12) More buses/trains (9)

Q.22 Do you take/collect your children to school by car

WALK (25) CAR (35)

Why use car: Easier (8) Quicker (4) Safer (3) don't use local schools (3) weather (1) cost up to High School (1)

Q. 23 Parking problem by schools?

YES (103) NO (26)

Suggestions: Park at middle school (45) Double yellow lines (17) Walk/walking bus (12) Lay-by (10) Traffic warden (8) Fine those on Double yellow lines (8)

Q.24 SOCIAL

Event	Yes	Event	Yes
Quiz nights	49	Discussion group	24
Ceilidh	49	Cookery demos	39
BBQ	37	N'brian evening	43
Live music	53	Bonfire/fireworks	64
Natural history talks	38	Children's Xmas party	36
Talks by a personality	41	Xmas party for over 60s	34
Dancing to live music	35	Film evenings	62
Dinner dance	19	Coffee mornings	47
Book club	44	Gardens questions	37

Other suggestions: Yoga (4) Talent Show (4) Board/card games (4) Drama (1) wine tasting (1) Art group (1) choir with orchestra/participation (1)

Q.25 Facilities for elderly

Tea/coffee mornings (3) Luncheon club (18) Drop in (16) Trips (14) Social events (13) Lifts to hospitals etc (9)

Q. 26 Anyone in household finding it difficult to do any of the following

Shopping (4), Prescriptions (5) Transport (3)

Need help? Yes (4) No (1) Help with shopping (2), transport (2) & collect prescriptions (1)

(NB this was for some reason the one question with the least response. Perhaps many people do not like to admit to needing help)

Q.27 Facilities for young people

Youth Club (33) organised sports (16) Trips (14) Drama (6)

(Appeared to be answered by adults rather than children – a few comments saying “ask the kids”)

Q. 28 Use of Village shop

Every day	25
1-4 times a week	54
5-7 times a week	12
1-2 times a month	27
Emergencies	40
Never	2

Comments: poor range of stock (7)

Q. 29 & 30 – Would you like to have a village newsletter on regular basis & would you help in production?

	Yes	No
Like Newsletter	90	54
Help produce	18	119

Comments: Already in parish magazine (24) web site (7) in local papers (4) on notice boards (3)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q. 31 What three things do you like most about the Parish?

Friendly, welcoming, community (84) Rural surroundings (80) Transport connections (46) Flower tubs in village (24) Peace & quiet (23) Activities in Reading room etc (20) Pubs (17)

Q. 32 What three changes would most improve your life in parish for you?

Reduce speed/noise/traffic (37) Better roads/pavements (30) Build new bridge (22) improved parking (18) less litter (13) less dog fouling (13) lower speed limit (9)

Q. 33 List three improvements to appearance of village

All right as it is (19) More flowers/well kept gardens (27) Better parking (19) Hedges & trees cut back (13) More dog & litter bins (13) better grass cutting (10) weed control (8)

Q.34 Any other suggestions for Parish Council to consider

(Very few of the below were suggested by more than 1 person so have just listed ideas)

More grit bins & grit footbridge
Local produce market
Bus shelter
New bridge
New cycle signs
Urge NCC to adopt Tynedale Core Strategy Policies
One-way system behind church
Support shop
More parking areas
Family sports day
Minibus to take people to theatre etc
Best garden competition
Tidy up behind castle view
Support for a community garden scheme
Street lighting on too long
More consultations about decisions made in village
Double yellow lines on Horsley Road & Castle View
Weed killing twice yearly
Turn off streetlights between 12 mid & 5am
Produce information leaflet for residents/visitors
Promote energy efficient conservation
More footpaths
Reduce traffic on bridge & Horsley road
Community orchard/allotments
Christmas tree
Encourage people to look after their gardens
Urge NCC to publish Ovingham Conservation area report
Mini 2012 Olympics
Better traffic control on bridge
Complete conservation area reports
Improve surface of football pitch
Organise big village clean up
Potholes
What is PC doing to encourage more interest & involvement in local issue discussed at meetings