

East Cowton Parish Survey

Incorporating the communities of Birkby, South Cowton and Pepper Arden

Survey of Public Opinion in East Cowton (March 2019) Time to Have Your Say!

95 paper and 25 online responses received = 120 total
22% response rate (approximately)

ABOUT YOU

Do you live ...?	
113 (94.2%)	in East Cowton parish
5 (4.2%)	outside the parish
0 (0.0%)	Prefer not to say
2 (1.7%)	No reply

Which age group do you belong to?	
0 (0.0%)	11yrs or under
3 (2.5%)	12-17yrs
2 (1.7%)	18-24yrs
4 (3.3%)	25-40yrs
41 (34.2%)	41-65yrs
66 (55.0%)	65yrs+
0 (0.0%)	Prefer not to say
4 (3.3%)	No reply

If you are resident in East Cowton parish, how long have you lived here?	
3 (2.5%)	less than 1yr
14 (11.7%)	1-5yrs
8 (6.7%)	6-10yrs
25 (20.8%)	11-25yrs
30 (25.0%)	26-40yrs
33 (27.5%)	40yrs+

	1 (0.8%)	Prefer not to say
	6 (5.0%)	No reply

CURRENT FACILITIES

Q1	Are there any services or facilities that you cannot currently access in East Cowton that would improve your daily life?
	51 responses received

Q2	Which of the following activities/events would you be interested in joining/supporting/running?					
		No reply	I currently attend this	I'd be interested in attending this	I'd be interested in helping to run this	I have no interest in this
	Badminton	51	4	19	2	45
	%	42%	3%	16%	2%	37%
	Bowls	55	4	18	0	43
	%	46%	3%	15%	0%	36%
	Cowton Arts & Theatre Society (CATS)	46	24	18	4	30
	%	38%	20%	15%	3%	25%
	Crafts	48	5	26	1	41
	%	40%	4%	22%	1%	34%
	Cricket Club	49	8	10	0	53
	%	41%	7%	8%	0%	44%
	Darts & Dominoes	49	7	10	0	54
	%	41%	6%	8%	0%	45%
	History Group	43	2	42	1	33
	%	36%	2%	35%	1%	27%
	Mah Jong	54	5	4	1	57
	%	45%	4%	3%	1%	47%
	Pantomime	36	32	20	3	33
	%	29%	26%	16%	2%	27%
	Pilates	42	14	28	0	37

	%	35%	12%	23%	0%	31%
	Pop Up Cafe	22	68	18	4	12
	%	18%	55%	15%	3%	10%
	Post Office	19	77	18	1	7
	%	16%	63%	15%	1%	6%
	Private event/party	55	16	29	2	20
	%	45%	13%	24%	2%	16%
	Public meeting	43	29	35	1	13
	%	36%	24%	29%	1%	11%
	Rural Arts	41	14	35	2	29
	%	34%	12%	29%	2%	24%
	School play	51	17	11	1	41
	%	42%	14%	9%	1%	34%
	Social event	37	32	38	3	12
	%	30%	26%	31%	3%	10%
	Tai Chi	46	10	23	0	41
	%	38%	8%	19%	0%	34%
	Travelling theatre	40	17	40	1	23
	%	33%	14%	33%	1%	19%

	Please list any other events you would be interested in joining or helping with at the Village Hall?
	23 responses received

Q3 Which facilities in East Cowton do you use/visit and how frequently?								
		No reply	Daily/ more than once a week	Weekly	Monthly	Twice a year	Once a year	Never
	All Saints' Church	18	3	6	4	43	23	23
	%	15%	3%	5%	3%	36%	19%	19%
	Church Annexe	18	6	8	9	27	16	36
	%	15%	5%	7%	8%	23%	13%	30%
	Cricket ground/ Pavillion	27	3	3	6	9	12	60

	%	23%	3%	3%	5%	8%	10%	50%
	Playground/Parish Garden	24	1	8	19	13	6	49
	%	20%	1%	7%	16%	11%	5%	41%
	School	32	4	5	2	6	9	62
	%	27%	3%	4%	2%	5%	8%	52%
	The Beeswing	3	14	31	46	14	5	7
	%	3%	12%	26%	38%	12%	4%	6%
	Village hall	9	10	44	25	18	9	5
	%	8%	8%	37%	21%	15%	8%	4%
	Village shop	0	53	42	19	1	2	3
	%	0%	44%	35%	16%	1%	2%	3%

Q4	Thinking about the Village Hall, do you think the existing facilities are ...?	
	5 (4.2%)	Good
	60 (50.0%)	Adequate
	45 (37.5%)	Poor
	6 (5.0%)	No opinion
	4 (3.3%)	No reply
	Do you think any improvements should be made to the existing facilities in the Village Hall?	
	63 (52.5%)	Yes
	30 (25.0%)	No
	18 (15.0%)	Don't know
	9 (7.5%)	No reply
	If you ticked 'Yes', what improvements would you like to see?	
	63 responses received	

	If a new village hall was built, I would ...?	
	66 (55.0%)	be more likely to use it
	0 (0.0%)	be less likely to use it
	44 (36.7%)	use it with the same frequency as I currently do
	9 (7.6%)	have no opinion

1 (0.8%)	No reply
If you would be more likely to use the hall, in what form do you think that would be? (e.g. private party, family gathering, social event, new sports/leisure time group)	
53 responses received	

Q5 What facilities and amenities do you think are necessary in our Village Hall?						
		No reply	Essential	Desirable	Unnecessary	Don't know
Attractive building		7	34	72	6	1
%		6%	28%	60%	5%	1%
Bar area		5	39	65	9	2
%		4%	33%	54%	8%	2%
Car parking		7	37	48	26	2
%		6%	31%	40%	22%	2%
Changing rooms		10	29	64	14	3
%		8%	24%	53%	12%	3%
Disabled access toilet		4	96	19	0	1
%		3%	80%	16%	0%	1%
Free WiFi		12	17	68	18	5
%		10%	14%	57%	15%	4%
Hearing loop		14	28	66	4	8
%		12%	23%	55%	3%	7%
Large main hall		7	83	30	0	0
%		6%	69%	25%	0%	0%
Light and airy		7	58	53	1	1
%		6%	48%	44%	1%	1%
Low building cost		6	43	69	0	2
%		5%	36%	58%	0%	2%
Low running cost		5	63	51	0	1
%		4%	53%	43%	0%	1%
Separate meeting room		8	43	61	7	1
%		7%	36%	51%	6%	1%
Soundproofing		12	43	57	7	1
%		10%	36%	48%	6%	1%
Stackable furniture		6	66	45	0	3

	%	5%	55%	38%	0%	3%
	Stage and backstage area	7	61	45	1	6
	%	6%	51%	38%	1%	5%
	Storage	7	73	38	0	2
	%	6%	61%	32%	0%	2%
	Well equipped kitchen	5	72	41	0	2
	%	4%	60%	34%	0%	2%
	Wheelchair accessible	3	104	13	0	0
	%	3%	87%	11%	0%	0%

Q6	The present Village Hall hosts many activities and regular maintenance keeps it usable, but there is rot in some external woodwork, no insulation, the windows and doors are particularly poor and many items need updating. A committee is engaged in efforts to build a new hall and your opinions on this step are crucial. Do you think ...?				
		No reply	Yes	No	No opinion
	the present hall is adequate for future use?	7	11	96	6
	%	6%	9%	80%	5%
	funds should be spent on updating the hall?	16	29	61	14
	%	13%	24%	51%	12%
	a new hall should be built in the <u>existing</u> location (bearing in mind limited parking and plot size)?	8	79	18	15
	%	7%	66%	15%	13%
	a new hall should be built in a <u>different</u> location?	19	35	39	27
	%	16%	29%	33%	23%
	Please describe a more appropriate location:				
	33 responses received				

Q7	If you use All Saints Church or the Church annexe, please indicate which events you have attended in the last year:	
6 (2.4%)	Bible study	
8 (3.3%)	Bridge	
14 (5.7%)	Christening/Baptism	
37 (15.1%)	Christmas market	
37 (15.1%)	Church service	
17 (6.9%)	Cowtons & Countryside U3A	

18 (7.3%)	Film night
61 (24.9%)	Funeral
3 (1.2%)	Playgroup
4 (1.6%)	Wedding
6 (2.4%)	Youth group
34 (13.9%)	No reply
Are there any other church services or events that you would be interested in attending?	
23 responses received	
Is there anything that would encourage you to attend a service in All Saints Church more often?	
25 responses received	

Q8	East Cowton Community Shop opened approximately one year ago thanks to the enthusiasm and support from parishioners. It is currently housed in a smart temporary structure adjacent to the Village Hall and staffed almost entirely by volunteers. Is the Community Shop important to you?	
113 (94.2%)	Yes	
1 (0.8%)	No	
6 (5.0%)	No opinion	
0 (0.0%)	No reply	
Do you think the existing facilities are ...?		
68 (56.7%)	Good	
48 (40.0%)	Adequate	
1 (0.8%)	Poor	
2 (1.7%)	No opinion	
1 (0.8%)	No reply	
In your opinion, what is the ONE best thing about the Community Shop?		
106 responses received		
Are there any other facilities, services or goods you would use if provided in the Village Shop?		
45 responses received		

How do you think the Community Shop could be improved (bearing in mind its limited size)?	
52 responses received	
What do you think should happen to the Community Shop?	
61 (47.7%)	Remain in the current location, adjacent to a new village hall
38 (29.7%)	Remain in the current location, within a new village hall
7 (5.5%)	Relocate to a new site (<i>describe below</i>)
16 (12.5%)	I have no opinion
6 (4.7%)	No reply
Please describe a site you think could be considered:	
8 responses received	
The Community Shop struggles to remain open all day. Would you like to volunteer in the Community Shop, working alongside another person, for a couple of hours a week?	
15 (12.5%)	Yes
82 (68.3%)	No
23 (19.2%)	No reply
If 'Yes', please leave your name or contact Steve Watson or Sue Blenkin in the shop:	
25 responses received	

PARISH COUNCIL

Q9	The Parish Council has a vital link with the District and County authorities and is the first tier of local government for the community with an important role to play in promoting and representing residents' interests. Within its limited remit and resources, the Parish Council provides and monitors services and amenities to meet local need, influences other decision makers and strives to improve the quality of parish life. Residents have the opportunity to elect parish councillors every four years. The Council elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman annually and reports to the electorate at the Annual General Meeting. You can find out more about the Parish Council by contacting judithkilsby@yahoo.co.uk				
		No reply	Yes	No	Maybe
	Would you be interested in joining the Parish Council?	9	3	92	16
	%	8%	3%	77%	13%
	Would you be interested in helping with working parties? (e.g. clearing footpaths, erecting stiles etc.)	10	36	45	29
	%	8%	30%	38%	24%

Do you feel you understand the role of the Parish Council and its responsibilities?	8	80	11	21
%	7%	67%	9%	18%
Are you aware that you can attend parish council meetings and that you can raise issues during the public participation section?	6	102	10	2
%	5%	85%	8%	2%
Are you aware the minutes to Parish Council meetings are published on the website?	8	77	34	1
%	7%	64%	28%	1%
Any comments about the Parish Council:				
16 responses received				

DEVELOPMENT

Q10	In the future, if affordable housing was considered a possible option in East Cowton, what would be your opinion?	No reply	Agree	Disagree	Undecided
	This would be a way for our young people in the parish to remain living and working locally	5	88	11	16
	%	4%	73%	9%	13%
	It would help those on low incomes or first time buyers	7	84	8	21
	%	6%	70%	7%	18%
	There is no need for any affordable housing in East Cowton	9	13	68	30
	%	8%	11%	57%	25%

Q11	Do you support the development of housing generally within the Parish?	
27 (21.6%)	Yes, I would welcome and support new housing development	
76 (60.8%)	Yes, as long as it is not large-scale development	
7 (5.6%)	I am completely opposed to any new housing development	
13 (10.4%)	Undecided	
2 (1.6%)	No reply	

It is also recognised that there is little opportunity for older residents wishing to remain within the Parish to downsize to more suitable accommodation.

Q1 2	Do you support development of housing for the elderly within the Parish?	
	38 (29.7%)	Yes, I support housing development for the elderly
	59 (46.1%)	Yes, as long as it is not large-scale development
	21 (16.4%)	Maintain a minimum quota of current single storey dwellings
	2 (1.6%)	No, I am completely opposed to any housing development
	5 (3.9%)	Undecided
	3 (2.3%)	No reply

Q1 3	Does anyone in your household require housing (open market or affordable) and either currently live in East Cowton or would like to return to the area?	
	9 (7.5%)	Yes
	100 (83.3%)	No
	5 (4.2%)	Don't know
	6 (5.0%)	No reply
	If 'Yes', please contact Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler at Hambleton District Council on (01609) 767048 to discuss further.	
	Please add any comments on housing development within the Parish:	
	9 responses received	

ENVIRONMENT

Q1 4	During periods of flash flooding, do you have any drainage problems at your premises?	
	98 (81.7%)	None to date
	14 (11.7%)	Sometimes
	3 (2.5%)	Often
	5 (4.2%)	No reply
	Please add any comments about drainage or flooding within the Parish:	
	13 responses received	

SPORTS FACILITIES AND RECREATION

Q1 5	What additional clubs/activities do you think could be provided specifically for the under 18s and over 60s age groups?
	35 responses received

Q1 6	Would you use a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the village?
	26 (21.7%) Yes
	75 (62.5%) No
	19 (15.8%) No reply
	If 'Yes', where do you think it should be located?
	18 responses received
	Are there any other sports or recreation facilities or activities you would use if provided in the village?
	20 responses received

COMMUNITY

Q1 7	Do you think a Welcome Pack for new residents should be produced containing useful information such as a bus times, bin collection timetable, local walking routes, pub information, etc?
	91 (75.8%) Yes
	11 (9.2%) No
	16 (13.3%) No opinion
	2 (1.7%) No reply

Q1 8	A 'Good Neighbour Scheme' could support the 'Good Neighbour' attitude in the Parish. This could include a welcome pack with information about the village and possibly extending to helping with shopping if needed or visiting someone who is sick. Would you support this initiative and help if you have time?
	58 (48.3%) Yes
	9 (7.5%) No
	46 (38.3%) Possibly
	7 (5.8%) No reply
	What other functions/ideas do you think could be included?
	11 responses received

OTHER

Q1 9	If you could change or improve ONE thing about living in East Cowton, what would that be?
	82 responses received

PRIZE DRAW AND CONTACT DETAILS

Please tick the box(es) below to confirm your acceptance of the following options:	
62 responses	I would like to enter the FREE PRIZE DRAW
26 responses	I have indicated an interest in helping/participating with various activities/projects
7 responses	I would like a member of the East Cowton Village Survey team to contact me about my comments or questions made within this questionnaire
44 responses	I would like my details to be kept on file so I can be updated with the questionnaire results
If you have ticked any of the four options above, please complete your details below:	
Name:	68 responses received
Address:	68 responses received
Telephone:	64 responses received
Email:	59 responses received