



Polperro and Lansallos Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following our last update in October our main activity has been to prepare and carry out questionnaire surveys of local households and businesses. After going through several drafts and some pre-tests with local volunteers (many thanks to them) the questionnaires were printed and distributed in November. We hand-delivered or mailed these to 935 dwellings that are on the council tax list and to 233 business tax payers. The surveys are now complete, results are in and we have begun to make sense out of what they are telling us. Here are some early observations:

- 260 household questionnaires were completed and returned. This represents about 20 percent of the adult population of the parish, a proportion which compares well with experience in other areas.
- Most responses tend to be quite conservative and protective regarding the local landscape, the conservation area and other aspects of our 'heritage'.
- Many comments mentioned the importance of protecting the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which makes up about half the area of the parish.
- There does not appear to be a broad consensus in favour of any significant new building projects except for meeting the real needs of existing residents.
- Comments were also made about issues that are beyond the scope of an NDP, such as arrangements for local parking and getting around within the parish. We will need some careful thought as to whether and how these issues could be addressed in a practical way.

Next steps

We now need to translate the results of our surveys and other consultations into a form that will carry real weight when it comes to making decisions about actual planning issues, such as any future housing proposals; and that will support any applications local organisations might make for funding future projects to benefit the community. The Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC) will guide us on technical planning requirements, starting with a workshop in February, and we will arrange a public presentation when the time is right.

Meanwhile, as part of our household survey we entered all those who returned their questionnaires by 12th December into a **prize draw**. The Mayors of Polperro will select the lucky winners of each of three £50 prizes in the Old Millhouse Inn at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd February, all are welcome to join us.

Contact

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions about the NDP and what it means for you and the community – there is a lot of information on our website or you can email or call us. We will let you know when we are able to resume our regular weekly drop-in sessions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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