

YARCOMBE AND MARSH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR US AS A COMMUNITY TO INFLUENCE HOW AND WHY DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN YARCOMBE AND MARSH OVER THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS AND MORE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AND BE PART OF THIS.

AS A 'THANK YOU' THERE IS THE CHANCE OF WINNING ONE OF TWO CASH PRIZES of £100 or £50 JUST BY TELLING US WHAT YOU THINK!

Want to know a little bit more?

This questionnaire is designed to help us understand what is most important to local people and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus upon.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision as to what Yarcombe and Marsh will be like to live and work in over the next fifteen years and hopefully, how that vision can be achieved. The process of producing our Plan will include a series of consultations, in which we will try and reach everyone in our community.

Our Plan needs to conform to the local and national policies but it can put in place detailed local policies relating to infrastructure, the local economy, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our plan will go before an independent Examiner, and then be subject to a referendum in our Parish where, under the regulations in the Localism Act 2011, over 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan. Once approved it will form part of the local planning guide for the area.

You can see from this, just how important it is that you make your views known so that they can be reflected in the final document.

There are a number of ways you can respond:

- 1 Fill in this questionnaire and either drop it through the letterbox of Yarcombe Village Hall or mail it in the reply paid envelope provided.
- 2 Take the survey online at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/yarcombenp>

The questionnaire is straightforward and self-explanatory, but if you encounter any difficulties, or require more information about our Parish Neighbourhood Plan process, please contact the Parish Clerk yarcombe.clerk@yahoo.com or 01404 861648

Thank you for taking the time to

USE YOUR VOICE AND & HAVE YOUR SAY!

Closing date 15th August

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Blackdown Hills are a beautiful landscape in which to live, work and play.

1. In your view, which of these qualities make the Blackdown Hills a special place?

(PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive landscape, views and scenery | <input type="checkbox"/> Tranquillity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional farming practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Country lanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland | <input type="checkbox"/> Devon banks and hedgerows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity (flora and fauna) | <input type="checkbox"/> Character of village centres and settlements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive, traditional building styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark skies with bright stars (lack of light pollution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | |
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2. Which of the following do you feel are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Footpaths | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-road cycle paths and green lanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridleways | <input type="checkbox"/> Commons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland and forestry (where open to public) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: |
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BUILT AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Part of the character of our parish is due to the buildings. These have evolved over centuries, with older buildings being updated or extended and new buildings added as required.

3. What priorities do you think our Neighbourhood Plan should focus on?

(PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- Design, size and location of new domestic buildings
 - Design, size and location of domestic extensions
 - Design, size and location of new agricultural buildings
 - Design, size and location of new industrial units
 - Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements
 - Preserving archeologically important sites
 - Reducing flood risk to new and current housing sites
 - Other, please specify:
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Trees are essential in our residential environment because they absorb pollution, provide shade and shelter, a haven for wildlife, create attractive settings, calm traffic, produce edible fruit and nuts, and reduce storm water runoff.

4. Please tell us where, if anywhere, you would like to see more trees being planted in our built and natural environment? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

Place	Fruit and nut trees (apple, cherry, etc.)	Native species (oak, ash, etc.)	Non-native (climate change & landscaping)
New developments			
Private gardens			
Residential streets			
Industrial areas			
Rural highway verges			
School playing fields			
Public open spaces			
Rural farm hedge banks			
Screening agricultural buildings			
Farmland and woodland			

ENERGY AND LOW CARBON ALTERNATIVES

We are all aware of the steady increase in energy costs. Encouraging local forms of energy production, with less reliance upon costly fossil fuels will be beneficial for us all.

5. Which, if any, of the following technologies are you supportive of being installed sensitively in your parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Small wind turbine under 25 metres (82ft)
- Large wind turbine 25-100 metres (82-328ft)
- Solar panels on homes
- Solar panels - agricultural land (small scale rotating or fixed vertical array)
- Solar panels - agricultural land (whole fields)
- None of the above
- Hydro power (e.g. using streams / rivers)
- Solar panels on farm or commercial buildings
- Solar hot water tubes on homes
- Other, please specify:

TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

6. Do you cycle to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

Daily Weekly Monthly Less Often Never

7. What would encourage you to cycle more?

Improved cycle ways Reduced speed of traffic
 Size or weight restrictions on vehicles Nothing Other, please specify:

8. Do you walk to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

Daily Weekly Monthly Less Often Never

9. What would encourage you to walk more?

Improved pedestrian footpaths Reduced speed limit of traffic
 Size or weight restrictions on vehicles Nothing
 Other, please specify:

A **'visibility splay'** is an area clear of obstruction to allow drivers to see traffic coming when turning on to a road. Where there is new development national guidance on splay sizes may require the removal of Devon banks, hedgerows and trees.

10. Should visibility splays be decided upon locally, (in consultation with Devon County Council Highways and East Devon District Council) to ensure character of our villages and lanes is balanced with safety?

Yes No Unsure

11. Would you prefer decisions regarding the number of parking spaces for new houses to be taken within the local area, in consultation with DCC Highways and East Devon District Council?

Yes No Unsure

12. Do you think the character of our settlements and lanes could be enhanced by reducing unnecessary signage and street furniture?

Yes No Unsure

ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Developing our local economy could bring many economic and employment benefits to our parish. To enable this we need to think about what types of local employment we wish to encourage, and what needs to be done to support this.

17. If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work?

- Work from home
 Less than one hour journey
- Within the parish
 More than one hour journey

18. Have you considered starting a business from home?

- Yes No Already do

19. Have you considered working from home?

- Yes No Already do

20. Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?

- Yes No Already do

21. Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Small retail units e.g. village or community shop
 Work and live light industrial units
 Small industrial units / artisan units
 Conversion of barns to workspace
 Expanding traditional agricultural enterprises
 Other, please specify:
- Retail with living accommodation
 Provision of a local work hub ('hot desking')
 Farm shop
 Faster broadband connection
 Large scale Intensive agriculture and horticulture
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22. What, if any, forms of small scale tourism related building or land use do you welcome in our parish?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Yurt / teepee / Shepherds hut / Glamping etc
 Small caravanning site (5 vans or less)
 Pubs / restaurants / cafes
 Self-catering accommodation
- Traditional small camping site (five tents or less)
 Small hotel / Bed and Breakfast
 Museums and Galleries
 Other, please specify:
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23. Do you feel the historic airfields of the Blackdown Hills are important assets to preserve?

- Yes No unsure

SOCIETY, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Below is a list of services or facilities that you may use, either in our parish or nearby, we would like to know how often you use these. The second question addresses your desire for the provision of facilities not currently available in our parish.

Type of amenity	Question 24					Question 25	
	How often do you use any of the listed amenities?					If this amenity is not available in our parish, do you think there is a need for it?	
	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Yes	No
Village / community shop							
Farm shop							
Farm gate sales e.g. eggs							
Post office							
Petrol station							
Pub							
Pharmacy							
Doctors surgery							
Place of worship							
Youth club							
Childcare – home based							
Preschool or nursery							
Primary school							
Allotments							
Community orchard							
Park or recreation field							
Football / cricket pitch							
Tennis court							
Bowling green							
Play area (under 5s)							
Dog walking area							
BMX track							
Skate park/ramps/half pipe							
Multi-use games area							
Bus shelter							
Village / community hall							
Swimming pool							

26. Do you use the internet...

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

to work from home

for personal shopping, banking, groceries etc.

for entertainment

to work at a business premises within the parish

to video call, email or social media friends and family

not at all

27. Do you think the internet adds new possibilities to rural living for you in terms of:

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Working from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping and services (banking, insurance etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with local services | <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating with friends and family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running a business locally | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
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PERSONAL SITUATION

28. Which age group are you and other members of your household in?

PLEASE PUT A NUMBER WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN AN AGE BRACKET

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85-89 | <input type="checkbox"/> 90+ | | |

29. Are you...

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> in full time education | <input type="checkbox"/> in full time work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> in part-time work | <input type="checkbox"/> a full time carer (for children or adults) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify: |
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30. How long have you lived in the parish?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 31+ years |
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Personal Details

Please note: Responses will be analysed by the Community Council of Devon and will not be looked at individually. We will not pass on your details to anyone, but to be entered in the prize draw and to be kept up to date on our Neighbourhood Plan, please leave your details below. ***REQUIRED FOR DRAW ENTRY**

***Name:**

***Address and postcode:**

***Email address (if you have one):**

Please make sure everyone in the household completes a questionnaire for more chances to win a cash prize!

You can fill this form in online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/yarcombenp>

Thank you for your time!

PLEASE RETURN BY 15th August TO ENTER THE PRIZE DRAW!