

Summary of comments 2025 questionnaire

Feedback positives

1. Improvements in Communication:

- Several people noted that communications and organization in the village have improved significantly over the last five years. Residents appreciate the efforts made to keep the community informed about events, opportunities, and village news.
- There is appreciation for the increased involvement of villagers in organizing family events and community activities.

2. Community Spirit:

- A lot of positive comments centred around the **community spirit** in the village. Residents are happy to see people working together for the collective good, with many recognizing the contributions of local people to make the village a better place.
- Some comments highlighted how much they enjoy living in the village, appreciating the peaceful and natural surroundings, and the efforts of everyone striving to make the village a better place for all ages.

3. Village Amenities and Events:

- There is recognition of the efforts to organize **family-friendly events**, which many enjoy being a part of.
- A few residents also noted their positive experiences with **village amenities**, such as the playground, and how much they enjoy the community spaces available for social gatherings.

4. Gratitude and Praise:

- Some residents expressed gratitude towards the parish council and other village volunteers, praising the efforts to improve village life and make it a wonderful place to live.
- Positive feedback was received about the **overall efforts of the village** and the continued work to bring people together and enhance the community.

5. Enjoyment of Village Life:

- Several residents mentioned how much they **love the village**. They feel fortunate to live in such a welcoming, scenic place and expressed enjoyment of the village atmosphere.
- Newer residents also expressed excitement about being part of the village and mentioned they are looking forward to experiencing more of what the community offers as they settle in.

6. Acknowledgement of Progress:

- Some mentioned that the village has made significant strides in improving various aspects of life, including events and community involvement. They recognized the progress made and appreciated the efforts.

7. Positive Environment for Families:

- There was a general sense of pride in the village being a **great place for families** to live. People highlighted the welcoming and supportive environment for all age groups, from young children to older residents.

Summary of Positives:

- **Community Engagement:** Strong sense of community and participation in events.
- **Improvements in Communication:** Enhanced communication about village events and opportunities.
- **Love for the Village:** Many residents expressed appreciation for the peaceful and scenic surroundings.
- **Gratitude for Local Efforts:** Acknowledgment of the hard work put in by volunteers and the parish council.
- **Positive Atmosphere:** The village is seen as a great place for families and people of all ages.

These positive comments show that the village is thriving, with a strong, supportive community that is committed to making life better for everyone.

Focus on speeding & Traffic

1. Speeding in the Village:

- **Top of the Village:**
 - One respondent suggested that the speed limit at the top of the village (where it changes from 60 mph to 30 mph) should be reviewed. They proposed reducing the speed limit to 40 mph rather than 30 mph, to allow drivers to slow down gradually from 60 mph. They felt that the transition to 30 mph should happen closer to the more built-up area of the village (near Moat Farm House), where there are more houses and more visibility, which could encourage drivers to slow down.
- **General Concerns about Speed Limits:**
 - A few people mentioned that speeding continues to be an issue in the village, particularly as large vehicles (like lorries and tractors) pass through. There was a suggestion that the village should have a

consistent speed limit of **30 mph** throughout the entire area, from Dove Inn to Mill Road, to make it safer for pedestrians and other residents.

- **Speeding on Mill Road:**

- There was a specific mention of speeding on **Mill Road**. One resident suggested lowering the speed limit on this road and putting up horse-related signage to help reduce the speed of traffic, indicating a concern for pedestrian and animal safety.

2. Concerns About Large Vehicles:

- There were additional concerns about the presence of large vehicles, particularly **lorries** and **tractors**. Some residents felt that the village streets, particularly near their homes, are being affected by these vehicles braking suddenly to slow down, which has led to road surface damage and noise issues. One respondent mentioned that these large vehicles often cause damage to the road surface, which creates an unpleasant environment for those living near the main streets.

3. Speeding Checks and Monitoring:

- Some people noted that they have not seen any speed checks or traffic monitoring being done in the village, particularly at the end of the street. This may lead to frustration among residents who feel that the problem is not being properly addressed. One resident specifically mentioned that they have not been able to help with speed checks due to work commitments but appreciated those who have volunteered to help with these efforts.

4. Request for Weight Restrictions:

- There was a clear request for the **enforcement of weight restrictions** through the village to limit the number of heavy vehicles passing through, which could help mitigate both the speeding issue and the damage caused by large vehicles.

5. Speeding Impact on Road Quality:

- One comment mentioned that the road surface in some areas has been significantly damaged due to the high-speed vehicles (especially heavy lorries) braking suddenly when approaching certain parts of the village. This not only worsens the road conditions but also creates noise pollution, making it uncomfortable for residents.

Summary of Speeding Concerns:

- **Speed limits:** Many residents suggest a review of current speed limits, including lowering them (especially on Mill Road and at the village entrance points).
- **Lorries and large vehicles:** There is a concern about the increased number of large vehicles speeding through the village, which damages roads and makes noise.
- **Speed checks:** The need for more speed monitoring and checks to ensure compliance with speed limits was mentioned.
- **Weight restrictions:** There is a call for stricter enforcement of weight restrictions to limit the passage of heavy vehicles through the village.

The overall theme is a desire for safer streets with slower traffic speeds, particularly for pedestrian safety and improved quality of life for those living near busy roads.