

Abbotskerswell Primary School Survey 2015 in Conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan



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Introduction

A short questionnaire (see appendix A) was distributed amongst pupils of the Primary School in Abbotskerswell in the spring of 2015. It sought the opinions of the young people that go to school in Abbotskerswell on matters that could be relevant to the neighbourhood planning process.

50 completed questionnaires have been received and analysed by September 2015. The results, in numbers and percentages, are shown in tables in this report. (It should be noted that the percentages used in tables are calculated from the answers received and exclude those that did not answer.)

All written comments made in the questionnaires have been included in this report in accompanying text boxes. Comments have been edited only for ease of understanding. The 'weight' of opinion they represent from the younger members of the community, together with the views quantified in the tables, merits detailed analysis and should inform neighbourhood planning.

The age of respondents ranged from 7 to 11. Just over half of the completed questionnaires came from pupils that were 8 years old or under at the time of the Survey. Just over three quarters of those that completed the questionnaire are resident in Abbotskerswell itself.

The key findings and opinions from the Survey, particularly those that relate to neighbourhood planning, are listed at the end of this short report on page 7.

Questionnaire Responses

ANP Survey 2015		
Do you live in Abbotskerswell?		
	No.	%
no	12	24%
yes	38	76%
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
How old are you?		
	No.	%
7	7	15.2%
8	17	40.0%
9	10	21.7%
10	5	10.9%
11	7	15.2%
Total	46	

ANP Survey 2015		
What do you think about new homes having to be built in Abbotskerswell?		
	No.	%
better	8	16%
neither	13	26%
worse	29	58%
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
Where are you allowed to cycle around the village on your own?		
	No.	%
all roads	1	2.1%
no	31	64.6%
on all roads	1	2.1%
quiet roads	11	22.9%
yes	4	8.3%
No answer	2	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
Abbotskerswell, what building or view comes top?		
	yes	%
the countryside around the village	30	45.5%
Church	18	27.3%
other	10	15.2%
the cottages in the old part of the village	6	9.0%
the Recreation Ground	2	3.0%

ANP Survey 2015		
What should new houses in Abbotskerswell look like?		
	No.	%
adjacent	16	33.3%
modern	11	22.9%
old	21	43.8%
No answer	2	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
How important is it new houses are built in a way that saves energy		
	No.	%
don't know	23	48.9%
important	18	38.3%
not important	6	12.8%
No answer	3	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
How important is it new houses are built in a way that saves water?		
	No.	%
don't know	13	26.5%
important	32	65.3%
not important	4	8.2%
No answer	1	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
Should new houses be built so old and disabled people can easily live in them?		
	No.	%
don't know	17	34.7%
no	4	8.2%
yes	28	57.1%
No answer	1	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
How do you normally get to school in the morning?		
	No.	%
car	19	38.8%
other	2	4.1%
walk alone	10	20.4%
walk with adult	18	36.7%
No answer	1	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
Do you make use of the Recreation Ground?		
	No.	%
never	10	21.3%
occasionally	16	34.0%
often	20	42.6%
yes	1	2.1%
No answer	3	
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015		
How good is the Recreation Ground?		
	No.	%
don't know	10	21.2%
good	20	42.6%
OK	15	31.9%
poor	2	4.3%
No answer	3	
Total	50	

What would make the Recreation Ground a better place to play?	
<i>Astroturf</i>	<i>more things to do</i>
<i>beach</i>	<i>new animal habitat</i>
<i>benches</i>	<i>new recreation ground</i>
<i>better football pitch</i>	<i>no bumps</i>
<i>better play area</i>	<i>nothing</i>
<i>better playground</i>	<i>play equipment</i>
<i>better toilets</i>	<i>play things</i>
<i>blackberry bush</i>	<i>ramps</i>
<i>bridge over the river into the hedge</i>	<i>ramps</i>
<i>climbing wall</i>	<i>ramps</i>
<i>death slide tall</i>	<i>shade</i>
<i>death slide which is tall and steep</i>	<i>skate park with more ramps</i>
<i>grow back hedges</i>	<i>snack shack</i>
<i>grow back hedges for child dens</i>	<i>swimming pool</i>
<i>if toilets are always open</i>	<i>swimming pool</i>
<i>less bumpy</i>	<i>swimming pool</i>
<i>monkey bar please</i>	<i>swimming pool</i>
<i>monkey bars</i>	<i>swimming pool</i>
<i>more skate ramps</i>	<i>tent</i>
<i>more stunt ramps</i>	<i>toilets were open</i>
<i>more swings and slide</i>	

What **ONE thing** about Abbotskerswell do you **most like**?

Chores for Yours (my company)
church
church bells ringing
countryside
countryside
environment
environment
everything
everything
everything
friendly
home
lovely country
lovely countryside and peacefulness
lovely people
MUGA in the park
my best friend
my best friend lives here
my house
people who don't pick up dog mess
recreation ground
recreation ground
school
school
school
school
school
school
school
school
school and park
shop
shop
small village
the countryside
the park
the park
the park
the park
the park
the park
the park
the park
the park and MUGA
the play area
the shop
the stream in the park
the wildlife

What **ONE thing** about Abbotskerswell do you **most dislike**?

busy roads
busy roads
dog mess
dog mess
don't know
don't know
garden is poor
homes too close
houses are too close
houses that are being built
little roads
loud people
my house
new houses
new Linden homes
new Linden homes
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
nothing
PE
PE
people who cannot be bothered to pick up dog poo
school
school
some people
the beginning of the morning
the church
the houses
the houses that maybe built
the people
thin roads
toilets
toilets
weeds
weeds

What one change would most improve Abbotskerswell for people of your age?

A death slide or sand pit and water feature

an 'only year 5' school

a park

a teen/pre-teen hangout

a tree house

an orchard

another park

better play equipment

better play park

better skate park

bigger playground

church

improve paths

it to be a bit bigger

less concentration on work

less litter

make people smile

more parks

more parks and things to do in the park also a swimming pool

more play things and ball play area

more ramps

more ramps in park

more ramps in park

more things to play with and a leisure centre with swimming pool

nothing

nothing

nothing

put in swimming pool

recreation ground

skate parks

slide

summer activities, swimming pool

swimming

swimming pool

swimming pool

swimming pool

swimming pool

swimming pool

swings

the concrete slab

water park

ANP Survey 2015		
How many clubs or regular activities do you attend?		
	No.	%
0	10	20%
1	10	20%
2	6	12%
3	6	12%
~	10	20%
3+	8	16%
Total	50	

ANP Survey 2015						
Location of clubs or activities?						
No.	0	1	2	3	4	n/a
in Abbotskerswell	11	15	3			21
outside Abbotskerswell	8	13	5	4	1	19

What clubs or activities would you like to see provided in Abbotskerswell?

activities clubs
activity clubs
activity clubs
archery
archery
athletics
athletics
athletics
badminton and swimming
climbing club
computer tournaments
cooking club
cubs
cycling club
don't know
football
football and multi sports activities
football club
football team, rugby team and lots of others
gaming club
gymnastics and swimming
gymnastics club
junior football team
kids club so adults can work longer
more sports activities
none
not sure
nothing
outdoor activity club
parks
pet club
stunt clubs
swimming
swimming
swimming
swimming and gymnastics

Abbotskerswell Primary School Survey 2015

Key Findings and Opinions:

- **A good proportion of pupils walk to school**
- **Many younger children are not allowed to cycle around the village on their own**
- **The surrounding countryside and the village setting is important**
- **Development should not be allowed to spoil the character of the village**
- **Homes suitable for the elderly are important**
- **It is just as important to save water as save energy**
- **The Recreation Ground could be better**
- **More local sporting opportunities would be welcomed**

Primary School Questionnaire

Do you live in Abbotskerswell?

Yes

No

How old are you?

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

How do you normally get to school in the morning?

Walk with an adult

Walk alone

Cycle

Car

Taxi

Bus

Other

Are you allowed to cycle around the village on your own?

Yes – on all roads

Yes – but on the quiet roads

No

Think about things that make Abbotskerswell look nice. What building or view would come top?

The Church

The Recreation Ground

The cottages in the old part of the village.

The countryside around the village

Other

Abbotskerswell will likely have a number of new homes built in the next few years.

What do you think about this?

- It will make Abbotskerswell better
- It will make Abbotskerswell worse
- Neither better or worse or just different

What should new houses in Abbotskerswell look like?

- Look like the old village houses
- Fit in with whatever the neighbouring houses are like
- Be like the latest designs they have in cities

How important is it new houses are built in a way that saves energy?

- Important
- Not important
- Don't know

How important is it new houses are built in a way that saves water?

- For example by using rainwater in the garden
- Important
- Not important
- Don't know

Should new houses be built so old and disabled people can easily live in them?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Do you make use of the Recreation Ground?

- Often
- Occasionally
- Never

How good is the Recreation Ground?

Good

OK

Poor

Don't know

What would make the Recreation Ground a better place to play?

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What ONE thing about Abbotskerswell do you most like?

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What ONE thing about Abbotskerswell you most dislike?

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What one change would most improve Abbotskerswell for people of your age?

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How many clubs or regular activities do you attend?

(You can count playing for teams)

0 1 2 3 More than 3

Number of clubs or activities in Abbotskerswell

Number of clubs or activities outside Abbotskerswell

What clubs or activities would you like to see provided in Abbotskerswell ?

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire – your views are important to us