

Ashurst & Colbury Community Questionnaire Results

Undertaken Winter 2006/07

Section A - Your household

Q1 In your household

	Totals March 07	Final %
Age 66 and over	428	27%
Age 22 - 65	836	53%
Age 13 - 21	127	8%
Age 5 - 12	131	8%
Age 0 - 4	65	4%
Base	1587	

	Total	Approx %
Male	250	16%
Female	267	17%
Base	517	
Estimated no reply	1087	68%
Estimated base	1604	

Q2 Principal day time activity

	Total	Final %
Retired	516	32%
Self Employed	147	9%
Employed	582	36%
Not Employed	78	5%
Further education	58	4%
School	181	11%
Pre-school	47	3%
Base	1609	

Q3 How long have you lived in Ashurst and/or Colbury?

	Total	Final %
Less than 1 year	130	8%
1-5 years	317	19%
6-10 years	250	16%
11-20 years	291	18%
More than 20 years	523	32%
Since birth	107	7%
Base	1618	

Section B - Community facilities and communications

Q4 How good a Community Spirit do you feel Ashurst and Colbury has?

	Good v's Bad	Total	Final %
Very good	59%	207	14%
Good		672	45%
Average	4%	549	37%
Bad		52	3%
Very bad		11	1%
Base		1491	

Q5 Where do you usually get information about events and issues in Ashurst & Colbury?

	Total	Final %
Parish Newsletter	668	96%
Village Notice Boards	271	39%
Church Magazines	62	9%
Parish Website	13	2%
Local Paper	243	35%
Library	10	1%
Other	56	8%
Base (households)	698	

Q6 Do you regularly read the Ashurst & Colbury Parish Newsletter?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1203	81%
No	281	19%
Base	1484	

Q8 Do you think people moving to Ashurst & Colbury would find a Welcome/Information Pack useful?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1144	83%
No	241	17%
Base	1385	

Q9 Do you know that the Parish Council meets monthly at Colbury Church Rooms and that the meeting is open to the public?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1010	71%
No	403	29%
Base	1413	

Q10 Have you attended any village interest or activity groups?

	Total	Final %
Yes	560	38%
No	896	62%
Base	1456	

Q11 Would you support any other community events?

	Total	Final %
Yes	832	69%
No	382	31%
Base	1214	

Section C - Shops and businesses**Q12 Are you satisfied with the variety of shops & businesses in Ashurst & Colbury?**

	Total	Final %
Satisfied	935	68%
Not satisfied	441	32%
Base	1376	

Q13 If introduced to the village, please tick any of these which you would support

	Total	Final %
Greengrocer	697	48%
Museum	129	9%
Visiting monthly cinema	413	28%
Doctor	650	45%
Chemist	1005	69%
Dentist	605	41%
Additional post boxes	189	13%
Base (approximate)	1457approx	

Q14 Do you own or operate a business within the Parish?

	Total	Final %
Yes	121	8%
No	1334	92%
Base	1455	

Q15 Do you work within the Parish?

	Total	Final %
Yes	165	12%
No	1253	88%
Base	1418	

Section D - Safety in your community

Q16 Do you feel our community is adequately policed?

	Total	Final %
Yes	437	32%
No	956	68%
Base	1393	

Q17 Have you been a victim of crime within Ashurst & Colbury during the last two years?

	Total	Final %
Yes	231	16%
No	1176	84%
Base	1407	

If so, please tick appropriate box below

	Total	Final %
Household theft	34	15%
Car theft	27	12%
Assault	8	3%
Intimidation	36	16%
Vandalism	166	72%
Fraud	3	1%
Other	23	10%
Base	231 (Q 17)	

Q18 Did this crime take place during daylight hours?

	Total	Final %
Yes	44	21%
No	162	79%
Base	206	

Q19 Did you report this crime to the Police and if yes, did you receive an incident number?

	Total	Final %
Yes, but didn't receive incident number	34	16%
Yes, and received incident number	97	46%
No	82	38%
Base	213	

Q20 Do you think CCTV should be installed in the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	755	57%
No	572	43%
Base	1327	

Q21 Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Watch in A&C Parish?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1092	79%
No	298	21%
Base	1390	

Q22 As a resident do you know your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator?

	Total	Final %
Yes	539	49%
No	556	51%
Base	1095	

Section E - Leisure activities

Q23 Do you think there is any need for the following?

	Total	Final %
Coffee mornings	226	16%
Cards/board games afternoons/evenings	164	11%
Art/Activity classes	368	25%
Community rooms	287	20%
Friendship group	211	14%
Other	96	7%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q24 Within Ashurst & Colbury - are you satisfied with the leisure activities available for your age group?

	Total	Final %
Yes	855	59%
No (approximate)	604	41%
Base (approximate)	1459	

Q25 What improvements or additional facilities for young people would you like to see in the Parish?

	Total	Final %
Cafe	405	28%
New Scout hut	349	24%
Extra youth club	448	31%
Sports field/area	593	41%
Equipment for older children in the park	386	26%
More play equipment for younger children	281	19%
Toddler group	185	13%
Other	20	1%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q26 Do you think there is adequate provision for people with disabilities?

	Total	Final %
Yes	619	65%
No	327	35%
Base	946	

Section F - Travel, transport and traffic

Q27 Do you use local public transport?

	Total	Final %
Trains	539	37%
Buses	453	31%
Base (approximate)	1454	

If so, for what purpose?

Trains		
	Total	Final %
Work/school	159	30%
Shopping	193	36%
Social	392	73%
Other	73	14%
Base	537	

Buses		
	Total	Final %
Work/school	52	11%
Shopping	333	74%
Social	261	58%
Other	72	16%
Base	451	

Q28 How satisfied are you with public transport?

	Total	Final %
Satisfied	649	62%
Not satisfied	403	38%
Base	1052	

If you are dissatisfied, which of these improvements do you think would benefit the community?

Trains		
	Total	Final %
Lower fares	244	60%
More frequent service	225	56%
Improved access for disabled	48	12%
Improved reliability	106	26%
Base	403	

Buses		
	Total	Final %
Alternative routes	106	27%
More frequent service	256	63%
Better access for disabled	35	9%
Lower fares	176	44%
Reduce bus sizes	81	20%
Improved reliability	120	30%
Base	403	

Q29 Are you concerned about the volume of traffic passing through the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1196	82%
No	261	18%
Base	1457	

Q30 Are you concerned about traffic issues near Foxhills Schools?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1149	83%
No	238	17%
Base	1387	

Q31 In your opinion, are speed limits in the Parish adhered to?

	Total	Final %
Yes	385	28%
No	994	72%
Base	1379	

Q32 In your opinion, are speed limits enforced adequately?

	Total	Final %
Yes	362	27%
No	958	73%
Base	1320	

Q33 Do you keep to speed limits in other villages?

	Total	Final %
Yes	1220	97%
No	39	3%
Base	1259	

Q34 Are there roads in the Parish where speed limits should be changed?

	Total	Final %
Yes	588	49%
No	600	51%
Base	1188	

Q36 Do you have concerns about parking in the village?

At the Parish shops	Total	Final %
Yes	421	34%
No	801	66%
Base	1222	

At your home	Total	Final %
Yes	224	19%
No	971	81%
Base	1195	

Near the schools	Total	Final %
Yes	950	79%
No	246	21%
Base	1196	

On verges	Total	Final %
Yes	858	72%
No	341	28%
Base	1199	

Other local locations	Total	Final %
Yes	211	27%
No	585	73%
Base	796	

Q37 How satisfied are you with the cycle routes in and around the village?

	Total	Final %
Satisfied	770	70%
Not satisfied	324	30%
Base	1094	

Section G - Affordable housing

Q38 Would you like to see Affordable (Social) homes in the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	412	34%
No	786	66%
Base	1198	

If yes	Total	Final %
Mixed around the village or	300	79%
Grouped on their own?	78	21%
Base	378	

Q39 Do you know someone in your household who needs and would qualify for affordable housing?

	Total	Final %
Yes	131	11%
No	1019	89%
Base	1150	

Q40 Affordable housing should only be for locals from the village?

	Total	Final %
Agree	1015	89%
Disagree	122	11%
Base	1137	

Q41 Would you like to see warden assisted housing for the retired people in the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	957	86%
No	153	14%
Base	1110	

Section H - Environment

Q42 Please tick if you feel there is a problem with vandalism & graffiti in the following areas.

	Total	Final %
Bus shelters	680	47%
The recreation ground	636	44%
A326 subway	462	32%
On road signs	506	35%
Other	109	8%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q43 Can you identify a badly littered area?

	Total	Final %
Along A35	473	32%
Woodlands Road near Railway Bridge	274	19%
Bus shelters	273	19%
The recreation ground	283	19%
The station area and both its approaches	232	16%
Other	90	6%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q44 Would you like to see more litter bins?

	Total	Final %
Yes	695	61%
No	443	39%
Base	1138	

Q45 Is fly-tipping a problem in these areas?

	Total	Final %
Station area	270	19%
Woodlands Road near Railway Bridge	186	13%
A326 subway	132	9%
Pound Lane	173	12%
Knellers Lane	170	12%
Other	29	2%
Base (approximate)	1450	

Q46 Do you feel dog fouling is a problem in the following places?

	Total	Final %
In the recreation ground	262	18%
On the A35 footpath	157	11%
Grass verges	400	27%
Other	74	5%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q47 Would you like to see more dog excrement bins in the Parish?

	Total	Final %
Yes	611	58%
No	447	42%
Base	1058	

Section I - Management and maintenance

Q48 In which areas of the recreation ground would you like to see future investment?

	Total	Final %
Children's play area	475	33%
Dog walking area	235	16%
Wildlife habitat creation	497	34%
Ball games	407	28%
Landscape beauty	439	30%
Other	24	2%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q49 Are you concerned that hedges in the Parish are being lost through removal or neglect?

	Total	Final %
Yes	495	43%
No	663	57%
Base	1158	

Q50 Are you concerned that hedges in the Parish, adjacent to footpaths, are being left to overgrow?

	Total	Final %
Concerned	724	59%
Not concerned	496	41%
Base	1220	

Q51 Do you believe there is a rat problem in the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	640	53%
No	574	47%
Base	1214	

Q52 Would you favour a community pest control scheme?

	Total	Final %
Yes	922	77%
No	275	23%
Base	1197	

Q54 Would you like to see more footpath access to the Forest from the village?

	Total	Final %
Yes	783	65%
No	424	35%
Base	1207	

Q55 Is there enough suitable street lighting in the village?

	Total	Final %
Too much	56	4%
Adequate	976	71%
Not enough	333	25%
Base	1365	

Q56 Which of the following environmental issues might prevent you from walking in the village?

	Total	Final %
Lack of routes	147	10%
Condition of surface	372	26%
Lighting	307	21%
Safety	321	22%
Overgrown vegetation	218	15%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Section J - Village character and planning issues

Q57 Which do you think of as the most important things that give our village its rural character?

	Total	Final %
Major oak trees on A35 and Whartons Lane	966	66%
Gardens and green spaces	906	62%
Preservation of grass verges	895	61%
Diversity of wildlife	686	47%
Field hedges	842	58%
Trees in our lanes and front gardens	929	64%
Local woodland pockets	815	56%
Proximity of the open forest	1186	82%
Fields and meadows	943	65%
Interesting buildings	227	16%
Other	37	3%
Base (approximate)	1453	

Q59 Do you think that building development and extensions are changing our village in a positive or negative way?

	Total	Final %
Positive	304	27%
Negative	458	40%
Not well informed	378	33%
Base	1140	

Q60 How accessible do you feel the new National Park planning department is?

	Total	Final %
Easily accessible	415	53%
Not very accessible	372	47%
Base	787	

Q61 Are you aware that all local planning applications are published in the Lymington Times and on the New Forest National Park Authority website?

	Approx No.	Approx %	Total	Final %
Yes aware in Lymington Times	313	22%	621	43%
Yes aware they are on the website	192	13%	500	34%
Yes aware in Lymington Times & on website	304	21%		
No	641	44%	394	27%
Base (approximate)	1450		1461	

Section K - Young people

Q62 Are you male or female?

	Total	Final %
Male	112	54%
Female	96	46%
Base	208	

Q63 How old are you?

	Total	Final %
11 years old or younger	99	49%
Between 12 and 18 years old	103	51%
Base	202	

Q64 Are you at school or work?

	Total	Final %
At school or college	186	89%
Working - part time	11	5%
Employed - full time	8	4%
Unemployed	4	2%
Base	209	

Q65 Do you take part in any organised village activities?

	Total	Final %
Yes	71	37%
No	122	63%
Base	193	

Q66 Do any of the things below stop you taking part in these village activities?

	Total	Final %
Activity not available	64	31%
Cost	14	7%
Transport	11	5%
Time	47	22%
Base (approximate)	209	

Q67 What do you do in your free time?

	Total	Final %
Sport	118	57%
Shopping	77	37%
Socialise with friends at home	133	64%
Meet with friends around the village	50	24%
Watch TV or play computer games	151	72%
Hobby	93	45%
Other	25	12%
Base (approximate)	209	

Q68 Do you think there are enough leisure activities for young people in Ashurst & Colbury?

	Total	Final %
Yes	39	22%
No	136	79%
Base	175	

Q69 Are the activities which take place in the village well advertised?

	Total	Final %
Yes	68	36%
No	119	64%
Base	187	

Q70 What new facilities for young people would you like to see in the village?

	Total	Final %
Drop-in cafe (open in evenings)	77	37%
Outdoor meeting area	41	20%
General indoor meeting area	57	28%
Sports/play area	115	55%
New Scout hut	45	22%
Extra Youth Club	55	26%
Equipment for older children in park	89	43%
Other	15	7%
Base (approximate)	209	

Q71 Would you be interested in joining a Youth Forum that would help put into action ideas from this questionnaire?

	Total	Final %
Yes	45	28%
No	116	72%
Base	161	