

MADRON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER

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Our Artist has been at work again!

You may see this poster on the Parish notice boards and elsewhere. It's to tell you about the new look Parish website (if you haven't already found it) and to encourage folk to use the site as part of Parish life. I think he's made the stones look as if they are alive and a prehistoric monster, but don't worry, the website itself is not a monster but friendly and easy to use.



Work Goes On

Your Parish Neighbourhood Plan Team have been working away in the background over the Christmas and New Year, with just the odd evening slumped by the fireside as they make inroads into the remaining nuts and exotic fruits. It seems an age ago now but just before Christmas the Government had the audacity to run an election in competition with our Parish Neighbourhood Plan survey but we went ahead despite them. Hope you all appreciated the informative leaflet and parish map that accompanied the survey form. Altogether 687 survey forms were mailed out across the Parish and to date we have had 134 responses back, which I believe is a good result by survey standards. As I write, the results are being analysed and conclusions drawn, and these will feed into the work of the separate working groups that are developing the plan policies.

A formal report on the survey results will be produced by the team and submitted to the Parish Council, and it is too early for any definitive results to be announced in this newsletter. However, having read most of the responses, I can give my initial impressions on what parishioners have said that they love about living in Madron and what improvements are desired.

The little ones at the small end of the age range had definite and to the point opinions. They like the wildlife and nature, and they want more trees to climb and more bike trails. They are also red hot for saving the planet (clearly mindful that it's theirs to inherit) and fully support renewable energy schemes and the encouragement of electric cars.

For the more mature parishioners, it is living within a strong sense of community that is loved, together with the enjoyment of the natural environment, the countryside and the historic heritage. Being both in the countryside and close to town was also a key feature, and someone thought that being able to live in Madron village with the sound of the church clock chiming the hours was

lovely. For improvements, the need for a village shop was an understandable clear favourite, together with a pub with more comprehensive facilities, such as for meals. Better footpath and road maintenance, better signage, and improved car parking all featured as well. Housing seemed to call for more control and restrictions on development, but with support for more affordable homes for local people.

Let's now look forward to seeing the Neighbourhood Plan working groups getting out and around the parish, putting the survey results to work to develop the plan themes and policies that accord with the desires you have expressed. We then envisage presenting the results of all this work to the Parish for your comments and feedback, in the early spring.

