

Survey findings

The majority of respondents appreciated the appearance of the parish and the countryside features including footpaths and bridleways, traditional Devon banks, hedges and trees. The green areas of the village were particularly valued, including the playing field, which over 70% of respondents felt needed to be protected, and the surrounding countryside.

The local shops were highly rated, particularly the Spar shop and the post office which are important to over 90% of respondents. Respondents felt that there were a number of eyesores in the village – for example, the Nog Inn and the station building, which would benefit from better waiting facilities.

The majority of people (71%) want no further building in the village and those who thought some building was acceptable believe it should be limited to infill only.

Over 70% of respondents felt that dog fouling is a problem and that dog bins should be provided, while 63% felt there is too much litter in the village. Flies were found to be a problem in parts of the parish at certain times of year.

Most services were considered to be satisfactory, although a number of respondents were dissatisfied with the water supply which they said is often discoloured. Mains drainage and flooding are a significant problem to some residents. When asked about crime and safety, the main concern was speeding traffic. Respondents also said they would appreciate a police presence late at night, particularly at weekends.

Less than 10% of people had problems accessing health services, although some regretted that the Coleridge medical centre at Ottery St Mary no longer holds a surgery in Feniton.

☺☺ This is the friendliest village
I have lived in! ☺☺

