

Volunteering

The Parish Council is able to insure volunteers:

Are you able to volunteer to help preserve or develop the character, appearance and administration of the village through Parish Council funded and resourced activities? If so we would be pleased to hear from you. Please advise the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@littlegaddesden.org.uk)

Any other comment relevant to the Parish Council's role in maintaining and developing the village environment?



THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

Louise Archer, Parish Council Chair

LITTLE GADDESSEN PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY 2016

In 2014 we consulted with the Parish on a range of issues and obtained useful guidance on a number of them – but the response was limited.

This year we want to check back with people, update and clarify responses to a number of issues.

Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to:

The Parish Clerk at Bramleys, Pond Lane, Little Gaddesden, HP4 1UB

or scanning/emailing it to:

parishclerk@littlegaddesden-parishcouncil.org.uk

Overall

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Little Gaddesden as a place to live?

Tick (✓) one:

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Traffic

Our 2014 survey identified speeding enforcement as the most important area the Council should address on the traffic front. Tick one to indicate your support (✓) for each of the following propositions.

Introduce an average speed camera system at key entry/exit points to the village:

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

Introduce traffic calming chicanes at key entry/exit points to the village:

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

Have more traffic speed monitoring carried out by trained village volunteers:

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

Have more traffic speed monitoring & enforcement carried out by the Police:

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

Insert here your own ideas for a possible project.

Village Signage

Context: *there is a gradual increase of public signage around the village. In your view (tick one) are there:*

too many signs of all sorts and the Parish Council should seek to reduce them

an acceptable amount and it's not an issue

Identify any specific signs we should seek permission to remove:

Village Pond

In conjunction with the National Trust there is a proposal over the next 2 years to recreate the village pond opposite the Green as an area of special ecological, environmental & educational interest. Please indicate your view of this initiative.

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

Possible New Projects

The Parish Council occasionally accumulates reserves through grants, minor underspends, windfalls or donations. Please indicate your general attitude towards spending limited available parish council funds on the following:

- Floodlights for the tennis courts to increase access/usage:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- Bike Rack at the village hall:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- Electric charging point for cars at the village hall:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- Refurbishment of Marian Alford Memorial opposite the War Memorial:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- Providing adult fitness equipment on the playing fields:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- Mobile Library replacement scheme:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**
- World War One commemoration scheme:
High Priority **Medium Priority** **Low Priority**

Village Green

In 2015 the Parish Council introduced a flexible mowing regime for the village green to encourage biodiversity.

Are you in favour of continuing with the new flexible mowing regime?

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly
- It depends purely on the cost

Housing Development

The Dacorum Core Strategy, which has statutory force, excludes housing development in Little Gaddesden which is designated formally as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with a Conservation Area but we would like to understand people's opinions about housing so that we can respond appropriately to private applications. Please indicate your view by choosing among the following:

Would you support or oppose more homes being built in Little Gaddesden?

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

If new homes were to be built in Little Gaddesden, which, if any, of these types of homes do you think are most needed? Tick all that apply (list on following page)

- No new homes needed
- Flats/maisonettes
- 1 or 2 bedroom houses
- 3 or 4 bedroom houses
- 5 or more bedroom houses
- Bungalows
- Other (Please say what)

And, if new homes were to be built in Little Gaddesden which, if any, of these types of homes do you think are most needed? Tick all that apply

- No new homes needed
- Homes to buy
- Homes to rent from private landlords
- Homes to rent from local authorities or housing associations
- Homes to part-own and part-rent
- Other (Please say what)

Village Hall

Responsibility for the Village Hall sits with the Village Hall Management Committee. Last year we consulted on the desire among residents for a new village hall versus a refurbished building. It was clear few wanted to rebuild the hall and there were somewhat divergent views about refurbishment. Please indicate your view by ticking one of the following

I believe the village hall currently meets the needs of the village and merely requires ongoing care and maintenance.

OR

I believe the village hall needs refurbishment (e.g. an improved kitchen, improved toilets, heating system, additional meeting rooms, or furniture) to bring it up-to-date and provide better facilities for hall users.

Additionally, please answer the following:

It would be a good use of some of the Parish Council's reserves to help the Village Hall Management Committee refurbish the Hall by offering to help finance a rolling programme of significant **improvements**.

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly

If you Supported when answering the above question, should part of this programme include the creation of a small business centre at the village hall to support local enterprises?

- Support strongly
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Oppose strongly