

# Bere Regis Parish Council Survey

The Parish Council is keen to improve the way that it engages with the community. We have prepared a survey to address both this issue and, in addition, a couple of other topics that the council is currently working on. In particular, there are a number of questions about traffic issues (speeding, traffic volumes, parking etc) which we know cause a variety of concerns in various locations.

The survey is available both electronically, via the link below, and also as [this paper version](#) which will be delivered to all households in the parish.

Electronic completion would greatly help us in assembling the results, but the paper option is fine should you wish to complete the survey that way.

Where possible, please complete this form online at <https://forms.gle/c83CTtFKuSAfxozM6>



(you can also scan the QR code which will go straight to this link)

You can post hard copies of the survey in the black letterbox by the village shop.

Or post to: Amanda Crocker, Bere Regis Parish Council, Wardon Hill Farm, Long Ash Lane, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9PW

Or hand your completed form to any Parish Councillor.

The results of the survey will be made available as part of the presentations at the next parish meeting in July, the date of which is to be confirmed. In particular, we hope to use the results to improve communication with the community, and from a traffic perspective, to support our requests to Dorset Council for more traffic control measures in various locations. If the electronic survey version proves successful, it may give us another way of seeking views from the community going forward.

**The survey is officially open until the end of 30 April 2024.**

If posting the forms, please send/drop off in time to receive by the end date above.

**\*Indicates required fields**

Email \*

Name of Person Completing the Survey \*

Please provide your address, or as a minimum if you prefer, your postcode. We need this \* information to confirm that the person completing the survey is a resident of this parish.

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## Communication and Engagement

The Parish Council is keen to improve the way that it engages with the community and, equally importantly, the ways that parishioners can communicate with the Council.

We currently make information available in a number of ways - website, Facebook page, Parish Magazine and village noticeboards. Whilst coverage using these methods is reasonable, we could clearly do more, in particular making more use of electronic communications and social media. Please check the boxes to indicate which methods you use now, if any, and what you would prefer to use in the future.

<i>Tick all that apply.</i>	Now	In the Future
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Magazine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BR village Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noticeboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Council Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quarterly Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The question above looks at how you might receive information from the Parish Council, this question looks at the type of information you might wish to receive. Please check the boxes to indicate what information you look at now, if anything, and what you might like to look at, in the future.

<i>Tick all that apply.</i>	Now	In the Future
Notice of PC meetings and agendas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Council Meeting minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting summaries (monthly)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Updates (road closures etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major Planning & Development Items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any other comments about how we can improve our communications with parishioners, please add them below.

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## Traffic Survey

Triggered by a number of incidents in recent years, we have formed a Traffic Focus group to look at traffic issues within the village. Speeding is clearly a significant concern, but other issues include parking problems, antisocial or nuisance driving, traffic volumes, road maintenance & markings, lighting and pedestrian safety.

We need your help both to confirm known problems, and to identifying other issues, to enable us to pressure the appropriate authorities for change. We know we can't make many, if any, traffic related changes ourselves but if we are seeking to change speed limits, improve signage, request new road marking etc, then community support is vital. At present, this survey is focused on the village centre - we appreciate that there may be issues elsewhere. Please use the text box at the end to add any further comments.

### Issues Part 1 - Please identify where you think these issues currently occur

Please select all that apply

	Speeding	Parking problems	Antisocial driving	Excess volume of traffic
Rye Hill / Southbrook / Green Close	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Street & adjoining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elder Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manor Farm Road & adjoining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Issues Part 2 - Please identify where you think these issues currently occur

*Tick all that apply.*

	Lack of signage	Poor road maintenance / marking	Lighting issues	General pedestrian safety issues
Rye Hill / Southbrook / Green Close	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Street & adjoining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elder Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manor Farm Road & adjoining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you selected "Other location" above, please tell us where and what the issue is.

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### Ideas for Improvement - Speeding

We have a number of options but ultimately to make changes, need to work with Dorset Council. We have a number of potential ideas, please tick the boxes if you agree or otherwise with the suggestion. Note that extending the 30mph limit to the top of Rye Hill is already in hand.



	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Introduction of 20mph zone in the Village Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve signage to emphasise entering village (for example like Tolpuddle as in photo above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve signage within the village to make speed limits clearer (e.g. via road markings or 30mph repeaters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider other speed control measurers, chicanes, rumble strips etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Ideas for Improvement - Parking & Congestion

As above, we have a number of options but ultimately to make changes, we need to work with Dorset Council.

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
<i>Tick all that apply.</i>			
Clearer no parking zones close to junctions - white or yellow lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yellow lines outside the Royal Oak as you enter West Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single side parking outside the shop and hairdressers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clearer signage in the village centre to emphasise the need to maintain adequate access along West Street at all times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

With reference to the other traffic-related issues above, are there any additional suggestions or ideas for improvement that you would like to suggest?

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## The Salt & Pepper Lunch Club

Salt & Pepper is the Parish monthly lunch club. It is held in the Scout Hut and is run by volunteers. It has been running for 8 years now but the organisers are concerned that there are many residents who may not be aware of its existence. The answers given to the following questions will be passed to them in order for them to adjust their advertising and consider how best to contact as many residents as possible.

### Lunch Club awareness and attendance

<i>Mark only one per row.</i>	Yes	No
Have you heard of the Salt & Pepper Lunch Club?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you attended the Lunch Club at any time in the past?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you currently consider attending the Lunch Club in the future?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you haven't attended the Salt & Pepper Lunch Club, what might persuade you to do so?

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### Other Lunchtime Options

*Mark only one per row.*

Yes

No

Would you be interested in coming to a regular, low-cost soup & roll lunch?

Would you consider helping at such a lunch?

Have you any other comments on existing or future lunch club options?

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