

TOTAL RESPONSE: 491 households out of a total of the 585 households occupied in the summer of 2008

TOTAL RESPONSE RATE: 84%

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Horspath Residents' Survey 2008

Selected Percentage Results

(The answers to questions requiring comments, and those detailing specific household characteristics have been omitted here.)

Analysing all the hand-written comments will be a separate task.)

N.B. Not all the percentages for a question add up to exactly 100%, because they relate to the total number of questionnaires analysed, rather than the total number of answers to a specific question, and because some questions were missed out by some respondents for their households.

Please send any comments on these statistics or their meaning for Horspath to the Webmaster at webmaster@horspath.org.uk for forwarding to the Parish Plan Steering Group.

Future Development around Horspath

The questions that follow are about the future of Horspath as a South Oxfordshire village located in the Oxford Green Belt, which is regarded by Oxford City Council and by some landowners as a suitable location for building an 'urban extension to the City of Oxford', which could join the village to the city. Your answers will help the Parish Council, the District Council and County Council to determine how best to take account of your views and how to plan accordingly for the future of Horspath to meet its residents' requirements.

Q1 Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose the following: (Please select one answer from each row.)

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Support a little</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Oppose a little</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Horspath to be joined to Oxford by building an 'urban extension' on nearby fields	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	2.5%	95.2%
Horspath to remain as a village separated from Oxford by a strip of Green Belt fields	94.0%	2.7%	0.4%	0.2%	2.7%
Horspath to defend the Green Belt against building development	92.5%	3.1%	1.0%	0.8%	2.5%
Horspath to stay within South Oxfordshire District Council area rather than coming under the Oxford City Council area	88.8%	4.1%	3.3%	0.6%	3.1%
Two large turbines, each 125m high, to be erected on the south side of Oxford Road, Horspath (these would generate electricity for Oxford City)	7.7%	13.6%	8.6%	9.4%	60.8%

Horspath's rural environment

Q2 How important do you consider the following are for Horspath: (Please select one answer from each row.)

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Fairly important</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Not at all important</i>
To protect and maintain the views from Horspath of the open countryside of the Oxford Green Belt ie. the hills, fields, hedges, woods and sports fields that surround Horspath	94.4%	5.1%	0.4%	0.0%
Being able to see a variety of wildlife in the village - wild flowers, birds, wild animals etc.	90.9%	8.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Horspath to remain a relatively quiet ie. noise-free village	94.2%	4.7%	1.0%	0.0%

Q3 How often, if at all, do you visit the following in Horspath: (Please select one answer from each row.)

	<i>Every day</i>	<i>Several times a week</i>	<i>About once a week</i>	<i>At least once a month</i>	<i>Less often</i>	<i>Never</i>
Horspath Wildlife Conservation Area in Butts Road	2.5%	6.0%	11.3%	24.6%	40.4%	15.2%
Shotover Country Park	6.5%	12.9%	16.7%	26.9%	29.9%	7.1%
Bowley Field and Recreation Ground	4.4%	16.4%	11.3%	18.7%	36.1%	13.2%

Horspath's village facilities

Q5 About how often, if at all, do you use the following in Horspath: (Please select one answer from each row.)

	Every day	Several times a week	About once a week	At least once a month	Less often	Never
The shop, Horspath Village Stores	29.5%	36.6%	21.7%	7.6%	3.5%	1.0%
Horspath Post Office	5.8%	23.9%	36.1%	22.0%	10.2%	2.1%
Any room in the Village Hall or the Horspath Village Sports Association Clubroom	0.2%	2.3%	7.1%	13.7%	52.3%	24.4%
Any room in the Methodist Chapel	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	11.8%	25.8%	60.9%

Q6 If the following changes were made to Horspath Village Stores, how would it affect your frequency of shopping there? (Please select one answer from each row.)

	Would use more often	Would use the same as currently	Would use less often
Enlarge the shop to sell fresh, locally produced food	58.8%	40.6%	0.6%
Enlarge the shop to include a tea room/ coffee shop	26.2%	66.9%	7.0%

Q7 About how often does anyone in your household use the following? (Please select one answer from each row.)

	Every day	Several times a week	About once a week	At least once a month	Less often	Never
Children's Play Area outside the Village Hall	1.1%	4.3%	6.4%	7.0%	16.4%	64.8%
Any of the village pubs	1.7%	13.8%	13.8%	20.8%	31.0%	19.0%
The Indian restaurant	0.2%	1.9%	8.8%	22.6%	31.8%	34.7%

Q8 How often, if at all, does any ADULT in your household use the recreation ground, village sports pitches or the Bowley Field for sport, exercise or recreation?

Every day	4.0%	At least once a month	9.2%
Several times a week	10.0%	Less often	26.2%
About once a week	10.7%	Never	40.0%

Q9 And how often, if at all, does any CHILD or TEENAGER living in your household use the recreation ground, village sports pitches or the Bowley Field for sport, exercise or recreation?

Every day	1.1%	Less often	7.7%
Several times a week	7.3%	Never	8.6%
About once a week	5.5%	No children or teenagers in household	64.0%
At least once a month.....	5.7%		

Q10 About how often do you, personally, visit the Temple Cowley Practice Doctor's Surgery in the Village Hall?

Every month.....	1.9%	About once a year.....	7.5%
Several times a year	15.0%	Never	75.6%

Q11 If a Doctor's Surgery in the Village Hall was held more frequently than the present one day each month, would you:

Visit more often than at present	21.0%	Visit less often than at present.....	1.3%
Visit about the same as at present	16.3%	Not registered with Temple Cowley Practice...	61.5%

Q12 How often, if at all, does anyone in your household walk or cycle along the footpath/cycleway alongside Oxford Road, connecting Horspath with Cowley?

Every day	6.7%	At least once a month	12.1%
Several times a week	11.9%	Less often	23.5%
About once a week	10.0%	Never	36.0%

Q13 In what ways, if at all, does your household rely upon St. Giles Church, Horspath? (Please select all that apply.)

Place for regular Christian worship.....	11.0%	For baptisms, weddings and funerals	46.5%
Services celebrating Christmas and Easter.....	26.0%	Other (please specify).....	3.8%
Source of personal help and support for local people who need it	11.3%	None of these.....	32.9%

Q14 Do you think that the village residents should help to pay for the upkeep of St Giles Church? (It is the oldest historical building of architectural quality in Horspath.)

Yes	48.6%	Don't know	30.7%
No.....	20.7%		

Q15 How often, if at all, does any member of your household use the bus service between Horspath and Oxford?

Every day	3.9%	At least once a month	21.6%
Several times a week	14.2%	Less often	26.3%
About once a week	14.4%	Never	19.7%

Q16 How do you rate the bus service, provided by a new bus company since June 2007, between Horspath and Oxford?

Very satisfactory	23.0%	Not at all satisfactory	3.5%
Fairly satisfactory	37.6%	Don't know/Don't use	25.7%
Not very satisfactory	10.2%		

Q18 How many different Horspath village clubs, societies, associations, sports teams or volunteer groups do members of your household attend?

None	48.8%	Four.....	2.3%
One.....	22.6%	Five.....	0.8%
Two.....	16.3%	Six or more.....	0.6%
Three.....	5.5%	Don't know	3.0%

Horspath's village commitments and projects

Q20 Please indicate below how important you feel the following projects are in Horspath. (Please select one answer from each row.)

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
Annual autumn one day fair on the village green for St. Giles' Feast	49.9%	30.3%	11.3%	6.0%	2.5%
Efforts to buy the Horspath bridge for £1 and to maintain it as a footbridge	82.5%	12.3%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%
Maintaining the Wildlife Conservation Area for public access	80.0%	15.7%	3.3%	0.6%	0.4%
Maintaining the new Horspath burial ground	76.7%	16.9%	2.7%	0.8%	2.9%
Planting more trees, mowing paths for walking and running around Bowley Field	60.1%	29.8%	7.4%	1.4%	1.2%
Developing the Horspath village website www.horspath.org.uk	31.0%	41.5%	16.5%	4.7%	6.2%
Publishing a twice yearly Parish Council newsletter free of charge for every household	50.7%	39.5%	7.0%	1.7%	1.0%
Upgrading and renovating facilities in the Village Hall, including the kitchen	41.3%	44.2%	7.6%	1.7%	5.2%
Continuing measures to keep vehicles off the grass areas of the village Green	67.6%	24.6%	4.1%	2.9%	0.8%

Affordable Housing in Horspath

The questions below are designed to establish how you feel about plans for Horspath to create a third Affordable Housing scheme to provide homes for people with existing connections with Horspath who cannot afford homes in the village at open market prices. The recent Housing Needs Survey recommends that a further small 'Rural Exception Site' development (which means that houses can be built on a Green Belt site as a permitted exception to the SODC policy of not building there), typically of about 10-12 houses, should be considered for Horspath. (A specific site suitable for a third scheme has not yet been identified.)

- Q22 How do you feel about plans for a third Affordable Housing scheme, as described above, in Horspath?**
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|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Strongly approve..... | 38.9% | Strongly disapprove..... | 13.9% |
| Approve a little..... | 30.8% | Don't know | 8.3% |
| Disapprove a little..... | 8.1% | | |
- Q23 Is there anyone currently living in your household who would be likely to be interested in a home for rent or for part-purchase in a third Affordable Housing development in Horspath within the next five years?**
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|-----------|-------|------------------|------|
| Yes | 17.3% | Don't know | 8.6% |
| No..... | 74.1% | | |

Sport and recreation

These questions ask about the levels of support for various sports facilities which might be included in the on-going plan for improved sports facilities in the village. The overall plan is to raise money from the Lottery and other charities to provide a wider range of high quality facilities for men, women, boys and girls in Horspath to play more sport, and new sports, in the village, and to encourage all residents of any age to take healthy exercise and enjoy the facilities for informal recreation. The basic scheme was published in the Horspath Parish Council Newsletter in April 2007, which is on the website www.horspath.org.uk.

The Horspath Village Sports Association, the Village Hall charity and the Parish Council approved the basic scheme centred on a second cricket pitch and two grass football pitches in the part of the Bowley Field closest to the Village Hall. Other sports facilities are now being considered, for example, an all-weather multi-sport training area designed for juniors but also open for general use, a new purpose-built energy-efficient pavilion/clubhouse/changing room, and hard tennis courts.

- Q24 Please indicate below whether you support or oppose the plans as described above: (Please select one answer from each row.)**
- | | Support the plans | Oppose the plans | Don't know/no opinion |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Overall plan (as above) for expansion of sports and recreation facilities in Horspath | 81.4% | 3.4% | 15.3% |
| Development of the second cricket pitch | 63.0% | 8.1% | 28.8% |
| Development of two grass football pitches | 70.2% | 5.8% | 24.0% |
| Development of the all-weather multi-sport area, particularly intended for young people in the village | 80.5% | 4.8% | 14.7% |
| Construction of two hard tennis courts for use by Horspath residents | 77.9% | 4.4% | 17.7% |
- Q25 Do you support the replacement of the disused Scout Hut with a pavilion providing modern changing facilities for men, women and children, and good spectator facilities, for general use by all Horspath village clubs?**
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|------------------------------------|-------|
| Yes - support the plan | 85.0% |
| No - do not support the plan | 2.9% |
| Don't know/no opinion | 12.1% |
- Q26 How often, if at all, do you think any ADULT in your household would use any of the proposed new facilities?**
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Every day | 0.8% | Less often | 18.3% |
| Several times a week | 11.9% | Never | 21.5% |
| About once a week | 17.1% | Don't know | 15.8% |
| At least once a month..... | 14.6% | | |
- Q27 And how often, if at all, do you think any CHILD or TEENAGER in your household would use any of the proposed new facilities?**
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Every day | 3.8% | Less often | 4.4% |
| Several times a week | 16.1% | Never | 31.6% |
| About once a week | 11.7% | Don't know | 23.1% |
| At least once a month..... | 9.2% | | |

Q28 Are there any other sports or recreational facilities which you feel should be incorporated into the overall plan for improving sports and recreational facilities in Horspath?
 Yes 26.4% No 73.6%

Community safety and village policing

The answers concerning Neighbourhood Policing will be summarised and forwarded to the new Neighbourhood Action Group for community safety and to the Thames Valley Police. The answers concerning road safety will be summarised and forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council.

Q31 Do you consider that Horspath is a safe place to go walking around on your own?
 Yes - at all times of the day and night 52.4% No - at no time of day or night..... 1.6%
 Yes - but only in daylight hours..... 41.6% Don't know 4.3%

Q33 To what extent do members of your household feel that vandalism and anti-social behaviour are a problem in Horspath?
 It is a big problem..... 13.3% It is not a problem at all 12.0%
 It is a minor problem 74.7%

Q34 How important is it to members of your household to put an end to vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Horspath?
 Very important 83.7% Not very important..... 3.4%
 Fairly important..... 11.5% Not at all important..... 1.5%

Q35 How do you rate the service provided by the Thames Valley Police in Horspath?
 Very satisfactory 6.5% Not at all satisfactory 10.3%
 Fairly satisfactory 34.9% Don't know 27.8%
 Not very satisfactory 20.5%

Q37 How do you rate the safety of the roads within Horspath village?
 Very safe..... 4.4% Very dangerous 7.9%
 Fairly safe..... 61.3% Don't know 0.8%
 Fairly dangerous 25.6%

Q38 How important do you feel it is for public safety to further reduce the speed of road traffic within Horspath village?
 Very important 47.2% Not at all important 4.8%
 Fairly important..... 31.2% Don't know 3.1%
 Not very important..... 13.6%

Q39 How do you regard the parking of motor vehicles on the pavement in Horspath, as a public safety issue?
 Totally acceptable - of no significance for public safety..... 7.2% Totally unacceptable..... 43.4%
 Fairly acceptable..... 20.2% Don't know 4.4%
 Fairly unacceptable..... 24.8%

Q40 How do you rate the standard of maintenance by the County Council of the roads and pavements in Horspath?
 Very satisfactory 4.2% Not at all satisfactory 16.1%
 Fairly satisfactory 47.7% Don't know 2.9%
 Not very satisfactory 29.1%

Public Services provided in Horspath by South Oxfordshire District Council

Q42 How would you rate the collection by South Oxfordshire District Council of domestic waste and other materials for recycling in Horspath?

<i>Very satisfactory</i>	58.4%	<i>Not at all satisfactory</i>	1.0%
<i>Fairly satisfactory</i>	35.6%	<i>Don't know</i>	1.9%
<i>Not very satisfactory</i>	3.1%		

Q44 How would you rate the performance of the South Oxfordshire District Council Planning Service in providing planning advice to householders and development control in Horspath?

<i>Very satisfactory</i>	9.3%	<i>Not at all satisfactory</i>	8.2%
<i>Fairly satisfactory</i>	28.1%	<i>Don't know</i>	42.2%
<i>Not very satisfactory</i>	12.2%		

Q45 How interested are you in learning more about ways to improve energy efficiency in your household?

<i>Very interested</i>	38.3%	<i>Not very interested</i>	17.0%
<i>Fairly interested</i>	37.4%	<i>Not at all interested</i>	7.2%

Q51 Do you have access to the Internet in your household for sending and receiving e-mails and for looking at the Horspath website?

<i>Yes</i>	69%	<i>No</i>	31%
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