

Baldons Parish Plan Survey

Thank you for taking part

To answer the questions please mark 'X' in the appropriate box, or write your answer in the space provided.

About you

These questions will help us to ensure that all sections of the community have been represented and to categorise the answers we receive. However, if there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, simply leave them blank.

Q1 How old are you?

8 - 11.....	12	30 - 44.....	54
12 - 15.....	17	45 - 59.....	71
16 - 19.....	17	60 - 74.....	55
20 - 29.....	15	75+	27

Q2 What gender are you?

Male.....	119	Female.....	151
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Q3 How long have you lived in the Baldons?

Less than 1 year.....	6	11 - 20 years	64
1 - 5 years.....	68	20 years +.....	101
6 -10 years	33		

Q4 Which part of the parish do you live in?

Marsh Baldon	173	Little Baldon.....	12
Toot Baldon	85		

Q5 Where do you work (if applicable)?

From home	48	Reading	4
Within 2 miles of home	10	London.....	22
Oxford.....	41	Birmingham	1
Abingdon	2	Other.....	22
Other Oxfordshire.....	27	Not applicable.....	106

Social Facilities and Events

Q6 Which societies or activities, if any, do you attend or would you be interested in attending? (Please mark all that apply in each of the three columns.)

	<i>Attend in or around the Baldons</i>	<i>Attend outside the immediate area</i>	<i>Might be interested in attending if available in the Baldons</i>
A Book club	32	7	36
Art / Craft	8	7	30
Aunt Sally	6	3	13
Baldons Cricket Club	10	2	8
Baldons Players	45	0	5
Ballroom Dancing	12	1	33
Bridge	5	5	15
Church bell ringing	9	2	16
Film	8	25	32
Flower arranging	7	1	20
Football	9	7	13
Gardening Club	22	2	16
IT classes	4	5	19
Keep fit	12	20	48
Language for conversation	3	3	24
Local Business Forum	0	0	7
Local history	11	8	42
Lunch Club for older people	11	2	10
Music event (listening)	22	35	35
Music event (performing)	12	12	14
NB Group	10	1	3
Pilates / Yoga	11	6	65
Sewing / embroidery / knitting	3	1	15
Talks and Lectures	11	17	36
University of the third age (self- help cooperatives for older people to pursue learning for fun)	5	5	10
Walking	54	32	38
Wine tasting	24	4	39
Youth Club	20	1	12
Other (please specify)	2	7	4

Q7 Which of these events are you in favour of? (Please mark all that apply)

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Barn Dance	64	98	66	0	0
Children's Christmas party	69	94	54	1	3
Concerts	43	105	48	3	1
Fireworks and Bonfire	135	84	27	3	5
New Year's Eve Party	56	58	83	4	4
Parish lunch (Lunch on the Green)	93	93	35	1	2
Seniors' Christmas party	93	65	59	0	1
Village Ball.....	56	82	77	2	2
Village Fete (Baldon Feast).....	119	101	29	0	0
<i>If you are in favour of any other events, please specify:</i>		18			

Q8 To what extent do you agree or disagree that village events strengthen a sense of community?

<i>Strongly agree</i>	136	<i>Disagree</i>	4
<i>Agree</i>	104	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	2
<i>Neither agree nor disagree</i>	30		

There has been some discussion as to the appropriate format for the fireworks event. Some in the village preferred the larger event, others the smaller.

Q9 Which type of fireworks event, if any, do you think we should have?

<i>Wider audience</i>	84	<i>No preference</i>	65
<i>Village only</i>	120	<i>We shouldn't have one</i>	5

Q10 Do you have any other comments about the fireworks event?

Q11	What facilities for sport do you think we should have in the village? (Please mark all that apply)	
	<i>Badminton court</i>	45
	<i>Football pitch</i>	87
	<i>Multi purpose hard courts (for netball, 5-a-side football etc)</i>	55
	<i>Outdoor table-tennis</i>	32
	<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>	27
	<i>Squash court</i>	16
	<i>Tennis court</i>	103
	<i>Tennis wall</i>	35
	<i>Other</i>	14
	<i>None</i>	45

The Village Hall committee is considering the expansion of the existing Village Hall facilities with the addition of a new committee / meeting room, a stage, increased storage space and an extra kitchen space.

Q12	Are you in favour of such an extension?	
	<i>Yes</i>	216
	<i>No</i>	42

Q13	Would this extension encourage you to use the facility, or to use it more?	
	<i>Yes</i>	148
	<i>No</i>	94

Q14	What other facilities / equipment, if any, would encourage you to use the village hall more? (Please mark all that apply)	
	<i>Projector and Screen</i>	89
	<i>Sound system (microphone / amplifier / speakers)</i>	96
	<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>	22
	<i>Hearing loop</i>	24
	<i>Other</i>	15
	<i>None</i>	73

Village Services

Q15	Are you an Oxfordshire libraries member?	
	<i>Yes</i>	114
	<i>No</i>	154

Q16 Which of these best describes your public library use?

	<i>At least every three weeks</i>	<i>Several times a year</i>	<i>Once a year or less</i>	<i>Never</i>
Berinsfield.....	6	16	14	119
Mobile	10	11	8	115
Temple Cowley.....	7	15	14	109
Central Library (Westgate)	7	35	37	94
Other	12	12	9	95

Q17 If a mobile library was available in the evening or over the weekend how often would you use it?

<i>Once a week</i>	16	<i>Less often</i>	54
<i>1 - 2 times a month</i>	61	<i>Never</i>	117

Q18 With the closure of the shop at Nuneham Courtenay, many people feel that we have lost an important facility. If they could be provided, how often, if at all, would you use the following options?

	<i>At least once a week</i>	<i>At least once a month</i>	<i>Less than once a month</i>	<i>Never</i>
Weekly Grocery van (like the fish van)	46	44	28	80
Volunteer internet shoppers (who would place your order with a supermarket home delivery service).....	6	8	8	155
Community shop	165	51	19	18

Q19 Would you be prepared to place internet shopping orders on behalf of others?

<i>Yes</i>	38	<i>No</i>	206
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Q20 If you would like a community shop, where would you like this to be, if possible?

<i>Church</i>	15	<i>Pub</i>	109
<i>Old shop at Nuneham (this would have to be acquired for the village from the present owners)</i>	106	<i>Village Hall</i>	110
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>		<i>Other</i>	21
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Q21 This service would only work if people are prepared to help. Would you be prepared to help run such a facility? (You are not committing yourself to anything by answering, but it would be helpful to get an idea if in principle we might have enough volunteers to pursue such a facility.)

<i>Yes - every day</i>	0	<i>Yes - at least once a month</i>	116
<i>Yes - at least once a week</i>	28	<i>No - less often / never</i>	106

Q22 What, if anything, would you like to buy in such a facility? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Bakery products</i>	200	<i>Frozen food</i>	44
<i>Cigarettes / alcohol</i>	48	<i>Local produce</i>	173
<i>Delicatessen items</i>	104	<i>Newspapers</i>	223
<i>Fresh meat / fish</i>	70	<i>Other</i>	27
<i>Food basics (Groceries)</i>	174	<i>None / would not use</i>	3
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			28

Q23 If you would use the shop, what opening hours would you like it to have?

<i>Very early morning</i>	35	<i>Evenings</i>	107
<i>Working day (9 - 5)</i>	132	<i>Weekends</i>	141

Roads

Many residents have commented that the speed at which vehicles go through the Baldons is too high for the type of roads we have.

Q24 Is this a widespread problem or just specific areas of the Baldons? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Widespread general issue within the Baldons</i>	139	<i>Road out of Marsh Baldon towards Nuneham Courtenay</i>	90
<i>Road out of Toot Baldon towards Garsington</i>	91	<i>Around the Green</i>	51
<i>The Croft area</i>	102	<i>Other area</i>	23
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>		<i>Speed not considered a problem</i>	31
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Q25 To what extent do you support or oppose the following measures in the Baldons to help reduce traffic speed? Please note that these options would require further investigation to establish their feasibility. Some may require additional signage with reflective bollards. Please give an answer for each measure.

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
20mph limit	73	82	32	29	23
Speed indicator devices	58	56	42	36	21
Cattle grids	21	35	58	52	38
Chicanes / narrowings / gates	21	36	32	61	58
Speed humps / bumps	25	31	22	63	73
More, better warning signs	53	71	45	15	23
Leaflets to all villagers, farmers and school parents to explain the need to drive carefully and slowly around their village	55	47	74	21	15

Q26 The Baldons is an "access only" road and many feel that it is being used as a through route for many vehicles. Do you think the "access only" designation should be retained?

<i>Strongly support</i>	196	<i>Oppose</i>	3
<i>Support</i>	43	<i>Strongly oppose</i>	3
<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	28		

Q27 If we retain our "access only" designation, how do you think it should be enforced? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Local police presence more often</i>	108	<i>Other</i>	10
<i>Closing off one entrance to the villages</i>	28	<i>Not a problem</i>	22
<i>Clearer and more advance signs at turnings into villages</i>	155	<i>Don't know</i>	37

Fewer people currently live and work in the villages than they used to and more people in families have access to cars, which is causing more traffic generation around the villages.

Q28 Could or should people around the villages be encouraged to reduce the number of journeys they make in the car around the villages?

<i>Yes</i>	152	<i>No</i>	111
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Q29 If a cycle path was provided from the villages to Oxford (for example to Grenoble Road) how often, if at all, would you use it?

<i>Daily</i>	15	<i>Several times a year</i>	66
<i>Several times a week</i>	21	<i>Less than once a year / never</i>	119
<i>Several times a month</i>	47		

Parking

Q30 Do you consider parking in the villages to be a problem?

	<i>Serious problem</i>	<i>Minor problem</i>	<i>No problem</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Church parking (Marsh).....	6	27	127	70
Church parking (Toot)	18	45	93	75
Cricket parking	5	32	129	59
Green parking (inside the road / track)	22	39	103	56
Green parking (outside the road / track)	13	43	110	57
Mole Inn parking (outside car park)	2	31	130	58
Private householder parking.....	16	39	126	45
School drop-off / pick up.....	86	48	62	51
School parking during the day.....	66	45	70	56
Seven Stars parking (outside car park)	4	48	132	41
Tourist parking.....	3	30	124	65
Village event parking (occasional).....	3	39	140	44
Village Hall parking.....	5	22	168	33

*If you think parking is a problem
elsewhere, please specify where:*

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Q31 If you indicated there was a problem in the question above, please give us more details: what is your main concern?

	<i>Damage to grass / verges / Green</i>	<i>Visual impact</i>	<i>Obstructing the road</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Other</i>
Church parking (Marsh).....	8	3	10	9	2
Church parking (Toot)	25	9	6	2	15
Cricket parking	12	12	6	3	1
Green parking (inside the road / track)	32	22	10	11	6
Green parking (outside the road / track)	24	18	5	6	4
Mole Inn parking (outside car park)	3	2	15	12	2
Private householder parking.....	10	19	25	14	1
School drop-off / pick up.....	102	38	51	58	5
School parking during the day.....	84	43	31	27	5
Seven Stars parking (outside car park)	20	17	8	6	3
Tourist parking.....	9	10	4	3	3
Village event parking (occasional).....	19	6	16	12	1
Village Hall parking.....	2	2	8	11	5
Other	1	2	4	3	3
<i>If you have given an answer for 'other', please could you confirm where this is:</i>		19			

Q32 Do you have any further comments on parking issues?

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Q33 Should the villages provide dedicated / signed parking for tourists?

No.....	180	Yes - at the pubs	39
Yes - at the village hall	34	Yes - create new parking areas.....	16

Pedestrians

The Baldons do not have any pavements on the roads through the villages, although we do have many footpaths and tracks. However, there are some sections of road that cannot be bypassed.

Q34 Do you ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe as a pedestrian on the roads for any of the following reasons? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Absence of pavements</i>	59	<i>Uneven surface</i>	16
<i>Lack of lighting</i>	41	<i>Vehicle size</i>	54
<i>Narrow road with no verge</i>	125	<i>Other</i>	5
<i>Traffic speed</i>	166	<i>None of these - I feel safe</i>	51
<i>If 'other', please specify:</i>			12

Q35 To what extent do you support or oppose the following measures to improve pedestrian safety around the villages and encourage more walking? Please give an answer for each measure.

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Better surfaced off-road paths	48	67	74	12	9
More off-road paths / tracks	59	71	70	12	8
Installation of pavements (or verges), walking areas	38	46	52	46	28
Restriction on size of vehicles	51	51	65	30	17
More signs.....	18	52	66	44	23
No measures are needed.....	14	13	51	24	19
<i>Which, if any, other measures would you support? (Please specify)</i>		22			

Bus / Taxi Services

The Baldons currently only has a very limited, subsidised, bus service through the village. There is a more regular service from Nuneham Courtenay, but this isn't accessible to all, as many don't have a car or can't walk / cycle that far. It is recognised that this situation is far from ideal to enable villagers to get to key services (doctors / shops / library, etc).

Q36 Do you support the retention of the subsidised bus services through the Baldons?

<i>Yes</i>	231	<i>No</i>	22
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Q37 What improvements, if any, would give better access to the regular bus service from Nuneham Courtenay? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Access is fine</i>	66	<i>"Shuttle service" from Marsh / Toot to Nuneham</i>	85
<i>Improved parking facilities at Nuneham Courtenay</i>	98	<i>Taxi service to Nuneham</i>	16
		<i>Other</i>	12
<i>If 'other' please specify:</i>			24

Q38 To what extent would you support the provision of small bus shelters and/or cycle racks at bus stops in Marsh and Toot Baldon?

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Bus Shelters	39	67	63	42	47
Cycle Racks	43	75	62	30	35

Access to medical and other essential services

Although we live quite close to local surgeries and the Oxford Hospitals, it may not be easy for everyone to get to these places.

Q39 When you need to go to the doctor, how do you travel to the surgery?

<i>Bicycle</i>	3	<i>Own car</i>	234
<i>Bus</i>	5	<i>Taxi</i>	1
<i>Lift from friend or relative</i>	37	<i>Other</i>	5
<i>Motorcycle / Scooter</i>	0		

Q40 Which GP surgery are you registered at? (This question is optional.)

<i>Berinsfield</i>	96	<i>Other</i>	28
<i>Clifton Hampden</i>	141		

Q41 When you need to go to the Oxford hospitals, how do you get there?

<i>Bicycle</i>	1	<i>Motorcycle / Scooter</i>	0
<i>Bus - Hospital P&R Thornhill to NOC and Churchill</i>	2	<i>NHS-arranged transport</i>	5
<i>Bus - other</i>	4	<i>Own car</i>	229
<i>Bus - X13 Redbridge to JR</i>	3	<i>Taxi</i>	6
<i>Lift from friend or relative</i>	46	<i>Other</i>	2
		<i>Not applicable</i>	5

Q42 Other villages have a voluntary transport scheme to enable those without a car to access essential services.

<i>I would benefit from this kind of service.</i>	19	<i>Not able to provide or would not use</i>	187
<i>I would be willing to participate to offer this service</i>	47		

Q43 Do you have a disability or a long-term health condition that substantially impacts on your day to day life? (This question is optional.)

<i>Yes</i>	17	<i>No</i>	233
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Q44 Are you a carer for a person with a disability or long-term health condition, as described above? (This question is optional.)

Yes	6	No	244
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Community Safety

Thames Valley Police Community Support Officers are based in Wheatley and provide help, advice, and assistance in crime prevention. They support communities by working with neighbourhood action groups, visiting villages and individual families.

Q45 Do you know who your Police Community Support Officer is?

Yes	18	Didn't know we had one.....	153
No.....	106		

Q46 How often do you see a Police presence in the village?

About once a week	2	Less often.....	99
About once a month	16	Never.....	157

Q47 Would you be interested in attending a regular meeting with the Police Community Support Officer to hear about local policing matters?

Yes	87	No.....	170
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The Baldons are covered by the Wheatley and Chalgrove Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). These are problem-solving groups that are made up of representatives from local bodies such as the District Council, school, local business groups and police, along with people from the local community. They tackle issues such as road safety and anti-social behaviour.

Q48 Were you aware of the NAG?

Yes	28	I would like more information.....	30
No.....	213		

Young People

Children's Play area

A children's play area was proposed as part of the millennium celebrations but the proposal was abandoned as a result of objections raised and the lack of consensus on an acceptable site. Since then the number of children in the villages has increased and informal discussion with parents indicates the lack of a play facility is considered a disadvantage and provision a high priority. If the proposal is to be reconsidered and funding sought there needs to be greater consensus on the issue in principle with the plans subject to further consultation.

Q49 Do you support in principle the provision of a play area for children?

<i>Strongly support</i>	109	<i>Oppose</i>	15
<i>Support</i>	80	<i>Strongly oppose</i>	30
<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	37		

Q50 If you support a play area in principle which of these do you think would be a suitable site?

<i>On or around the village green</i>	142	<i>Other</i>	16
<i>On or near the village hall land</i>	86		
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify where:</i>			21

Q51 Please add any further comments on this subject below.
84

The School

Q52 It is important for a village school to be at the heart of the village community and the school would like to know what you think encourages this: (Please mark all that apply)

<i>More events opened up for villagers to attend</i>	126	<i>Children participating in community activities e.g. Baldon Players, church</i>	117
<i>More events which village children who attend other schools could join in with</i>	93	<i>School children visiting older people</i>	101
<i>Opportunities for villagers to go into the school during the school day, for example to help with reading, give talks on local history or help with gardening</i> ..	115	<i>Other</i>	5
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			10

Q53 What do you think the school can contribute to the village? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Attract young families to the village</i>	160	<i>An important amenity for residents</i>	144
<i>The sight of children and young people in the village</i>	132	<i>A good education</i>	187
<i>A vibrant community</i>	168	<i>Other</i>	8
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			13

Churches

The Church would like to be a more integral part of the community and would like your help to develop new and existing ways of adding benefit to the villages as a whole.

Q54 What kind of church services, if any, would you like to attend? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Alternative provision for children e.g. Sunday School, youth services</i>	60	<i>Traditional services</i>	96
<i>Contemplative / meditational / healing</i> ...	31	<i>Weddings / Baptisms / Funerals</i>	119
<i>Festivals and other special occasions</i> ...	115	<i>Other</i>	12
<i>Shorter family friendly service</i>	56	<i>None</i>	57
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			15

Q55 In which of the following other areas do you feel the Church can contribute to village life? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>A listening voice</i>	128	<i>Exploring faith</i>	75
<i>Home / hospital visits</i>	117	<i>Other</i>	15
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			15

Q56 Would you like to see the Church buildings used for purposes in addition to services?

<i>Yes</i>	155	<i>No</i>	84
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Q57 If yes, how would you like to see the Church buildings used? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Concerts</i>	136	<i>Poetry evenings</i>	64
<i>Discussions</i>	85	<i>Village Shop</i>	37
<i>Talks</i>	95	<i>Other</i>	9
<i>If you selected 'other', please specify:</i>			12

Q58 Would you be prepared to support a 'Friends of the Baldon Churches' for the purpose of raising funds towards the maintenance of the buildings and their churchyards?

<i>Yes</i>	126	<i>No</i>	110
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The Precept

The precept is raised by the parish council to pay for items such as care of the Green and footpaths. The precept is currently £6,100 per annum (£38 per household) and is usually increased in line with inflation. The Parish Council is also required to consult the parish on specific proposals which require a significant increase in the precept.

Q59 Would you be prepared in principle to have an increase in the precept above the level of inflation to pay for local services / facilities (subject to further consultation on specific proposals)?

Yes 158 No 87

Housing

SODC has published a draft consultation document on options for the future, containing policies aiming to strengthen our rural communities and make them more sustainable. One option is that there could be a more flexible approach to providing limited housing related to specific local need. As this would be within Green Belt Policy, it could only be done by “infilling” within the village boundary, rather than extending the villages.

Q60 If a need can be demonstrated would you support a small amount of additional housing in the Baldons (subject to further consultation on specific proposals)?

Yes 172 No 82

Proposed Urban Development in the Green Belt south of Grenoble Road

The Green Belt was established in order to protect Oxford City from unwarranted growth and protect the surrounding historic villages from coalescence with the consequent loss of identity. Oxford City Council and potential developers have proposed an urban extension on Green Belt land to the south of Grenoble Road. Although this land is within the jurisdiction of South Oxfordshire District Council, it is owned by Magdalen College, Oxford City Council and Thames Water.

This urban extension has been the subject of wide consultation and a review by independent planning inspectors. Following this, the government’s final South East Plan was signed off by Secretary of State Hazel Blears and published in May this year. This Plan does include a review of the Green Belt and the building of approximately 4,000 houses to the south of Grenoble Road. SODC are challenging this decision through the Courts. Your answers to the questions below will help direct the Parish Council, the District Council and the County Council on how best to plan for the future of the Baldons whilst meeting the residents’ requirements.

Q61 To what extent do you support the Baldons remaining as a village separated from Oxford by the Green Belt?

Strongly support 233 *Oppose* 1

Support 19 *Strongly oppose* 1

Neither support nor oppose 13

Q62 To what extent do you support the Baldons defending the Green Belt against building development?

Strongly support 220 *Oppose* 1

Support 24 *Strongly oppose* 1

Neither support nor oppose 19

Q63 How important do you think it is to maintain the views and openness of the countryside of the Oxford Green Belt?

<i>Very important</i>	238	<i>Not at all important</i>	1
<i>Fairly important</i>	21	<i>I don't mind</i>	5
<i>Not very important</i>	3		

Oxford City Council have made a request to the Boundary Commission for England to review the City boundary. Their wish is to include the Grenoble Road site within Oxford City rather than South Oxfordshire. Such a change would mean Oxford City Council would be the authority for planning decisions relating to the Grenoble Road site and potentially other land between Blackbird Leys and the Baldons, rather than SODC.

Q64 To what extent do you support the proposed extension of the Oxford City Boundary to bring it closer to the Baldons?

<i>Strongly support</i>	3	<i>Oppose</i>	26
<i>Support</i>	5	<i>Strongly oppose</i>	199
<i>Neither support nor oppose</i>	28		

Charities

Q65 Are you aware of the objectives of these village charities (i.e. what the money can be used for)?

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Not sure</i>
Baldons Fuel Charity	152.....	78	37
Elizabeth Lane Trust	127.....	88	44

Q66 If you are aware, how did you find out?

	<i>Word of mouth</i>	<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>School Notice</i>	<i>Other</i>
Baldons Fuel Charity	83	56	0	20
Elizabeth Lane Trust	65	44	13	21
<i>If 'other', please specify:</i>		27		

Communication

The Baldons have a number of communication channels, including the newsletter, the village website and the notice boards. This section will help to ensure that these channels are as effective as possible.

The newsletter:

The parish newsletter has been produced in more or less the same format for many years. There are regular items from the church, school, parish council and district council and any other contributors can send in pieces for inclusion.

Q67 Do you think any of the following changes to the newsletter would be helpful? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Church to subsidise</i>	16	<i>More advertising to subsidise subscription</i>	107
<i>Colour printing</i>	24	<i>More information from Parish Council ...</i>	66
<i>Include information about local facilities e.g. mobile libraries, sports centres</i>	153	<i>More information from village societies such as BEC, village hall committee</i>	112
<i>Include local transport information</i>	122	<i>Parish Council to subsidise through precept</i>	60
<i>Larger pages</i>	9	<i>Other</i>	8
<i>Larger print size</i>	16		
<i>If 'other', please specify:</i>			20

Q68 Would you be interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail (which could potentially be free of charge)?

<i>Yes</i>	138	<i>No</i>	111
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The village website:

The village website gives details of events and facilities in the village.

Q69 Do you have web access?

<i>Yes</i>	232	<i>No</i>	35
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Q70 How often, if ever, do you look at the village website?

<i>Frequently</i>	5	<i>Never</i>	80
<i>Occasionally</i>	70	<i>Didn't know about it</i>	97

Q71 If you ever use the village website, do you think any of the following changes to it would be helpful? (Please mark all that apply)

<i>Ability to book tickets to village events (e.g. Lunch on the Green)</i>	78	<i>Information on local trades people</i>	96
<i>Ability to book village hall</i>	84	<i>More information from Parish Council ...</i>	47
<i>Forums</i>	28	<i>More information from village societies such as BEC, village hall committee</i>	69
<i>History</i>	63	<i>Noticeboard</i>	72
<i>Include information about local facilities e.g. mobile libraries, sports centres</i>	85	<i>Picture galleries</i>	52
<i>Include local transport information</i>	76	<i>Other</i>	6
<i>Information for new residents</i>	85	<i>None needed</i>	8

Notice Boards

The village has 7 notice boards, 3 controlled by the Parish Council, 2 at the village hall and 1 at each church.

- Q72 Which notice board(s), if any, do you look at? (Please mark all that apply)**
- | | | | |
|---|----|--|----|
| <i>By the Seven Stars</i> | 92 | <i>Inside village hall</i> | 29 |
| <i>Corner of the Green by the Croft (next to telephone box)</i> | 73 | <i>Marsh Church</i> | 47 |
| <i>Top of track to Toot Church (by the Mole Inn)</i> | 69 | <i>Toot Church</i> | 43 |
| <i>Outside village hall</i> | 57 | <i>Don't look at them</i> | 56 |
| | | <i>Didn't know they were there</i> | 14 |
- Q73 Do you think any of the following changes to the noticeboards would be helpful? (Please mark all that apply)**
- | | | | |
|--|----|---|----|
| <i>More information from Parish Council ...</i> | 41 | <i>Include information about local facilities e.g. mobile libraries, sports centres</i> | 84 |
| <i>More information from village societies such as BEC, village hall committee</i> | 81 | <i>Additional notice board</i> | 10 |
| <i>Include local transport information (bus timetables already displayed)</i> | 69 | <i>Other</i> | 4 |
| <i>If 'additional notice board', please specify the location:</i> | 5 | | |
| <i>If 'other', please specify:</i> | 5 | | |
- Q74 Should the villages be making more of their past and uniqueness by providing historical information boards and village maps?**
- | | | | |
|--|-----|---|----|
| <i>No</i> | 59 | <i>Yes - only in the village hall or pubs</i> | 59 |
| <i>Yes - around the villages</i> | 138 | | |

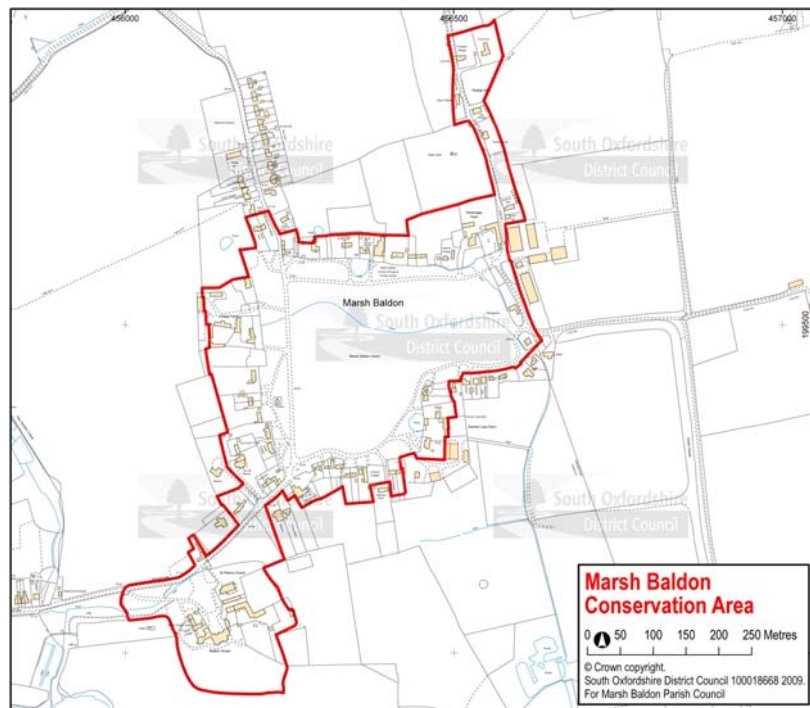
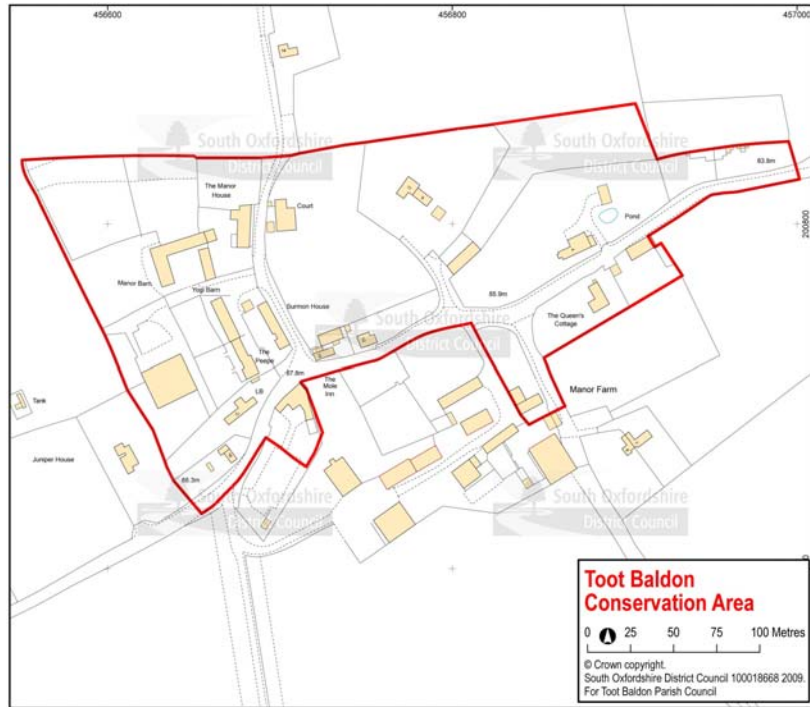
E-mail

- Q75 Would you be happy for there to be a list of village e-mail addresses, potentially held by the Parish Council, which could be used to improve communication within the villages, providing that data protection rules were satisfied?**
- | | | | |
|--|-----|-----------------|----|
| <i>Yes - Parish Council</i> | 122 | <i>No</i> | 99 |
| <i>Yes - Other party to hold</i> | 18 | | |
| <i>If 'other party to hold', please specify who:</i> | 18 | | |

Local Environment

- Q76** How would you rate the overall current condition / maintenance of local footpaths / bridleways?
- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------------------------|----|
| <i>Excellent</i> | 13 | <i>Poor</i> | 35 |
| <i>Good</i> | 107 | <i>Very poor</i> | 7 |
| <i>Medium</i> | 101 | | |
- Q77** If there is a specific problem/concern with any local footpaths / bridleways, please detail:
76
- Q78** Would you use local footpaths / bridleways more regularly if they had a better surface?
- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| <i>No</i> | 116 | <i>Yes</i> | 130 |
|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|
- Q79** Where footpaths / bridleways cross field boundaries or meet roads, do you prefer:
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| <i>Kissing gates</i> | 77 | <i>Narrow gaps</i> | 16 |
| <i>Stiles</i> | 37 | <i>No preference</i> | 97 |
| <i>Swing gates</i> | 68 | | |
- Q80** Please provide details if there are any particular gates / stiles that you consider unsatisfactory:
39
- Q81** How do you feel about the quantity of the following:
- | | <i>Not enough</i> | <i>About right</i> | <i>Too many</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Footpaths | 47 | 197 | 2 |
| Bridleways..... | 37 | 182 | 4 |
| Cycleways | 131 | 81 | 2 |

The majority of Marsh Baldon (including the Green) and part of Toot Baldon are classified as Conservation Areas, meaning that they are "areas of special architectural or historic interest". (See maps below) SODC will therefore not grant planning permission for development which would "harm the character or appearance" of the Conservation Areas.



Q88	Do you support the principle of the Conservation Areas?		
	Yes	249	No
			13
Q89	When the Conservation Areas come up for review, do you think they should:		
	<i>Be increased in size</i>	73	<i>Remain as they are</i>
	<i>Be decreased in size</i>	7	173
Q90	Do you have any further comments about the Conservation Areas?		
		35	

The Green

The Green is valued by many people as a unique asset to the village and people use it at different times for a variety of activities.

Q91	What do you value about the Green? (Please mark all that apply)		
	<i>Appeal to tourists</i>	45	<i>Place for dog-walking</i>
	<i>Ecological / wildlife value</i>	178	<i>Place for horse-riding</i>
	<i>Historic meadow character / appearance</i>	217	<i>Place for organised sport</i>
	<i>Meeting point for villagers</i>	179	<i>Place for walking</i>
	<i>Open views</i>	202	<i>Other</i>
	<i>Place for children to play</i>	234	<i>Nothing</i>
			9
			2
Q92	Did you know that the rules of the Village Green are displayed on a notice board by the cricket pavilion?		
	Yes	175	No
			86
Q93	What extra facilities would you like to see on the Green? (Please mark all that apply)		
	<i>Nothing - it should be left as it is</i>	98	<i>Litter bins</i>
	<i>Barbecue area</i>	16	<i>Picnic area</i>
	<i>Benches / seating areas</i>	75	<i>Other</i>
	<i>Dog waste bins</i>	89	
	<i>If 'other' please specify:</i>		
		35	

The following questions are particularly targeted at young people. If you feel they are not relevant to you, please leave them blank.

Q94 Which clubs and sports facilities do you use or belong to?

	<i>Active user</i>	<i>Occasional user</i>	<i>Don't use</i>
Baldons Junior Players.....	9	8	32
Berinsfield Sports centre	9	24	30
Facilities at Horspath.....	2	8	44
Facilities at the Kassam Stadium	19	30	15
Facilities in Oxford.....	42	20	10
Garsington recreation ground.....	5	12	37
Youth club	9	7	36

*If you use other clubs and sports facilities,
please specify which:* 14

Q95 Would you be interested in participating in youth organisations, e.g. Scouts / Brownies etc outside the village if transport were arranged?

Yes 18 No..... 75

Q96 Would you like to see a youth meeting point / shelter in the Baldons?

Yes 34 No..... 63

Q97 Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

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Volunteering and Prize Draw

If you have said that you would be willing to volunteer your time / knowledge, or would like to be entered into the Prize Draw, please put your details here. Volunteering here does not commit you to anything, it is merely to register your interest. This page will be detached from your questionnaire before the answers are analysed, so your answers will remain anonymous. The information on this page only will then be passed on to the relevant parties so that they can contact you directly.

Q98 Please enter your details below:

Name 0
Address 0
Telephone 0
Email 0

Q99 Please indicate below whether you would like to be entered for the prize draw to win either a meal for two at the Mole Inn or a meal for four at the Seven Stars. You must enter your address above to be entered into the prize draw.

Yes, would like to enter 0 No thank you 0

Q100 Please indicate below whether you are willing to volunteer for any of the following:

Place internet shopping orders on behalf of others..... 0	Help with village maintenance 0
Help run a community shop..... 0	Help with churchyard maintenance 0
Participate in voluntary transport scheme 0	Help with community projects..... 0
	None of these 0

Q101 Do you have skills that you could contribute to village life? If so please give details.

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Prize draw rules:

1. This competition is open only to residents of Marsh Baldon, Toot Baldon and Little Baldon aged 16 years and over. Proof of age may be required. 2. The prize draw excludes employees of SODC and members of the Baldons Parish Plan Steering Committee and their immediate families. 3. To enter this promotion, fill in your contact details above. 4. Closing date for the prize draw is Saturday 8th August 2009 5. There are two prizes: one meal at the Mole Inn, Toot Baldon, and one meal at the Seven Stars, Marsh Baldon (no cash alternative can be offered). The two prizes may not be won by persons in the same household. 6. The prize winners will be drawn at random from all entries received by an independent judge on Saturday 15th August 2009. 7. The prize winners will be notified in writing by 22nd August 2009. 8. To the fullest extent permissible by law the organiser shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever

which is suffered or sustained as a result of participation in or use of any prize. 9. The organiser's decision is final and there will be no correspondence entered into. 10. The organiser accepts no responsibility for entries that are lost or damaged. 11. All entries will become the responsibility of the organiser. No copies can be returned or copied to the entrant. 12. The personal details of the entrant will be used for the distribution of prizes, or for uses prescribed on the questionnaire only. Your details will not be passed to a third party. 13. The organiser reserves the right to disqualify any entrant if it has reasonable grounds to believe the entrant has breached any of the terms and conditions. 14. Entry requirements form part of these terms and Conditions. 15. The names of the winners will be made available if requested in writing from the organiser from 22nd August 2009 16. The organiser is the steering committee for the Parish Plan. For further details contact Natasha Eliot, tel: 01865 340562

Thank you for completing this questionnaire!