

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

Questionnaire



What do you think about living in Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common?

The Parish Council really wants to know.

We will be looking at suggestions we have received for actions we might want to prioritise over the next five years – so we need your views.

Some of you may remember we carried out a survey like this five years ago and used your answers as a guide to our actions that have included replacing seats and noticeboards, installing new outdoor exercise equipment, beginning a street light replacement programme, and organising a Community Groups Open Day.

We can't do everything, as we are constrained by finance among other issues and some of these ideas might mean a little extra added to your Council Tax. We would like to know if we are heading in the right direction as far as most people are concerned.

So please answer as many of the questions on which you have views.

We are constantly looking at ways of improving the area and your answers will help us to put together our next Parish Plan, which we will launch in 2016.

This questionnaire is available to complete on our website if you prefer to use that method: www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk. There is also a large print version available on request from the Parish Council office.

Also, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or would like help filling in this questionnaire.
Our telephone number is: 01273 833264
and our email address is: hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com

ABOUT YOU

You live in:

Hurstpierpoint Sayers Common Goddards Green

Your age group is:

Under 18 years old 18 – 26 27 – 39
 40 – 55 56 – 65 66 – 79 Over 79 years

OUR COMMUNITY

Q1 Young people should have more opportunity to influence how things are run in the Parish by having a **Youth Council*** to advance the views and needs of the under-18s.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q2 The Parish should have a Centre for older members of the community similar to the Pauline Thaw Centre, Age Concern Hassocks.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q3 More should be done to facilitate the meeting of young and old residents.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q4 Young people should be encouraged to help older people make use of modern technology, such as the internet.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q5 There are a large number of isolated older people in the Parish.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q6 Do you sometimes feel lonely or isolated?
 Yes No

Q7 More should be done to prevent people from feeling lonely or being isolated in our villages.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q8 Residents should be encouraged to help other residents in bad weather or if they are in need.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q9 There is sufficient access for disabled people to the facilities in the Parish.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q10 People looking after others in the Parish have sufficient support of their needs.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q11 This is a lively place with plenty of social and community activities for those who want to take part.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q12 Last year the Parish Council held an Open Day for local Community Groups.
Did you attend? Yes No

If No , can you say why?

Q13 There should be a community centre based in the north of Hurstpierpoint.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
If you disagree, please say why				

Q14 More sporting and outdoor facilities should be provided in the villages.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

SHOPPING AND EMPLOYMENT

Q15 You regularly use local shops to provide for your needs.

Yes No

If No, can you say why?

Q16 There is a sufficient range of shops in Hurstpierpoint.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q17 More employment opportunities should be encouraged in the Parish.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q18 The work on the High Street has improved pedestrian safety.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

HOUSING

Q19 The villages need more subsidised housing for rent, for those people with a local connection.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q20 The Parish Council should investigate the possibility of building and owning such homes designated only for local people even if it means a small increase in your Council Tax.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

COUNTRYSIDE and ENVIRONMENT

Q21 Discussions should be initiated on a **quiet lanes*** policy along certain roads in the area.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q22 Should the Parish Council support a scheme to encourage solar panels on the larger buildings in Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, such as the Village Centre, St Lawrence Primary School and Sayers Common Village Hall.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q23 Some villages run a **Community Compost Scheme***. The Parish Council should encourage such a scheme.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

PARKING

Q24 You would be prepared to pay extra in your Council Tax to fund additional off-street parking in Hurstpierpoint.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q25 The Parish Council is exploring ways to improve parking enforcement in the Parish. You would support this initiative even if it meant a small increase in your Council Tax.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT

Q26 You feel safe from crime and anti-social behavior in our Parish.

1. Strongly disagree	5. Strongly agree			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>If you disagree, please say why</i>				

Q27 The Parish Council should promote wider area coverage of the **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme***.

Yes No

If **No**, can you say why?

COMMUNICATIONS

Q28 Have you attended a Parish Council meeting in the last year?

Yes No

If **No**, can you say why? If **Yes**, do you have any comments about how these could be improved?

Q29 The Parish Council should promote more widely the virtues of the villages – as a place to live, visit or do business.

1. Strongly disagree 5. Strongly agree

1 2 3 4 5

If you disagree, please say why

Q30 Regular Surgeries* with just one or two Parish Councillors in Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, instead of speaking to a full council meeting, would be useful and informative.

1. Strongly disagree 5. Strongly agree

1 2 3 4 5

If you disagree, please say why

Q31 The Parish Council is doing a good job providing information to residents via its quarterly newsletter, website, emails, twitter, noticeboards and its office opening hours.

1. Strongly disagree 5. Strongly agree

1 2 3 4 5

If you disagree, please say why

Q32 The Parish Council should provide an option through its website for people to sign up to receive the Parish Council meeting agendas, minutes, reports and newsletters by email.

Yes No

If **No**, can you say why?

Q33 The Parish Council should try to strengthen links with other individuals and organisations (including schools, GPs, MPs, neighbouring Parishes, and principal authorities) to facilitate joint working.

1. Strongly disagree

5. Strongly agree

1 2 3 4 5

If you disagree, please say why

Your top three priorities for action are:

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Ideally we would like everyone in your family to fill in the questionnaire, so please encourage everyone in your household to either go online to complete it or request extra copies from the Parish Council Office.

Please return this questionnaire to the Parish Council Office at the Village Centre Building, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9UY, to reach us by noon on DECEMBER 24th. The deadline for filling in the online questionnaire is Thursday 31st December.

*** If you need more information about the ideas or topics raised in these questions, please check the online version of the questionnaire on the Parish Council website: www.hurstpierpoint-pc.org.uk.**

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