



# Residents Survey

## Summary

We had 102 responses for the survey held over September and October 2018. The parish council were keen to know what the villages thought about Littlebourne and gather ideas of issues that they felt the Parish Council should concentrate on over the next few years – particularly since money is tight and will possibly be tighter still.

In summary it was wonderful to see that 97% of responses felt that Littlebourne is a pleasant place to live but the majority felt that the roads around the village are not safe for cars or pedestrians. The Parish Council wanted feedback on how they were perceived in the village and we were glad to see that the majority of responders knows of the Parish Council and could say hello to us in the street – there is always room for improvement!

Communication across the village seems to be split fairly evenly between facebook, the Church & Village and noticeboards. This knowledge is useful as such schemes as the emergency plan and the village warden received below average awareness. It has highlighted the need to communicate this to Littlebourne.

We wanted to investigate the importance of twinning with Wimille and so asked a number of questions about this – it seemed Twinning was deemed a positive activity for the village and so the Parish Council will consider this moving forwards. The Parish Council spending on grants, litter picking and supporting local societies also received positive responses.

We then asked some open questions regarding areas of Littlebourne you felt the Parish Council should concentrate on in the future and it seems the biggest problems were pavements, footpaths, parking and pedestrian ways, followed closely but the need for more amenities and events in the village – including something for younger residents. Obviously, some of the ideas do not come under the responsibility or purchasing capability of the Parish Council, however we are looking into several suggestions to see what we can do.

# Results



## Question one

97 % felt that Littlebourne is a pleasant place to live

87% felt Littlebourne is a safe place to live

56% felt that roads were NOT safe for pedestrians

59% % felt that roads were NOT safe for cars

52% felt that there are enough amenities

## Question Two

75% people know what the PC does and it's responsibilities

58% Feel that the PC communicates well

66% Knows a member of the PC to say Hello to

68% Feel they can come to PC with issues

79% Know how to contact the PC

## Question Three – How do you find out about local issues and events in Littlebourne.....

Notice boards around the village	59%
The Neighbourhood Watch email	23%
Facebook	63%
The Parish Council website	24%
Twitter	1%
The Kent Gazette	31%
Church & Village / LPC News	67%

## Question 4

51% Are aware of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and feels it is important

53% Do NOT know of the village warden but feel it is important

57% Did NOT know of the Emergency Plan but feel it is important

### Question 5

Twinning (the highest responses)

97% Aware of twinning

79% Not participated

22% Are interesting in participating

24% Fell it is a benefit

41% say Yes to continued funding

### Question 6

Future spending

94% support PC Grants

82% support bus shelters

70% happy on level of spend for grass cutting etc.

### Question 6 & 8

**Ideas for spend or areas to concentrate on :**

*All comments were put into one of these categories – some comments mentioned more than one area and were all counted*

#### In order of popularity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parking issues, pedestrian problems
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Footpaths and cyclepaths (not pavements)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Café/ amenities / events (not including public toilets)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bins / Litter / Fly tipping and Dog Fouling
5 <sup>th</sup>	Speeding
6 <sup>th</sup>	Public toilets
7 <sup>th</sup>	Street lighting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Planning and housing

**Obviously not all areas come under the PC jurisdiction, but all comments were noted.**