

## Salesbury Parish Council Annual Survey 2022



**Dear Resident,**

When we became members of Salesbury Parish Council, we promised to do more to find out about your experience of living in Salesbury, Copster Green and the outlying hamlets within the parish. We want to hear your opinions about how we are representing you; how we spend the precept that you fund; and what you would like to see in the future.

Our previous online surveys have had low response rates. 2021's response rate was very low with just under 8% of residents (representing approximately 16% of households) responding, although this was still an improvement on 2020's rate. This year, we are returning to paper copies in the hope of improved engagement. You may choose to complete the survey as an individual or as a household; anonymously or openly - the choice is yours! You may photocopy the form if needed or download extra copies from our new website [www.salesburypc.org.uk](http://www.salesburypc.org.uk).

This year we have some quite specific questions, but also space for you to tell us about any concerns you may have or what you would like in the future.

Please take this opportunity to help inform our decisions and thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

### **Salesbury Parish Council**

Mike Wood (Chair), Graham Henderson (Vice Chair), Chris Goodwin, Maggy Howells

No.	Background	Question	Please indicate your preferred option(s)	Your Comments
1	We would like to reduce our use of paper, but are aware that not all residents have internet access	How would you like us to communicate with you?	Via website Via social media Via noticeboards Via leaflets	
2	We have previously asked your opinion of an overgrown patch of vegetation on the common at Copster Green close to the bench. After consultation, Ribble Valley BC wants an environmental impact survey to be undertaken before any works are started. The cost of the survey will be around £300, but we are applying for grants to cover this and may also be able to combine it with other surveys within the parish.	a) Should we pay for a survey in order to enable this area to be tackled sympathetically?  b) Going forward, should this area be pruned & properly managed, left alone to spread or removed completely?	Yes  No  Managed  Left alone  Removed	

3	<p>We are hoping to install a new pathway on the common land off Lovely Hall Lane near Ashes Farm. This would be called the Jubilee Pathway in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and be built to similar standards as the existing paths. It would open up the area and create a circular path linking up with the existing paths and public rights of way. It would also enable improved management of the land to benefit the ecology &amp; diversity of this neglected area. We will be applying for planning permission &amp; grants to help towards costs.</p>	<p>Do you think that an additional path in this area is a good idea?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
4	<p>We promised to hold regular drop in 'surgeries' for you to let us know your thoughts, concerns and experiences. This has been tricky with the pandemic, but we are looking to get back on track with these.</p>	<p>Do you think drop-in surgeries where you can speak with us directly are a good idea?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
5	<p>We have funded and supported various projects in the parish such as the planters, the Tommy displays for Remembrance Day and the Christmas Trees.</p>	<p>Going forward, would you like Salesbury Parish Council to keep funding &amp; creating these, and similar displays?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
6	<p>We have held a number of Defibrillation Awareness sessions over the last year enabling many residents to become more knowledgeable about CPR and the use of this equipment in an emergency.</p>	<p>a) Would you like to see more sessions arranged?  b) Are there other public awareness topics you would like to be covered? (if yes, please complete comments section)</p>	<p>Yes No Yes No</p>	

7	<p>Many parishes have set up book swap schemes in old phone boxes or purpose built 'book huts'. We have tried to set up a Book Swap Hub, but so far Lancashire CC has not approved any of the sites we have suggested.</p>	<p>Would you like us to continue to try to get a Book Swap Hub set up within the parish?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
8	<p>In consultation with Ribble Valley BC, we are looking at effective ways of protecting the common land, particularly from damage caused by vehicles. We are currently looking at a variety of options that could be trialled in key areas, including replacing stones, small barriers or high kerbs.</p>	<p>Do you believe the edges of common land should be protected to prevent damage and erosion?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
9	<p>We have a number of ongoing projects you can read about in the reported Minutes of Meetings on our new website <a href="http://www.salesburypc.org.uk">www.salesburypc.org.uk</a>, but we want your ideas too.</p>	<p>What ideas would you like Salesbury Parish Council to consider in the future?</p> <p>What would you like to see us prioritise in our budgets and plans?</p>		

10	The Parish Precept (the amount of funding we receive) for Salesbury Parish Council is currently £4,800 per year. This equates to approximately £1.02 per month for each person living in the parish.	Do you think Salesbury Parish Council represents good value for money?	Yes  No	
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**Any Other Comments**

**Closing Date:**

Please return your survey to us by **7pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. We cannot guarantee that responses received after this time will be included in the published results but assure you that they will be read and used to inform our future decisions.

**Results:**

We will publish the results in our Annual Newsletter due out late June/early July

**Returning your Survey:**

**By hand/post to:**

Clerk to Salesbury Parish Council,  
5, Hollowhead Close,  
Wilpshire  
BB1 9LE

Cllr. Maggy Howells  
Pennine Cottage  
Copster Green  
BB1 9EW

Cllr. Graham Henderson  
Sungarth,  
Copster Green  
BB1 9EP

**By email:** (scanned files or photographs of your survey are fine) **to:** [cllrmhowells@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmhowells@gmail.com) or [salesburypc@gmail.com](mailto:salesburypc@gmail.com)

**Extra copies:** You may photocopy the forms, or download from [www.salesburypc.org.uk](http://www.salesburypc.org.uk) , otherwise contact the Clerk or any Councillor

**Data Protection:** The surveys are numbered so we have an indication of how many households respond. Surveys will not be identifiable unless you choose to give us your personal details. Personal information given will be treated in accordance with our Data Protection Policy.

**Should you need help completing the survey, please contact the Clerk at the above address**