



WITTON GILBERT PARISH SURVEY

Please return the Survey by Sunday 25th July 2010

WITTON GILBERT PARISH PLAN

This questionnaire is your opportunity to have **your** say and to contribute to the future development of Witton Gilbert.

Everyone's views and ideas are important and the more people that respond, the more influence the resultant report will have.

The information provided by you will form the basis of the "**Witton Gilbert Parish Plan**". This document will provide a snapshot of life in Witton Gilbert as it is and projections of how we would like our community to develop in the future.

With the introduction of the new Unitary County Council the production of the Parish Plan is very timely. The Parish Plan will help us to respond to or initiate changes, help us protect and improve our environment and community and allow us to pass on to the next generation a vibrant and sustainable Village.

We need your views on issues which affect you, your family, friends and neighbours. We are a small community of some 1200 households, **so your views WILL make a difference!**

Each Household will receive a questionnaire which should to be completed for all occupants. If you have any questions or need assistance filling in the questionnaire please call the telephone numbers listed below. The completed questionnaire can be deposited at designated collection points. If you are unable to get to a collection point, please telephone to arrange for it to be collected.

Confidentiality

The information you provide will only be used for the Parish Plan and will not be passed on to any other organization. The questionnaire can be completed anonymously, however if you would like to become involved in the preparation of the Parish Plan or volunteer for other Community projects please complete the tear off section at the bottom of this page.

Collection points

- Village Post Office
- Cooper Hall
- Village Store
- McColl's Shop
- Methodist Chapel
- St. Michael Church
- Witton Gilbert Workmans Club
- The Yellow Dragon (Chinese takeaway)

For assistance & questionnaire collection please call one of the following numbers and reference the 'Village Survey'
0191 371 1198 0191 371 0595 0191 371 0988

NAME

CONTACT DETAILS

AREA OF INTEREST

YOUR HOUSEHOLD

How many people live in your household?

Males

Females

Age Range?

0 to 5

6 to 12

13 to 18

19 to 30

31 to 40

41 to 50

51 to 65

Over 65

1. HEALTH

1.1 Where do you go for GP services?

1.2 Where do you go for Dental Services?

1.3 Where do you go for prescriptions or pharmacy?

1.4 Do you have difficulty accessing these services?

yes

no

1.5 Do you have any health related needs that are not being met (e.g. hospital services)?

yes

no

1.5a *If yes, please give details*

1.6 Do you feel that any groups of parish residents are being disadvantaged?

yes

no

1.6a *If yes, please give details*

2. RECREATION AND LEISURE

2.1 If you have children, do they use the play areas provided?

yes no

2.2 If no, do you feel that there is overprovision?

yes no

2.3 Do you think that the existing play areas are of adequate quality?

yes no

2.3a *If no, please comment*

2.4 Should additional play areas be provided?

yes no

2.4a *If yes, where do you think they should be?*

2.5 How well informed do you feel about leisure facilities offered in the parish?

Well informed Fairly well informed Not informed at all

2.6 Where do you normally go for leisure/entertainment?(e.g. cinema, dance/disco, youth clubs)

	Tick	Type(s) of activity
Durham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chester-le-Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Newcastle	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sunderland	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Elsewhere (Please state below)

2.6a

2.7 Should any of these facilities be offered in the village or parish?

yes no

(If yes please indicate which activities you would like to be made available)

2.8 Can any of the existing facilities be improved?

yes no

2.8a *If yes, how?*

2.9 Please state your active interests(eg sport, photography etc)

3. ECONOMICS AND TOURISM

3.1 Do you use the shops in the village?

Frequently

Occasionally

Rarely

3.2 Where do you do the bulk of your household grocery shopping?

Village

Sacrison

Arnison Centre

Durham

Chester-le-Street

Lanchester

3.2a *Other (please state)*

3.3 Is there a need for more local shops?

yes

no

3.3a *(If yes, please suggest type)*

3.4 If more shops were provided would you use them?

yes

no

3. ECONOMICS AND TOURISM (continued)

- 3.5 Should tourism be encouraged within the parish? yes no
- 3.6 Should we encourage the development of visitor accommodation and other facilities? yes no

4. WORK

- 4.1 Do you or any member of your household own or solely/jointly manage a business in Witton Gilbert parish concerned with?
- | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Service industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="text"/> |
- 4.2 Is your business based at home Or in separate premises?
- 4.3 How many people do you employ?
- 4.4 Are you or any member of your family employed in a business within the parish? yes no
- 4.5 If yes is this in
- | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Service industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="text"/> |
- 4.6 Would you be interested in starting a business if premises were available? yes no

5. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

a. EARLY YEARS

- 5.1 During the last five years, have any of your children attended:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Toddler Group | In Village <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Playgroup | In Village <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pre-school group | In Village <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other childcare services | In Village <input type="checkbox"/> | Elsewhere <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 5.1a

5. EDUCATION AND TRAINING (continued)

b. PRIMARY SCHOOL

5.2 Does your child/children attend primary school

In Witton

Elsewhere

5.2a *If appropriate, could you briefly explain your choice*

5.3 How do your child/children travel to primary school?

Walk

Cycle

Car

Bus

Taxi

Train

c. SECONDARY SCHOOL

5.4 Do your child/children attend secondary school in:

Sacrison

Framwellgate Moor

Durham

Elsewhere

5.4a *If appropriate, could you briefly explain what governed your choice?*

5.5 How do your child/children attend secondary school?

Walk

Cycle

Car

Bus

Taxi

Train

d. FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

5.6 Do you or anyone living in your house attend any of the following?

School Sixth Form

Sixth Form/College Centre

Further Education College

University

Other

e. APPRENTICESHIP AND WORK TRAINING

5.7 Are you or is anyone living in your house:

An Apprentice

Attending courses to train

or update work skills

5.8 Are there sufficient work-related training schemes available locally?

yes

no

5.8a *If no, please suggest any appropriate schemes you would wish to be made available*

5. EDUCATION AND TRAINING (continued)

f. ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

5.9 Are you or is anyone living in your house attending or taking part in:

Continuing Education Courses yes no

U3A (University of the Third Age) activities yes no

5.10 Do you feel that there are sufficient courses of this nature available locally? yes no

5.11 Have you been unable to enrol on such courses because of:

Travel difficulties No information about courses

Cost Entry qualifications Other

5.11a *If other please give details*

6. OUR COMMUNITY

6.1 How strongly do you feel that you belong to this neighbourhood?
(eg knowing your neighbours, involvement in local leisure activities or parish affairs)

Strongly Fairly strongly

Not very strongly Not at all

6.2 What kind of association gives you a feeling of community, friendship, security? *(Tick all that apply)*

Neighbours Church or Chapel Club

Community Centre activities Professional or specialized activity Political meetings

Sports other (please state)

6.3 Do you feel that the parish and village is a place you enjoy living in?

Yes To some extent No

6.4 What aspects affect your enjoyment of living in Witton Gilbert?

6. OUR COMMUNITY (continued)

6.5 To what extent do you agree that the neighbourhood is a safe place to live?

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

6.6 How much of a problem do you think the following?

	Big Problem	Occasional Problem	No Problem
Anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol consumption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.6a Other (please specify)

6.7 Do you feel that community policing is effective in the parish?

yes no

6.7a (if no, please briefly state why)

6.8 Are you satisfied with the level of information that you receive about what is going on in the parish?

yes no

6.9 In the last year have you given unpaid help to any organizations clubs or individuals by:

Leading a group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of a voluntary committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping to organize an event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visiting or mentoring people	<input type="checkbox"/>
Counselling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretarial or administrative work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help with shopping, transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raising money	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking part in sponsored events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Practical help in Church or School	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

6.10 Would you like to be involved or participate in a community group?

yes no

7. ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

a. ROAD SAFETY

7.1 Have you been affected by parking problems in the village?

yes no

7.1a If yes, please indicate the areas involved

7.2 Do you feel that traffic speed is a problem?

yes no

7.2a If yes, please detail the areas involved

7.3 Is the road signage sufficient?

yes no

7.3a If no, please give details

7. ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT (continued)

7.4 Please give details below of any other road safety issues that you feel should be considered.

b. TRANSPORT

7.5 Which forms of transport do you use?

	Frequently (most days)	Occasionally (once or twice per week)	Rarely (once or twice per month)	Never
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorbike	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car plus Park and Ride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please state)

7.6 What is normally the main purpose of your Journey?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School/education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health (e.g. visits to doctor/hospital)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please state)

7. ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT (continued)

7.7 Are you satisfied with the provision of public transport?

yes no

7.7a If no, what extra or different provision would you like to see?

7.8 If they were available, would you use the following?

yes no

Car Share Scheme (work school or shopping etc)

Community car (a car that is available to hire in the village)

A community bus (e.g. for joint shopping, leisure use or school run)

7.9 We are all encouraged to use the car less if we can: what would make you use your car less?
(e.g. cheaper buses)

8. THE ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Are you satisfied with the appearance of Witton Gilbert?

yes no

8.1a If no, please briefly give reasons

8.2 Is the natural environment of Witton Gilbert important to you?

yes no

8.3 Is the parish wild-life friendly?

yes no

8.3a If no, please explain why

8. THE ENVIRONMENT (continued)

8.4 Should walking be encouraged? yes no

8.5 Do you feel that public areas (e.g. footpaths) are sufficiently accessible? yes no

8.6 How often do you use the following footpaths?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely/Never
Dene	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riverside footpath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Railway line valley walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bearpark footpath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fulforth footpath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Findon Hill footpath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please state)

8.7 Are you in favour of creating yes no

Flower meadows

Wild-life zones

8.8 Would you support farming development or industrial development

(a) If it affected the natural environment yes no

(b) Only if it did not affect the natural environment

8.9 Would you wish to encourage the production and availability of local produce? yes no

8.9a *If yes, how would you wish to do this?*

8.10 Should more allotments be provided? yes no

8.11 Would more information about the local environment and history of the parish be welcome?(eg strategically placed information boards) yes no

8. THE ENVIRONMENT (continued)

8.12 Are you a member of an environmental and/or wildlife group ?

yes no

8.12a *If yes, please give details*

8.13 Have you any further comments about the natural environment of Witton Gilbert?

9. HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

9.1 Is Witton Gilbert a healthy environment for children?

yes no

9.1a *If no, why not?*

9.2 Is there sufficient space in the parish for outdoor activities
(e.g. riding, walking, cycling)

yes no

9.3 What aspects of sustainability are important to you?(e.g. recycling, fuel economy, transport etc.)

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Do you use the internet?

yes no

10.2 Do you have access to the internet

at home?

elsewhere?

10.2a If at home, what is your broadband speed?

10.3 Have you seen the village web-site?

yes no

10.4 Would you welcome a web-site that provided updated information about events and activities in the parish?

yes no

11. PLANNING & DEVELOPEMENT

It is important when considering the planning questions that consistent responses are made and that conflicting views are avoided if possible:.

THE VILLAGE

11.1 How important is it to maintain an identifiable separation from Sacriston?

Not important

Important

Very important

11.2 Is it important to protect the green space around the village?

Not important

Important

Very important

11.3 Is it important to protect the green space within the village?

Not important

Important

Very important

11.4 Does Witton Gilbert have a recognizable identity?

Yes

No

11.5 Which features give Witton Gilbert its character?

11.6 Should these feature be Protected?

Yes No

11. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (continued)

11.7 Does the Village have an identifiable village centre?

Yes

No

11.8 If yes where is the centre?

11.9 Is it important to have an identifiable centre?

Yes

No

11.10 In a planning context, if you could change or improve elements of the Village, what would that be?

HOUSING

11.11 In order to maintain or expand the facilities and services within the Village it may be necessary to increase the population. How would you react to an increase in the housing stock within the village?

Negatively

Reluctantly

Conditional accept

Positively

11.12 At what level would an increase be acceptable?

1 to 10

10 to 100

100 to 500

500 to 1000

11.13 In your opinion, what type of additional accommodation would be required?

(more than one category can be selected)

Starter Homes (houses)

Starter Homes (apartments)

Young Family homes

Single person apartments

Family homes

Homes for the mature / retired

Sheltered housing: Young/special needs

Sheltered housing: Elderly

Student accommodation

Live/work units

11. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (continued)

11.14 In your opinion, what types of tenure and cost category would be required?

(more than one category can be selected)

Council rented homes

Housing Association Rented homes

Shared ownership

Low Cost private housing

Mid range private housing

Executive private housing

Private Rented homes

Planning process

11.15 Do you feel that the village is able to participate appropriately in the planning decisions which affect the community?

Yes

No

No opinion

11.16 As a settlement close to Durham City the County Council may see Witton Gilbert as a potential area for development, to contribute to the development of the City. Would you feel it important to ensure that the Parish benefits from any development contributions to community facilities, services or projects, if this type of development were proposed?

Yes

No

No opinion

Commercial and industrial

11.17 Would you welcome some form of commercial and industrial development within the Parish?

Yes

No

No opinion

11.18 If yes is the scale of development important?

Yes

No

No opinion

11.19 If yes can you indicate which would be acceptable?

Small scale
workshops

Shops/
restaurants

medium scale
production

Larger scale
warehousing / production

11. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Sustainable development

11.20 Would you welcome further Wind Farms within or visible from the Parish?

Yes

No

No opinion

11.21 If your answer was no, would your answer change if the Parish were able to benefit directly from the development, i.e.: Financially or the provision of a community facility.

Yes

No

No opinion

11.22 Should the Parish take a more active role in promoting Sustainable developments and projects to improve the village?

Yes

No

No opinion

11.23 Do you have any suggestions to improve or promote Sustainability within Witton Gilbert?

11.24 Have you or are you planning to make improvements to your property to improve energy use?

Yes

No

11.25 If yes please give brief details

11.26 Are there any collective schemes or programmes which would help you reduce your environmental impact?

YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Please add any comments or suggestions on the Survey or the Village Plan